

## **RCP Board Meeting January 28, 2015**

**6:30 pm, Bldg. 22, Voinovich School, Ohio University**

**In Attendance:** Alicia Rector, Dustin Gross, Amber Brookins, Amy Mackey, Lauren Dick, Heike Perko, Glenn Stout, Bob Eichenberg, Rob Wiley, Molly Gurien

Heike presided over the meeting.

Minutes from the December 17<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.

Amber said the treasurer's report had been emailed to the Board and she knows a **fundraising committee meeting is needed in the near future.**

### **Treasurer's Report-Amber**

Water Quality Specialist-\$466.21

ORA Anderson -\$2,200.66

General Funds-\$5,995.55

AEP bill \$30.74

Deposits to note- \$1555 in memberships, \$251.40 from RCWTA 10%

RCWTA- \$2, 262.58

### **RCWTA-Molly**

- Spring Float is scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup>-locations TBD.
- Alicia was successful with the ODNR grant application for canoe instructor training. The schedule is as follows:
  - On-water skills course April 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - 2 certification sessions in May (21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>) and Memorial Day weekend.
  - Students must be current with Red Cross Training.
- Need to finalize signs for the access points through the O.E. Anderson grant.
- Will try to raffle a kayak this year at the PawPaw Fest.
- River Sweep is June 20<sup>th</sup>, the day after the little kids summer camp. **We need to call ORSANCO to see if we can do the Sweep one week later** and Waterloo was suggested as a site.

### **Coordinator's Report-Amy**

- Gerald C Corcoran grant application is being prepared for funding for a native fish aquarium display and an explanation about mine impact recovery in SE Ohio. It will likely incorporate a field trip and possibly a camp. The application is due 3/31/15.
- A Gallia Co. newspaper has offered to publish articles about RCP, but it is unclear about what is expected in return. **Amy will speak with Rocky to get details.**
- **The O.E. Anderson grant needs to have all funds spent by 6/30/15 with a final report due by 8/31/15. Amy and Natalie and Sarah will purchase equipment this spring.**
- AmeriCorps recruitment is starting 3/1/15. Application deadline is 6/1/15. Board members can participate in the selection process.
- We need pictures of our equipment getting used.
- Macro ID is completed and data is being entered. Initial results for Hewett Fork look good.

### **Water Quality Specialist-Sarah**

- Finished long term monitoring.
- 242 water samples were taken in 2014.
- Working on being more efficient so that the # of site visits can be reduced.
- There is more focus on project maintenance and less on new projects.
- 6/30/15 is the Water Quality Specialist contract end date but a renewal is likely. Alternatives are being explored in the event that ODNR's Mineral Resources Management can't fund at a 100% level.

- Recommends that interested people visit [www.watersheddata.com](http://www.watersheddata.com). This is a site organized by the Voinovich School.
- A new RCP website is forthcoming.
- Our next watershed tour should be in Jackson Co.

### AmeriCorps

- There was discussion about whether we want a table at the Burr Oak Winter Hike. Dustin is planning to attend.
- A mushroom talk and hike with Rob Wiley needs to happen April 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, or 19<sup>th</sup>.
- The Amphibian Camp will be held on 4/11/15 from 10am-1pm.
- Owl Prowl is 2/5/15.
- Apple Grafting Workshop will be held March 29<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 at Waterloo. Dress for the weather. Fee is \$10 with an extra fee for additional scions. There was discussion whether we should partner with Community Food Initiatives.
- We are registered for the SE Ohio Tourism Expo. Sarah and Dustin will contact Rocky to see if he can set-up the RCP display on Friday evening. Sarah and Dustin will be attending the event and working the RCP/RCWTA table on Saturday. We can donate a map and a shirt as door prizes.

### Other

- Waterloo demolition (house/barn) is being discussed by the state. Bob offered to call Debbie Phillips to discuss.
- An annual report is needed for the Waterloo Aquatic Education Center.
- RCWTA access point signs were sent to Jim Hill for construction.