

October 25, 2017 RCP Board Meeting

In Attendance: Molly, Glenn, Vance, Bob, Emily, Abby, Sarah, and Amy. The meeting was called to order at 6:40pm and Molly determined we have a quorum.

Review and Approve August board meeting minutes

Vance moved and Glenn seconded to approve the September minutes with all in favor.

Treasurer Report

Jessica provided a hard copy as follows:

Savings	\$53.41
RCWTA	\$3,164.50
Waterloo	\$1,599.50
Checking	\$14,953.10

The October AEP bill was \$22.12

Molly moved and Bob seconded to reimburse Amy for previous out-of-pocket equipment purchases that can be paid for out of our Virtual Reality Sandbox Division of Wildlife grant. All in favor.

Amy reminded us that Chelsea is still listed as a signatory on our bank account and needs to be removed since she is no longer a Board member. **Someone listed on the account needs to call OUECU and get this corrected.**

Molly paid \$25 for the state filing fee for our 501c3 status that comes up every 5 years.

Sarah informed everyone that the GoFundMe site for Americorps funding is still up and working. It will be closed by 11/10/17 but we will make a final push for some last-minute support. Linda Thornton will be mailing invoices for the Americorps in the near future.

Watershed Coordinator Report

ROAR is this Saturday, 10/28/17 beginning at 9am.

Board members need to make sure dues payments are current before Sunday, 11/5/17 if possible. Anyone running for the Board will need to be current by election time.

Amy needs bios by 10/27/17 for people running for the Board.

There was confusion on OU's part concerning a check that was mailed to RCP in Molly's name addressed to us at our shared address with the Voinovich School. As a result of this, there is talk of RCP needing a different address, possibly a PO Box. However, we also need a physical address. We will wait to see if the Voinovich School will insist on our getting a new address.

Daniel's Run Reclamation Grant – 100% of the administrative funds have been received. Amy is writing the first periodic grant report.

Ilesboro Reclamation Grant – We are still waiting to hear whether we will receive the federal Office of Surface Mining Grant which will provide some administrative funding for our staff. The Project will move forward even without this federal funding.

Amy needs help with the Holiday mailing, our end-of-the-year ask for financial support.

The Virtual Reality Sandbox and our Stream Table are popular everywhere they go.

We received a notification from Kroger that \$35.92 from the Community Rewards Program is in limbo. We think this is because our non-profit status with the state lapsed so we will see what happens since we reapplied for the non-profit status.

Water Quality – Sarah

Staff has been water sampling at project sites. Overall, there has been reduced chemical sampling this year because staff has been pulled to other watersheds. Staff has also been monitoring the valve at the Pierce Run Project and monitoring the water quality at the Doser.

If we do not receive the Ilesboro OSM Grant then ODNR MRM will perform the water quality monitoring for this project.

The Doser Channel needs cleaning. A google poll will be sent to get volunteers.

The Doser now has an OSHA-compliant ladder and a new paint job. We still need to have faulty parts replaced. Sandblasting and reusing is not an option due to the downtime that would be required and the Doser cannot be non-functional for that long.

November 1st is the Technical Advisory Meeting with ODNR MRM.

November 7th is the ODNR MRM open house.

The Wellston High School Water Quality Monitoring Class has been out with Sarah collecting samples.

AmeriCorps Update

55 students at Athens West Elementary saw the Virtual Reality Sandbox. Washington State Community College is getting a demonstration because one of the instructors there wants to purchase one.

The Stream Table went to the Science Alliance in Piketon where over 1,000 students from 30 school districts saw it.

We have new signs for events. They were used for the Fall Float. The sign at Waterloo has been updated.

Waders were organized and rehung. **We need more boots for kids.**

RCP being a monthly non-profit tip-donation-recipient at Casa Nueva will be discussed and decided at the next Casa staff Board meeting.

We are receiving Pitcher Plants from the OU Greenhouse for use as table centerpieces for our annual meeting.

Life jackets were inventoried. Paddles need to be inventoried. **We need replacements for the collapsible paddles.**

We still need silent auction items.

RCWTA

The Fall Float had 22 boats and 28 people and was very successful. We got \$43 in donations and made \$29 from the sale of bandanas and maps. Mr. Sanders, the put-in property owner was excited about the event.

Walmart has kids' paddles for less than \$6. Vance made a motion to purchase 10 paddles, Molly 2nd, all in favor. Abby and Emily will purchase the paddles. \$500 is to be transferred to the Americorps fund. This had already been approved by the Board.

Jenny???? is getting permission from property owners to do some water sampling and she will also get permission to have our access point signs placed.

The Division of Wildlife grant is due November 1st of every year. The last successful grant was for canoe instructor training. We need to apply in 2018 for the same thing. We can apply once every 3 years. We should try to have future trainings in the autumn so that our Americorps can benefit.

Board Elections

Amy needs to have bios emailed. Heike will run the election and Bob can help too. Constance White is willing to run. We also have the following candidates: Vance, Jessica, Molly, Glenn, Angie ??, Jennifer??, Nora Sullivan, and Bill Nose. Sarah chose not to run in order to avoid even the appearance of a conflict and Rocky cannot run due to a new job and scheduling.

Annual Meeting

Molly motioned and Bob seconded to purchase an electric kettle for tea. All in favor. The Board updated the "things to bring" list. There was a discussion of the Volunteer of the Year award and recipient. Amy will get the plaque for engraving from Waterloo.

Set Date for next meeting, Wrap Up – review action items

A brief Board meeting will be held at the annual dinner and the next meeting after that is set for Wednesday, December 6th, 6:30pm at Voinovich School. At that meeting will be officer elections. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.