

Raccoon Creek Partnership meeting 5-30-07

Minutes by: Jen Bowman

Attendance: Ben McCament, Mike Schooley, Mary Ann Borch, Brett Laverty, Jen Bowman, Molly Gurien (Water Trails), Wendy Shields

Temporary secretary replacement for Jen list below –

- 1) Hieke Perko – Jen will ask
- 2) Water Trails rep.
- 3) Glen Stout

Finance Committee

Action item for discussion at next meeting: Finance Committee list out needs for funding. What will donations and memberships be used for?

Water Trails and RCP relationship

Water Trails fits into the RCP under the purpose “to promote recreational opportunities in Raccoon Creek”. Molly and Ben discussed the Water Trails group being a “Project” committee. Water Trails group membership needs: web page, publications, canoe and trailer registration. Fundraising t-shirts, boats to promote RC for recreation.

Action item: Ben will ask John Kellis for guidance on setting up a project committee with the Water Trails group and tax reporting, etc....

Action item for discussion at next meeting: liability insurance for canoe events and the RCP/Water Trails group ownership of boats (9 canoes) from Bob Evans through Vinton SWCD and a second set of boats from Gallia County park district.

Action item: Molly will follow-up with ODNR-DOW for sharing and storage of boats. The Water Trails Group wants to operate under the umbrella of RCP’s 501 (c)(3).

Waterloo Education Center

Discussed positives and negatives

Action item: Finance Committee to develop cost list

Action item (Jen and Ben): write a letter of intent to ODNR-DOW contingent on Clyde’s donation (\$2,500) Jen check on, lease, and liability insurance Ben check on.

Vote: 5 in favor of pursuing a letter of intent. Water Trails group and Ben McCament are in support.

Membership Recruitment

Brett presented a draft membership brochure. He will add:

- accomplishments
- Benefits from membership – annual meeting, vote, partnership canoe floats, newsletter, opportunities for leadership, volunteer monitoring, quality time with family, education/outreach/recreation, thank you letter, put on the email list with frequent announcements.
- Interest and skills
- Add mission/vision statement
- Add major objectives to focus on

Action item: RCP needs to brainstorm list of people to ask to be members and organizational membership

Action item: Each RCP member to ask 3 people to become a member this month

Action item: membership committee create a “how to fact sheet about membership” to help.

Treasurers Report

Mary Ann reported we are just barely out of the red, but did have enough money to submit the IRS application.

Next Meeting – Nelsonville Library June 25th 4:30-6:30pm

Adjourn 7:00pm