

Raccoon Creek Partnership Board of Directors Meeting
April 30th, 2008
Waterloo Aquatic Education Center

In Attendance: Amy Mackey, Jeff Calhoun, Ben McCament, Jen Bowman, Mike Schooley, Scott Schell, Heike Perko, Rocky McNickle;

Minutes: All board members approved March board meeting minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Wendy did not send a report and was absent, last month we had 4734.28 in the account, she transferred all but 1000 dollars into a money max savings account to earn some interest, we think the canoe trip made about 48 dollars in donations. A more detailed report will follow in May.

RCWTA: Canoe Float had about 38 people participate (on the water). about \$48 were made in donations and the selling of snacks, everyone had fun and there were no incidents, all participants signed the waivers, Molly gave a safety talk, all canoes were registered;

Wendy will need receipts for the canoe registration, she needs to connect with Glenn Stout;

Rocky mentioned if you go to the Watercraft office in Columbus you can register your boat for 3 years for 20 dollars and you will not need the large letters, we may want to check this out;

Molly sent orders out for hats for the Water Trail Association;

Kathy and Constance helped and we need to send thank you notes, they were both of great help!!!

RCWTA needs to get minutes to us monthly so it can be posted on the website, part of our obligation as a non-profit;

We need a date for the next canoe trip and make sure there is not a wrong date. A date is listed for May on the website but need to check this out because no one was aware of another float planned?

Ben has had people asking about more Raccoon Creek hats and will look into hat prices for the board, Heike will get information for the screen printer in Logan. All board members thought hats were a good fundraiser and we should look into it.

Waterloo Update:

OEEF- We did not receive the grant and will submit again this summer, Jerry, Heike and Scott Schell (and whoever else) will meet on Fridays to work the grant over again;

Lease – Lease came back, because Jen's and Wendy's signatures were not notarized. Jen and Wendy completed the forms with notary signature. At this point waiting to hear from ODNR could take as long as 6 weeks.

ODNR Grant – Susie Browning sent wrong paperwork, Jen redid part of the paperwork to get into the system, some problems arrived with one of the board members signatures, waiting to hear at this point, still hopeful.

Athens Foundation – Carol Kuhre came and talked to Jen and Ben to get more details about the project to take to her board, she seemed excited, award date was 4/23/08 waiting to hear;

Diagnostic Hybrids – Wendy and Heike put a proposal into the CEO's office to see if they would be interested in supporting this project, this hopefully will lead to a chance to present a power point at one of their meetings, proposal was turned in on 4/28/09 waiting to hear at this time;

Schedule of Events –

Work Dates: Every Saturday but the last in June are workdays for scraping and painting, please e-mail Heike and sign up for help

May 17th: Zanesville schools are coming down for a science day with the after school science club, 10-4, Heike needs help, please call or e-mail!

June 7th: Ornithology at Waterloo, 7 a.m.

June 21st: 14th: Passport to fishing workshop for teachers and volunteers 9-3

June 25th: RCP meeting in McArthur

September 13th: Family Fishing and Archery Event 8a.m. – 1 p.m.

September 14th: Woodland Walkers hike, 2 p.m. (I will double check on that time)

September 27th: Project Wild/Aquatic Workshop for teachers and volunteers (this can be moved if this date would be a good consideration for our poker run)

October 18th: Annual Meeting for RCP was scheduled.

Budget Discussion:

2008 Proposed Budget

- Paint for Waterloo \$800
- Utilities for Waterloo \$1,200
- Canoe Floats (van rental) \$150
- Newsletter Mailings: \$200
- Printing: \$200
- Insurance for Waterloo: \$700/year
- Support for Watershed position (including Mike Schooley \$500 donation): \$ 1,000
- Fundraising expenses: \$200 (hats, shirts etc.)
- Aquatic Education (ODNR grant funds): \$10,000
- Internship support/gas: \$100
- Watershed Coordination position: \$1,000 – \$5,000
- Miscellaneous: \$200

Ohio Valley Resource Conservation and Development District (RC&D) – The grant for the pending Raccoon Creek water quality specialist position will be housed with this

non-profit organization that serves most of the watershed. The position will be created from 3 funding sources: ODNR Division of Mineral Resources Management (\$19,000), Wayne National Forest (\$10,000), and Voinovich School (Ohio University) EPA 319 grant for Pierce Run (4,000). Initially, the Vinton SWCD was proposed to house the position but issues with unemployment issues could not be resolved quick enough. OVRCD does not have unemployment liability because they are a non-profit with less than 4 employees. The position will last 1 year from July 1st 2008 to June 30th 2009, based on available funding.

Fundraising –

Poker Run: a poker run for the fall is planned and our fundraising goal is \$4,000 dollars; The friends of the hocking hills will hold their poker run on May 17th and Mike and Heike will help to see how it is run, they are also willing to coach us to make our run a success;

Ideas on the poker run:

- Sponsors on T-shirts \$50-100 dollars sponsorships
- Sponsors on the tally cards
- Sell food on the stops, sandwiches, ice cream, drinks etc.
- Figure out a route with very little gravel route and much scenic beauty along the Raccoon Creek
- Decide if we will have a cash price or drum up donations
- Decide on a date and advertisements
- Decide if we want a cook out at the end of the route and where the route should end

Memberships – we need to continue to build our membership. Membership renewal will take place this summer. The biggest part of the budget however should be covered by fundraising activities.

ODNR- MRM Summer Intern – this position will assist with collecting water quality data and data entry. The grant from ODNR-MRM is for 12 weeks at \$8/hour. Ben is applying for the position through the Voinovich School, who is contributing some matching funds and travel money.

Funding for the coordinator position needs to be discussed by the board, the current coordinator grant will expire in December of 2009 and we need to plan accordingly!

Miscellaneous:

- We need to send a thank you to Mike Greenlee for presenting in Wilkesville – Ben will do. We also need to send a thank you to Cathy and Constance for helping with the canoe event fundraising!
- Next meeting is on May 28th at Waterloo at 6 p.m.
- Quarterly meeting with speaker on June 25th at the SWCD office in McArthur, Our guest speaker for the June 25th meeting in McArthur will be Bill Borovicka

with the Vinton Experimental Forest and his topic will be "Best management practices for harvesting timber".

- Every time we have a speaker we should send them the newsletter for free for one year as a thank you and to solicit memberships (Scott suggested); Board approved.
- **Ben needs articles for newsletter, he wants to have completed in June!**
- The board filled the vacancy on the board with Rocky McNickle a resident of the watershed until the next elections during our October 2008 annual meeting. Thanks Rocky. Rocky's contact info: jmm1027@verizon.net 740-669-3119