

**RCP Board Meeting September 24th 2014
6:30 Waterloo Aquatic Education Center**

In Attendance: Alicia, Dustin, Amber Brookins, Natalie Kruse, Amy Mackey, Sarah Landers, Molly Gurien, Glenn Stout, Dick Hogan;

APPROVE PRIOR MINUTES

We are tabling June minutes approval, it will be approved via e-mail before the annual meeting once Amber provides June treasurers report.

We had a discussion about the Americorp duties and what they could do as far as fundraising and what was considered fundraising. Alicia and Dustin will check to see if Grant writing is considered fundraising. They will get back with the board on the issue. They are only permitted to spend 10% of their total time on fundraising.

August meeting minutes were approved.

TREAS REPORT

Water Quality specialist =\$604.76

RCWTA=\$2214.89

ORA Anderson \$2338.88

General Funds=\$3108.94

RCP Account = \$6052.58

Newsletters= \$368.74

AEP=\$66.07

Grange Insurance=\$922.00

Board had a brief discussion about making the treasurer position a non term limited position - if the term is removed RCP will have to do a targeted election meaning the chair, secretary, treasurer will have to be elected by positions and the other folks will be elected in an open election. We will look into the bylaws to see if we will need membership approval to make these changes in the laws.

Amber will transfer 100 dollars from Perko's account to RCWTA for canoe trailer.

COORDINATOR REPORT

1,000 dollar donation was made by Mathews Insurance through a lottery they do where local non-profits are picked and supported. We needed this money bad, the building paint cost around 2,000 dollars. Thanks Mathews Insurance. Amy and Natalie will send thank you to customer who chose RCP.

Newsletters were sent to the membership on 9-23-14.

Amy is almost done with her level 3 Fish Credible Data Collectors licence status. She has to do a couple more field collections and she will have all credentials done. This is through the Ohio EPA and gives Amy a chance to work more widely for the University and Voinovich, securing some funding in the future for her position. She will be the official fish princess - very prestige! The crowning will follow soon.

Watershed coordinator funding is drying up across the state - Amy is funded through ODNR DMRM and hopefully she will get more funding through Voinovich once she has level 3 fish status. This may mean Amy will be part time with Raccoon Creek, part time other Voinovich School projects. Current funding is in place until December 2015.

Sarah's contract is up June 30th 2015. **Amy and Sarah will work on renewing in early 2015.**

How did Paw Paw Festival go? Any suggestions? We did not like the location and would like a better location and do more outreach for the kids. Also may suggest grouping watershed booths together.

WATER QUAL SPECIALIST REPORT

TAC meeting was cancelled to finish sampling. All macro sites were done on time!

Middleton Run Project is in its finishing stages and a small native prairie will be planted upon completion.

Lake Morrow project is nearly complete.

RCP presented at the NAAML (National Association of Abandoned Mine Land Programs) conference in Columbus. Several Graduate students, Natalie, and Sarah presented projects from the Raccoon Creek Watershed.

WMAO (Water Management Association of Ohio) conference is in November - Sarah will be doing presentations.

Chemical Low flow monitoring is going on right now.

Sarah will attend the Vinton County SWCD annual dinner and the Meigs County SWCD annual dinner.

AMERICORPS/EDUCATION UPDATE

AmeriCorps Alicia and Dustin are collecting items for the silent auction for the annual dinner on October 19th. **If anyone has anything to donate, please do so!!**

RCP approved to pay 25% of the instructor fee (190 dollars) as a match for the ACA grant. **Alicia will be submitting grant by the first.** Thanks Alicia!

Two camps will be held at Waterloo in the fall:
October 11th Nature writing
October 18th Geology

Press releases are out for float and camps.

Met with Heike regarding upcoming programs, camps and the building.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Events:

9-27 Gallia Farm City Day - Fish shocking demo

10-04 Hootoberfest at Hocking College (need 50 reimbursement for registration fee that was not necessary), set up 8-9:30, booth until dark, no electricity; **NEED VOLUNTEERS!**

October 7th-9th - Science Alliance Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant

October 19th – RCP Annual dinner (see below)

October 25th ROAR (and Perko Halloween Party! Everyone is invited, come after ROAR)

NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR ROAR!

ANNUAL DINNER PREP

This is our last meeting before the dinner, please reply to Natalie's email and add your name to what you will help with. This is our big event of the year, we need **ALL THE BOARD MEMBERS TO HELP.**

check mailed list for duties and sign up to help.

Someone needs to be in charge of the apple pie contest.

Rebecca Wood will be speaking about wild edibles.

Publicize dinner!

Must be current to vote! **Board members, be sure to pay your dues!**

Rocky is the MC! **(Rocky, can you do this please?)**

AmeriCorps will organize kid activities and child care. Make sure you advertise this to the membership, I think more folks will come if they know they can eat a hot meal and not chase their kids. **Dustin and Alicia will contact Env Ed crew.**

OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dick Hogan brought up Issue 7, water protection in the city of Athens, it will be on the November ballot.

Meeting Adjourned.