

Raccoon Creek Partnership
Board of Directors Meeting
August 27, 2008

*****Action Items*****

1. Jeff: call grange insurance to find out why our check hasn't cleared
2. Ben and Jen: Inserts for the newsletter need to be made and inserted (poker run and membership form)
3. Newsletter mailed ASAP
4. Ben: Map for poker run
5. Heike: send Ben mailing list from Hocking County poker run.
6. Ben and Jen: make mailing labels and post cards to send out to potential poker run attendees ASAP
7. Amy: Entry form for poker run: create and post on website
8. Wendy: create spreadsheet for RSVP's for poker run
9. Ben: vendor form in for Paw Paw festival
10. All: Poker Run T-shirts – send Heike logo's as you get them, and let her know how many t-shirts you need!
11. Ben: send logos to Heike for poker run t-shirts

Next Meeting(s)

September 18th – final pre poker run meeting. 6pm at Waterloo. Please attend!

September 24th - board meeting, 6pm at Waterloo

Attending:

Rocky, Amy, Heike, Ben, Scott, Mike, Wendy, Jeff, Jen

Treasurers Report:

Non- grant money

Checking: \$447.43

Money Max: \$3251.58

Savings: \$10.00 (required to have this at OUCU)

Grant money

Athens Foundation: \$1200.86

ODNR: \$10,000

The Waterloo insurance check has not been cashed yet. Jeff will contact Grange Ins to find out what the delay is.

Coordinator Update:

Ben is leaving the coordinator position to take a new position at the Voinovich School. He may still manage some projects for Raccoon Creek (i.e. Pierce Run). A new

coordinator will be hired to fill Ben's position and Ben will be able to train the new coordinator. Meanwhile, Ben will still have work projects in Raccoon Creek in the future, as well as working in other watersheds in the area. There is currently 1.5 years left on the coordinator grant. We hope to fill this position soon, as to have time to write a new grant to continue this position. Good Luck Ben!

Trash Pick Up:

About 10 people showed up to help with the trash pick up last weekend, co-sponsored by the Water Trail group. Several tires were removed. Nice job all!

Newsletter Update:

Newsletters are ready to go. We decided that we are going to mail one to all paid members. We still don't have a good listing for the water trail membership, we need to get that to mail them copies as well.

The group will also begin to distribute copies around the watershed.

Two inserts will be made to go inside- one to announce the poker run and another to renew memberships.

Water Quality Specialist Update:

Amy has officially begun working, and was kept quite busy sampling during July and August. The MAIS sampling is complete along with the following water quality sampling:

Orland Gob (potential new grant?)
East Branch (monitoring and long term)
Pierce Run (monitoring)
Lake Milton
Flint Run East

Amy is still working out of Athens but will be at Vinton Soil and Water as soon as she gets her background check completed.

ODNR is considering Lake Milton as a stocking site. This site would also be a good place for a tour and/or picnic sometime in the near future. This is a site that has shown dramatic improvement/recovery- and where we've spend \$2.3 million dollars!

Poker Run

We don't have 'official' RSVP's yet, but have good word that about 25 people so far are planning to attend. Let's keep working on more participants and sponsors!

So far we have \$500 in sponsorships (~10 sponsors). **We still need more!!! Keep asking!**

Assignments at this point:

Rachel – 1st rider (someone should confirm with her!)

Rocky- sweep

1st stop: Lake Hope Furnace - Heike and Friends, Rocky. Arrive by 10am

2nd stop: Vales Mill - Mike and Kathy. Arrive by 11am

3rd stop: McCoys – Jeff and Betty. Arrive by 11:30am

4th stop: Bob Evan's Campground – Jen and Amy. Arrive by noon

5th stop: Robert Byrd Dam – Ben and Wendy. Arrive by 12:30

Ben will make a map for the event.

Mike and Amy are in charge of signage

Heike is in charge of t-shirts

FOOD: we will be bringing all food that will be sold to Waterloo Friday the 26th between noon and 5pm. You can pick up stuff anytime before 7pm. If you plan to cook items for your station, you do not need to take them to Waterloo first. But you may want to stop there to get drinks, etc to sell.

We will be getting a pig from J.B King for the bbq after the run. Uncle Buck will be cooking it for us.

We should all try to take pictures at our stations during the event.

We will mail post cards to the Hocking Hills Poker Run attendees. See action items...

SEPTEMBER 18th ... Final pre-poker run meeting!!! Please be there!

Membership:

Form to go into the newsletter. Hopefully we will also get some new members from the poker run and Paw Paw Festival.

Rocky mentioned tabeling at the Athens Farmers Market. We will discuss that at our next meeting.

Paw Paw Festival

Water trail group will be there too. Anyone who wants to volunteer should contact Suzanne Fisher to let her know - she is coordinating our table this year. She can be reached at riverbeam@gmail.com

{side note- Bob Evan's Farm Festival is also coming up, we should try to have a presence there too}.

Water Trail Update:

A float trip is being planned for October 11th on the lower Raccoon. Mark your calendar!

Next meeting is September 11th, 6:30pm at Waterloo.

RCWTA is meeting with ODNR on September 4th to transfer all access site info to ODNRs database. This is a major step towards water trail designation. Great job folks!

New Business:

We need to send a thank you note to the scouts that painted the building. They did an outstanding job. We would also like to recognize them at our annual meeting.

Also. We need to start focusing on better incorporating the general membership into the day to day work of RCP. We need to be more proactive in including, recruiting and engaging them....

Ideas for this happen:

Start combining more with RCWTA,
have short board meetings with breakout sessions
others?

Propane: summer cost is \$2.65/gallon. It would cost us \$900 for a tank that hopefully will last 2 years Board approved purchase.

Athens News Article: Heike will approach the newspaper to try to get an article in ASAP.

Family fishing and archery event at Waterloo on the 13th: volunteers needed. Contact Heike for details!

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