

Raccoon Creek Partnership  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday, March 26, 2014, 6:30 p.m.  
Voinovich School, Bldg. 22

**Attendance:** Sarah Landers, Bob Eichenberg, Natalie Kruse, Rand Romas, Kaylee Moser, Rocky McNickle, Molly Gurien, Amy Mackey

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

Action Items and questions are Highlighted.

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

\$7,665.00 General Fund  
\$2,046.68 Water Trails Association  
\$495.53 DOW  
\$2,211.87 Keen Account

- The Division of Wildlife funds need to be spent. Natalie moved and Rocky seconded a proposal to use the funds to buy a backup microscope up to \$1,000 and matched with general fund monies. Vote passed unanimously.
- Sarah is added to the bank account as an additional, allowable signature. Molly and Amber are also allowable signatures. Gene Mape's name is removed as an allowable signature

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

- Members and supporters need to re-register their Kroger's card in April for a percentage of any purchase to go to RCP. We used to get \$300 from this effort and it is now down to \$150. It doesn't cost anything for the purchaser to register his or her card.
- Thanks to all who contributed information and support to the Ora Anderson Fund grant application.
- Bio data is being entered into the database. Fish data are complete. Habitat data are being entered. Macro data have been sent to the Div. of Wildlife. Rand and Kaylee are performing data verification. Jen will compile this into the NPS Report soon.
- RCP is pleased to have Dustin Gross, a Hocking College student, interning from May 19-late August, a total of 120 hrs. at no cost to RCP.
- The next round of AmeriCorps solicitation is starting (April 1 – June 7). Unfortunately, we won't have an ODNR-funded intern this year. Molly also has students that need 120 hrs. over the summer. RCP has macro sampling and other field work needs. Interns need to have full days available for the work.
- It was agreed that RCP should provide framed Water Trail maps to SWCD's (Athens, Vinton, Meigs, Gallia, and Jackson) and to the Lake Hope Lodge. It was also suggested that we provide one to the Rio Grande Bob Evans if they want it. Rocky will check.

### **Water Quality Specialist (Sarah):**

- 2014 monitoring plans were submitted. There are 425 sites selected for chemical monitoring as opposed to 606 sites for 2013. There are fewer sites because there was a lot of post-construction monitoring in 2013. For example, Harble-Griffith was monitored monthly in 2013 and will go to quarterly in 2014.
- The newsletter went to the printer today.
- The Non-point source database is being updated so that all maintenance is listed digitally and ODNR notified quickly.

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

- Kids camp was the past weekend for 9 children. The kids learned about wildlife skins and made molds for animal footprints.
- Another kids camp is April 5<sup>th</sup> and will feature an amphibian hike.
- April 19<sup>th</sup> will be a CPR first aid training lead by Monte Edwards.
- Joe Brehm wants RCP to cosponsor a trail race at Iron Furnace on 4/26/2014.
- An EPA water sampling class (Level 1) will be offered from 8-4:30 on 4/30/2014.

### **RCWTA:**

- One of our canoes that was donated is being sold on Craigslist because it is too nice for our uses. Price is \$1,800. It can be replaced with several kayaks or whitewater, solo boats.
- Renewed registration is needed for 9 boats.
- The borrower's agreement needs to be rewritten with clarification that there can be no charge to participants and the boats must be returned clean with life vests dried. There needs to be a signature line for an RCP or RCWTA member. Sarah will provide a risk management plan addressing proper boat usage and minimum age requirements.
- The Spring Float is set for 11 am. On April 27<sup>th</sup>. This will be in conjunction with the Buckeye Trail Fest. The float course is Hope School to Moonville. The backup location is Lake Hope. There is a pre-float/recon set for Sunday 4/20 at 10 am at the Hope School. A van reservation is needed for 4/27.
- There was some discussion about combining RCWTA and RCP meetings to facilitate things for members and since there is so much business overlap. It was generally agreed that this is a good idea.

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

- Amy & Natalie registered us with Amazon Smile – this is online Amazon's version of Kroger Plus.
- The Clean Sweep Ohio, part of ORSANCO's annual clean up event, is set for the Vinton Community Park and the surrounding Creek area on June 21<sup>st</sup>.
- There is an Appalachia Ohio Alliance tree planting set for noon, April 5<sup>th</sup> in the Husted Grove-EarthTouch property, Peacock Rd., just outside of McArthur.
- The Ohio Mineland Partnership annual conference is set for May 1<sup>st</sup> in Coshocton.
- April 12<sup>th</sup> is Vinton County cleanup day.

- The National Association of Abandoned Mine Lands conference in Columbus Sept. 24-27. Ben McCament and ODNR are participating. RCP will have a table. Natalie and her students will have 14 abstracts.
- There is a Technical Advisory Committee meeting set for May 7<sup>th</sup> at 9am in Bldg. 22 at The Ridges.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

**Next meeting is Wednesday, April 30, 2014, 6:30pm, at a location TBD.**