

**Raccoon Creek Partnership  
Fundraising Committee Meeting  
October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
Natalie Kruse's House, Athens, OH**

**Attendance:** Amber Brookins, Sarah Landers, Kara Walton, Nigel Daniels, Natalie Kruse, Amy Mackey

**Prior Meeting Minutes:** August meeting minutes were not available

**Energy Days:**

- RCP will be reimbursed \$150 for Kara and Sarah's work on Energy Days.
- Amber will write up an invoice and give to Sarah to submit.

**Poker Run Recap:**

- 2010 was 3<sup>rd</sup> and last Poker Run attempt.
- Too much work for the amount of profit.
- Made about \$500 (will know final when Amy figures out the shirt costs and shipping costs)

**Corporate Sponsorship Letters:**

- Still planning to send them out.
- Check with Brian to see if they are finished.
- Also Amy needs to send the letter to Rob Wofter (MPA student)

**RCP Annual Budget**

- Amber is working on it, has annual cost for Coordinator and Water Quality Specialist
- Sarah mentioned a NW Ohio watershed that is raising funds for watershed staff by partnering with water company to add \$0.01 to all water bills, and add a voluntary tax to fertilizer.
  - Maybe we could do something like this with the electric companies in the area??
  - Amber / Amy will get Buckeye Rural magazine to Kara and Sarah so that they can check into getting our events and an article in there. Possible partnership opportunity??

**RCP Benefit Show**

- September show was a big success! Made \$424.58.
- Should plan another show for Winter.
- Casa is willing to host a benefit for us.
  - Amber will talk to Tim Peacock about booking a date and finding bands.
  - RCP would like Tommy to play again.
- Possibly a pancake breakfast at Applebees?
  - Natalie will contact them about dates and details (maybe sibs weekend Feb 18-20 or Dad's weekend Jan 21-23)

**Holiday Membership Drive**

- Sending out letter and holiday card around Thanksgiving has been successful in the past.
- Kara and Sarah will contact Heike to put together a WAEC wish list.
- Amy will get Kara and Sarah last year's mailing.

### **Athens Foundation Gift of Giving:**

- Natalie filled out form. Requests contributions (monetary or materials) for camp.

### **2011 Owl Prowl??:**

- Successful event in 2010, would like to do it again in January.
- Need to make sure it's more organized.
- Amy will check with Pat Quackenbush to see if he can bring his owls. If Pat is not available, maybe Dave Sagan?

### **Annual Dinner**

- Was successful, great turn out, great food, people were interested in RCP.
- May need to move to a larger venue next year?
- Final figures not in, probably made about \$900.
- Amber will get these numbers together and sent out to the board.

### **Bake Sale**

- Spring bake sale, though rained out, still made about \$200.
- Would like to do one around the holidays at Walmart, Kroger, or Lowes.
- Possibly Thanksgiving weekend to take advantage of everyone shopping!
- Natalie has holiday tins that we could use to package cookies.
- Maybe Crumbs will donate baked goods as payment for GOBA event. Amy will ask Jen

### **Grant Writing Workshw**

- Sarah and Kara will attend workshop through Buckeye Hills RC&D on Nov 16<sup>th</sup>
- Amber will write a check for the registration (\$40.00)

### **DOW Grant**

- Still need to spend over \$2000
  - Amy will order microscope (about \$1000), divided petri dishes, and pH paper/strips
  - Sarah and Kara will order pfd's and replacement nets for D-nets
  - Amy will ask Heike about using DOW for \$100 compasses.

NEXT MEETING DATE = November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

***\*Action Items Underlined!\****