

Raccoon Creek Partnership Monthly Meeting Minutes
January 25th, 2017 6:30 p.m.
Voinovich School, RM 214

In Attendance: Sarah Cornwell, Chad Gatt, Kara Roberts, Chelsi Hempstead, Vance Rannels, Heike Perko, Jess Makosky, Dustin Hoy, Molly Gurien, Amy Mackey, Glenn Stout, Max Glass, Brandon Swepton

Review & Approve-

- December Minutes Approved by board

Treasurer Report-

- Shared Savings: \$177.73
- Dow Grant: \$0.02
- RCWTA: \$2560.58
- Waterloo: \$2378.62
- Quidel Cares Grant: \$82.21
- Business Checking: \$7084.34
- AEP Bill: \$18.45

Education & Outreach- Did not do

Watershed Coordinator Update (Amy)

- Grants- submitted 2 grants, Daniels Run (approved) need to get signatures from board when we get the letter from Ben. Ilesboro grant asked to revise to \$200,000. Amy revised and needs Molly to re-sign federal forms for grant application tonight.
- Contracts- We will have to go over these for AmeriCorps. Waiting for Mineral resources to release the amount they will pay for their AmeriCorps members. There will be changes to contracts and we have to wait to see if we will actually have the money for AmeriCorps next year. Recruitment starts February 1st. RCP may have to start to put money in for AmeriCorps next year. (Possible kick starter?). \$8,000 per AmeriCorps member. Amy will let everyone know what will happen when she hears back. Heike will look into Kick Starter. Set a date for a fundraising meeting (Jess will do). Have everyone start recruiting.
- Water Quality update shows fish and bug communities doing very well and give new members and visitors Raccoon Creek history review. Discuss how the RC has changed over the years for the better.

Water Quality Specialist Update (Sarah)

- AOWC is a group for watershed groups to discuss and be a forum for watershed science. This draws groups from all across Appalachian region (watershed groups, SWCD, land trusts, etc).
- Sarah is passing around a paper that the AOWC made for a resolution for the RECLAIM Act. Sarah explains what the RECLAIM Act is. The resolution proposes \$200,000,000 for

states that have water quality issues from mining. Needs support. When SMCRA expires in 2021, the proposed resolution allows us to get moneys now instead of 2030.

- Raccoon Creek will discuss if they want to support the resolution for the RECLAIM Act. It will get proposed next Wednesday.
- Raccoon Creek Partnership WILL support AOWC's RECLAIM ACT resolution. (Heike, Vance, Molly, Jessica motion)
- Sarah submitted abstract to American Society of Mining and Reclamation and it got accepted for conference. Sarah will talk about maintenance tracker at conference. Will store all maintenance done on each project. Sarah will not need financial support from RCP (OU will pay). April in Morgantown.
- We will be streamlining our sampling, maintenance, and monitoring. ODNR will take over steel slag beds in East Branch. We will do water quality monitoring on 2-year rotation with all watershed groups, we were on one-year rotation. Will have exceptions for few projects. Biological sampling meeting will take place in a few weeks to discuss that sampling.
- In other news: We are working on other non-point source pollution. Wrote storm drain stenciling grant (OEEF). Will be used to mark drains and make door flyers. Grant worth \$20,000 to make kits for community groups to go out and stencil drains. Also, will make big display to take to events for education. The project is regional, not just Raccoon Creek watershed.
- If you wanted permission to stencil go to township trustee and contact Sarah.
- Sarah is working with Vinton County Soil and Water to plant a wetland at South Elementary School.

AmeriCorps/Education

- Chad- Submitted several grants for new archery equipment, augmented reality sandboxes, and stream table for live fish and bugs (\$11,000 total).
- Kara and Chad will travel to Gallipolis to talk to Middle School about Raccoon Creek
- Annual Report and Request for use of Waterloo Wildlife Area: Need final inputs for events/activities for annual report for Waterloo within next few days. Amy will submit to DOW by end of January
- Chad talk to Dan Perko about archery curtain
- Dustin Hoy (Raccoon Creek Outfitters) will have vans available for summer camp.
- Could also potentially do an event at Raccoon Creek Outfitters
- Vance- Proposes Bull Horn & walky talkies, use hay bales for gardens?

OWL Prowl- Next week

- Everyone has A LOT of toilet paper rolls, bring them if you have them!
- We have owl pellets, markers, crayons. Kara will pick up from Waterloo
- Amy, Kara will bring canning pots for water
- Jess will bring brewing pots for milk
- Chad, kara, sarah, amy bring crockpots.
- Kara will check with lake hope about using propane burners.

- Amy table cloths
- People who are setting up need to be there by 4!! Amy, Glenn, Kara, Vance
- Snacks: Ask Avalanche to donate? Everyone bringing snack. ONLY FINGER FOOD.
- Glenn Napkins.
- Kara grab mugs
- Chad meet with Jessica to grab cookers.
- Need new tubs for mugs
- Ladles bring them if you have them
- Need string-Kara will grab
- Owl masks need to be printed on card stock - kara
- Need goods for little owls (felt, googly owls, glue, scissors) – kara will check at waterloo and buy if we don't have them.
- Need owl pellet identification sheets – Amy printed them
- Clean-up people- everyone will help clean up
- WE WILL COLLECT DONATIONS
- Glenn will bring donations box
- After party at CASA to see Jess's band!

Water Trail

- The SEO Tourism expo got cancelled
- Proposed water trail meeting will be planned - Molly
- Sarah will need Max and Brandon's email
- Potentially the week after Owl prowl
- Potentially combine fundraising and water trails association

Insurance Update

- Got roster from Bob and updated.

New Business

- Potential partnership with U.S Fish and Wildlife service and Ohio University to monitor Asian carp in upstream portions
- Vinton Soil and Water are going to put on a pond workshop – Amy will email membership
- Heike and Bob are meeting with preservation society about Waterloo lease
- April 15th opening day for Raccoon Creek Outfitters opening day and RCP will set up a booth

NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 22ND

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