

Raccoon Creek Partnership  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday, April 30, 2014, 6:30 p.m.  
Voinovich School, Bldg. 22

**Attendance:** Sarah Landers, Bob Eichenberg, Natalie Kruse, Rand Romas, Kaylee Moser, Rocky McNickle (and his wife Brenda), Molly Gurien, Amy Mackey, Amber Brookins

**Previous Meeting's Minutes:** Amber made the motion and Rocky seconded. The March 26, 2014 minutes were approved.

Action Items and questions are Highlighted.

**Treasurer's Report (Amber):**

\$6,076.64 General Fund  
\$1,857.66 Water Trails Association  
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\$2,211.99 Keen Account

- The Division of Wildlife funds are spent.
- The electric bill was \$60.70.
- Taxes are filed.
- Natalie discussed the Ora Anderson Fund, administered by the Foundation for Appalachia – they needed a one-page proposal with up to \$5,000 in requests. Watershed restoration needs to be the focus. We requested \$4,500 for RCWTA signs, a water quality meter, and kayaks.

**Coordinator's Report (Amy):**

- Teresa Curtis at Quidel manages a Fund that donates to 501c3 organizations. There are some \$ restrictions. We can request up to \$2,000. Money cannot be used for travel, research, or salary. A request will be submitted in late May or early June. We do not know when grant recipients will be announced.
- [WWW.Creeklife.com](http://WWW.Creeklife.com) raises money for environmental causes. There is a paint company that wants to work with us.
- We have provided funding to the Ohio Valley Resource Conservation and Development Council for supplies for Sarah. The contract amount is for 2 years with a contribution of \$1,000 per year. Amber will track the supply fund and make sure we make our contribution to supplies when funds are low. There is only \$40 left in Sarah's mileage account. The OU truck is available and the Americorps staff can help do some driving since they have a travel budget. Sarah's travel budget resets on 7/1/2014 and RCP supply \$ can be used for travel if absolutely necessary.
- Richard McCulty owns 90 ac. of Creek frontage property near Tycoon Lake. He notified Amy that he encourages paddlers to camp on his property within 300 feet of the Creek. He asks that they give him prior notice.

**Water Quality Specialist (Sarah):**

- Jean Thomas in Gallia Co. has a campground she is selling and they are looking for a buyer. Sarah sent AOA contact information to Jean.

- Supplies needed: ice, batteries, Muck boots, write-in-rain field books.
- Conferences registered are Oklahoma and Columbus. Sarah is presenting and is not likely to get any grants to help with expenses. The same abstract will be used at both conferences. Natalie helped with preparation.
- Long-term monitoring is complete.
- Maintenance monitoring will be performed on two sites when construction ensues.
- The Technical Advisory Committee will meet May 7<sup>th</sup> at 9am in Bldg. 22.
- Attending SWCD and OVRCD meetings.
- Newsletters are out. Should we change the printing schedule since the fall printing conflicts with football and the spring printing conflicts with graduation?
- Helped with the Vinton SWCD tree sale and delivered white pine seedlings to 4<sup>th</sup> graders.
- Will be travelling overseas from May 11 – May 30.

#### **AmeriCorps (Kaylee and Rand):**

- Facebook page is set up for the map and t-shirt sales. It is linked to PayPal. However, the t-shirt sales are not set up on PayPal until we know it works.
- The logo is in an odd spot on some t-shirts (may depend on size) and some t-shirts have faded and shrunk.
- Work Day at Waterloo is set up for May 16<sup>th</sup> at 10 am and May 17<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.

#### **RCWTA (Molly):**

- About 17 people attended a successful spring float. Water levels were good 2 weekends in a row (the first was for a recon. float).
- We will give a presentation at the Buckeye Trail Conference.
- We will participate with the ORSANCO cleanup.
- A canoe users/borrowers agreement is to be finalized.
- Sarah prepared a draft risk management plan that will include topographic information for access and evacuation assistance.
- The Winona Prism canoe is not getting interest at \$1,800 so the price may need to be lowered.

#### **New Business and Announcements:**

- We have 7 Americorps applications so far.
- The OEPA water quality training was cancelled due to high water and may be rescheduled to 7/31.
- The River Raft Regatta in Marietta will be held August 10<sup>th</sup>. There seems to be interest in RCP entering the race with our raft from last year.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

The next meeting is Wednesday, May 28 at 6pm. at Waterloo.