

RCP Board Meeting March 29, 2017
6:30 pm, Voinovich School, Bldg. 22

In Attendance: Jessica Makosky, Molly Gurien, Bob Eichenberg, Vance Rannels, Glenn Stout, Amy Mackey, Sarah Cornwell, Kara Roberts, Max Glass, Chelsi Hempstead, Dustin Hoy, and Heike Perko. Molly determined that we have a quorum.

Minutes from meeting of 2/22/2017

Vance moved approval, seconded by Chelsi, all in favor.

Treasurer's Report – Amy lead the discussion in Chelsi's absence.

- RCWTA \$2,320.58
- Waterloo \$2,352.72
- Quidel \$0 (last purchase was walkie talkie set)
- General (Checking) \$6,893.17
- Water Quality Specialist (Savings) \$95.57
- AEP bill was \$21.95

Director's Report – Amy

The newsletter is in draft form. There is still time for proofreading.

The Ohio Mineland Partnership Spring Meeting is May 4th.

ODNR funded two \$500 Step Outside grants. This will be used for archery equipment for the camps.

We got a notice for the Paw Paw Fest. Amanda Buchanan and Laurie Van Coover are the new organizers.

Coordination and organization of this event is the responsibility of the Board. We need to get our tent in the same place as years past near Rural Action.

There will be no biological sampling in the watershed in 2017 since staff need to focus on other watersheds.

Raccoon Creek will be the focus in 2018.

The 2013 Quidel grant is zeroed out with the purchase of walkie talkies. This was the \$1900 grant that bought the mower, boots, weed eater, and storage building. Theresa Curtis is our contact at Quidel. **We can probably get another grant with an inquiry and application.**

Heike will get a card for Jen Bowman whose Dad recently died.

Jackie O's fundraiser is Sunday 4/2/17. They will donate \$1 to RCP for every pint sold. We will set up our display booth.

Americorps applications are coming in.

Daniel's Run reclamation grant from OSM was approved. Administration amount is \$7,000. The Ilesboro reclamation grant needed more information from Amy. If approved, it will provide \$10,000 for administration.

The pre-bid meeting for Daniel's Run was 3/28/2017. Fifteen contractors attended. The project is to be completed in November 2017.

ODNR approved all projects and functions that we proposed for Waterloo in 2017.

Sarah and Water Quality

The doser and Pierce Run reclamation are our two maintenance/monitoring projects. Sarah is spending more time helping other watershed groups.

We need to sample the Zaleski wetlands and Raccoon Creek upstream and downstream from the wetland.

Glenn will assist her on 4/2/17 at 10 am.

Americorps-Kara

A North Face grant will allow us to get five young people from Big Brothers/Big Sisters for our second camp. The funding pays for transportation and other expenses. Dustin has one van and is getting another so that is a transportation possibility. Church van rental is another possibility. Big Brothers/Big Sisters can also probably get vans. Another possibility is working with the Alexander School District to get busses and a driver.

RCWTA

Molly lead a discussion of fundraising with the RCWTA. There will be a kayak raffle at the Paw Paw Fest September 15-17. We need people to staff the booth. There may be a slalom with Weston Lombard. Other fundraiser possibilities are: Midnight @ Moonville, a silent auction, Paint-a-Fish or Paint and Sip, the Pig Roast and Paddle, the North American Native Fish Association Grant, an L.L. Bean grant (Heike will research), and Quidel.

The last raffle kayak was sold at cost by the Marietta Adventure Co. Dustin will contact a Jackson outfitter and Wilderness Systems to see what offers they have.

May 7th is scheduled for a canoe skills class at Lake Hope. Participants are needed. The fee is \$10 for students and Americorps and \$20 for adults. We need to register this event with Lake Hope Park.

The date for the slalom is July 30th. We need to get the permit. The permit cost is \$48. The shelter house is available that day.

At our next Board meeting we need to discuss the possibility of combining RCWTA and RCP membership.

We need to sell maps at a lower cost. We can include maps in mailings as a promotional tool and sell at a reduced price at our events.

We need to have Glenn sign a bill of sale for 4 canoes that are in his name.

April 15th is the opening day for the Raccoon Creek Outfitters.

Other Business

The next education meeting will be at Heike's house on 4/24/2017.

There was a discussion of the bonfire during camp at Vance's farm. Vance wants to read the Raccoon Creek liability insurance coverage.

Fundraising----We need a membership drive for corporate sponsors. We need to review the business plan that is already on file. Perhaps OU business students can help with an update.

Heike suggested a T-shirt or flower bulb sale.

Kara is working on a Concert for the Creek fundraiser concert.

Bob will check whether Share Your Cloud can do another project with us.

50/50 raffle idea.

The Feral Hog eradication program at Lake Hope Lodge will be the venue for our next Board meeting. Vance mentioned the importance of wild hog hunting as an economic development tool in Brown Township, Vinton County and that not everyone believes the hogs should be eradicated.

Our next meeting will be April 27th, 6:00 pm at the Lake Hope Lodge. The feral hog program is scheduled for 6-8pm.