

RCP Board Meeting November 5th, 2008, Waterloo Aquatic Education Center

Attendance: Ben McCament, Rocky McNickle, Heike Perko, Amy Mackey, Amber Brookins, Jeff Calhoun, Molly Gurien, Scott Schell;

Treasurer:

- Suggested to get a credit/debit card, Amber who works for the Credit Union explained, the only difference between a credit and debit card is advanced credit is only available per credit card, both are equally protected and we can set ATM amount to 0, so no one can take cash out if the card would get stolen, also need a pin number for the ATM withdrawals;
- All board members approved to get a debit card, set withdrawal for 0 dollars and Jeff will hold the card;
- Molly will give water trails money to Jeff for the booth at the Pawpaw festival;
- Molly and Jeff will get together and create an account for RCWTA;
- Wendy was taken off the account, Molly is still showing, this needs to be fixed;
- Athens foundation grant money needs to be spent so we can close out this account – Jeff will check on prices for water and Heike will check on prices regarding furnace services, we would prefer to buy water since it was part of the original grant application;

Annual Dinner:

- Everyone will pitch in for a thank you gift for Jen, everyone bring \$5 to pitch in;
- Scott will work on a letter for board members to take when they step down for thanking them and for their portfolios;
- Turn out for the dinner was disappointing, Molly thought 4 p.m. on Saturday was too early, we will try again for Sunday next year to avoid OSU football;
- So far only 20 members have renewed, group will need to work on recruitment;
- Rocky and Scott mentioned we need to do a holiday mailing and suggest donations to RCP, and ask in the mailing for help on the fundraising committee from the membership base;
- Goal for next annual dinner is to create a larger room at Waterloo more comfortable to meet in than the lab, take out walls between offices;
- Poker Run feedback was good;
- Start earlier on plans for dinner next year;

Election of Board Chairs:

- Chairperson: Rocky McNickle
- Vice Chair: Scott Schell
- Treasurer: Jeff Calhoun
- Secretary: Heike Perko
- Chair writes agenda and facilitates meetings
- Secretary will write minutes and take care of membership
- Jen and Ben will be removed from the account and Rocky will be added;

Raccoon Creek Coordinator:

- Ben is writing a work plan for the new coordinator what do we want them to do, he needs feedback;

Technical Advisory Meeting Recap:

- Minutes are on the website;
- Found a former good quality stream gone dead, research is needed to find out what is going on, Elk Fork in Vinton County;
- Need money to bridge Amy's Water Quality Specialist position, federal funds are tied up due to the election, Amy is applying for grants;

Water Quality Specialist:

- Was able for the first time in years to finish all water sampling in the watershed due to Amy and Jeff;
- Flint Run has issues with discharge amount, Amy will continue to monitor;
- Elk Fork tributary has a gob pile and underground mine, has been already reclaimed, mine is seeping, landowners were cooperative and talked about more issues upstream, Jeff and Amy will sample more;
- Orland Gob Pile, adjacent land owners are interested in clean up and want to be involved;
- QHEI, habitat training, level 2 EPA training has been completed;
- Amy will apply to the Tiffany Foundation grant and others to find money to keep her employed until federal funds unfreeze;
- Jen sent e-mail about a volunteer, Rocky will sent e-mail and invite him to our next meeting;

Other Items:

- Waterloo needs tables, easel, board approved 200 dollars to be spent on these items, check reuse and Mike will donate a couple tables;

RCWTA:

- Did not meet last month and there are no officers at this time;
- Next meeting is Nov. 13th at 6:30 at the Waterloo Aquatic Education Center;
- Will elect officers, call for nominations;
- Need to focus on access sites on Raccoon Creek, contact landowners, get permission to get water trails status;
- Float in October on the lower Raccoon Creek went well, found a property with owner willing to create public access;
- Need to do more fundraising;
- Still have hats and T-Shirts for sale;
- Clean Ohio is looking at sites in the watershed; Gallia County the McCulty property is a good suspect, close to Tycoon lake, will provide paddlers with primitive camping sites; One in Athens County close to Hewett Fork, King Hollow Road, 70 acres, would be set aside as a preserve, needs letters of support, RCP could use the site for sampling, picnic shelter, camping educational trail;
- RCP will write letters of support;

Next Meeting will be on December 10th, at the Ridges Room #214, Building 22 at 6:30 p.m.