

Raccoon Creek Partnership
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, August 27, 2014, 6:30 p.m.
Waterloo Aquatic Center

Attendance: Sarah Landers, Bob Eichenberg, Natalie Kruse, Alicia Rector, Dustin Gross, Rocky McNickle, Molly Gurien, Glenn Stout, Bernhard Debatin, Rob Wiley

Previous Meeting's Minutes: Approval of the June minutes is tabled until the Treasurer's Report can be added. **Sarah will email the Treasurer's Report to Bob.**

Treasurers Report:

Sarah's Fund =\$614.76

RCWTA=\$ 1,866.89

ORA Anderson= \$2338.88

General checking Fund= \$3277.68

August report

Approved insurance payment will reflect in Septembers report

Action Items and questions are Highlighted.

Coordinator's Report (Natalie reviewed notes and information from Amy):

- The annual insurance bill of \$922 was paid.
- Paid for paint (a little over \$2,000 after the discount).
- Volunteer help is needed at the Jackson Co. Farm/City Day on Sept. 11th.
- Annual dinner-The building is reserved in New Marshfield. **Amy will bring chicken.** We need a speaker. **Sarah will make placemats.**
- Hocktoberfest is Saturday, October 4th from 10am to 11pm at Hocking College. Setup is 8-9:30am. **Volunteers are needed to help with the booth during daylight hours.**
- There are 5 Board seats up for new terms (Heike, Bob, Natalie, Amber, and Rob). **Molly will handle nominations.**
- Amy had her annual performance review and reports that it went well.
- Natalie and Sarah will present at the National Association of Abandoned Mine Land Programs Conference.
- **The Vinton SWCD annual dinner will be Thursday, September 25th at the Lake Hope Lodge.**
- RCP will be present at the annual Science Alliance Day @ PORTS, the site of the former Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant.
- ROAR will return again to Lake Hope on October 25th. RCP will have its booth at the Shelter House or Lodge.

Water Quality Specialist (Sarah):

- Thanks to all the volunteers who helped paint the Center.
- The newsletter is at the printer in order to be out before the Pawpaw Fest.

- About 2/3 of the 36 macro sampling sites are completed. Yesterday, 4 groups sampled 12 sites with help from all of our other “watershed friends”.
- The TAC meeting was cancelled so that macro sampling could be done.
- The doser is now working better.
- Fish sampling and project maintenance were ongoing over the summer.
- The semiannual review of projects will be shared with the Board in September.

AmeriCorps (Dustin and Alicia):

- The Board was introduced to the two AmeriCorps for this year, Dustin Gross and Alicia Rector. Alicia has her Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Sciences (water quality specialization) from Ohio State University and Dustin is a graduate from the Hocking College Geo-Environmental Science program. Both had prior internship experience in RCP-related work.
- Reviewed the Boat Safety Grant which was not funded. We may apply again. Instructor training and safety training were mentioned as needs for funding.
- A key focus of AmeriCorps job responsibilities will be fundraising—can only do 10%

Other Business:

- A signup sheet for the Pawpaw Fest was circulated.
- The annual meeting is October 19th at 4pm at the Senior Center in New Marshfield.
- Natalie reviewed a list of tasks/ideas/things to do including:
 - Possible speakers—Becky Woods (Rob will contact) and Paul Strauss (Natalie will contact)
 - Amy needs to update the membership list for eligible voter information.
- A Waterloo Aquatic Center building priority is insulation.
- It was decided not to run the furnace this winter in order to save on propane use.
- There was discussion about issues surrounding various state-employed naturalists and how best to use their services at RCP education events.
- We have a 7-yr. building lease that started in 2011. We will wait until after the next election cycle to begin negotiations about long term extensions of that lease period.
- It was determined that we have already shopped around for best insurance rates for liability and contents coverage. Further research on the topic is not necessary.

New Business Announcements:

- Glenn made stands/racks for the archery targets, has materials to make additional boot drying racks, and has S-hooks for hanging life vests for drying.
- There have been thefts reported in the area so we need to be careful about properly locking the building and storing the key.

The next meeting is Wednesday, September 24th at 6:30 pm. at Waterloo. The RCWTA meeting will be at 6:00 pm, same location.