

RCP Board Meeting December 17, 2014
6:30 pm, Bldg. 22, Voinovich School, Ohio University

In Attendance: Alicia Rector, Dustin Gross, Amber Brookins, Amy Mackey, Lauren Dick, Heike Perko, Glenn Stout, Bob Eichenberg, Rob Wiley

RCP

Amy ran the meeting since new officers had not been elected yet.
Minutes from the November 19th meeting (annual dinner) were approved.
New member Lauren Dick introduced herself.

The 10% funds from RCWTA can be moved to the RCP account.

Lake Hope paid \$300 for maps sold.

Natalie and Molly met regarding the digital format for sign printing for RCWTA sites.

A fundraising committee meeting is needed.

The holiday mailing was sent out to the membership.

Bob and Sarah attended the Athens Professionals for Philanthropy meeting and presented a pitch for RCP as one of the non-profits vying for a grant from the group. Natalie is a member of Professionals for Philanthropy and made the original nomination. The non-profits will be chosen by January 9th.

Sarah is almost out of her mileage reimbursement money from the Ohio Valley RC&D so the RCP board agreed to move some supply funding into mileage. **Amy/Amber will write a letter to John Kellis explaining how RCP funds are used to assist the RC&D with Sarah's position.**

Amy is identifying macroinvertebrates from 36 different monitoring sites. This data needs to be completed and entered into the database by 3/15/2015. Chemical and biological data is double checked before it goes into the final water quality report submitted to the state.

Sarah is updating our monitoring plan for Lake Morrow and Middleton Run Projects and preparing for the Flint Run construction in 2015.

Since current funding for Sarah is finished June 30th, 2015, a decision about the next contract will be made in early 2015. Discuss with OU's Voinovich School, RC&D, ODNR. Her funding will likely be renewed.

Treasurer's Report

Water quality specialist -\$509.33

RCWTA -\$2224.34

Ora Anderson Fund- \$2200.38

General-\$4446.82

American electric power bill \$41.38 prior month \$39.70

AmeriCorps

Sampling is finished and they are helping with data entry.

The Owl Prowl will be held from 5-8pm on 2/5/2015 at Lake Hope Lodge. The state will likely waive the usage fee. Pat Quackenbush will be the presenter. John Higgenbottom has been notified. **Food for the event still needs to be OK'ed by the Lodge.** A suggested donation may be asked for at the actual event rather than advertising the request in advance. **Volunteers are needed to bake cookies.** The event will be on our Facebook page. **Glenn will make and set a directional sign at SR 278. A sign also needs to be put up on the door at Waterloo in case someone shows up there.**

Summer camps are set for 6/15-6/19 for older kids 6th grade and up and 7/13-7/17 for the younger kids 1st-5th grades. Heike suggested trying to meet once a month in the spring to plan for the camps. Dustin and Alicia need to pick camp themes.

Other

It was agreed that we should have another apple grafting workshop with Derek.

There was a discussion about possible adult programs. Ideas include bird hikes, tree hikes, a watershed tour, and a project tour. We don't want to duplicate what other groups are doing. Amy will quiz the membership for ideas. We also need to think about spring camp themes. Possibilities include amphibians and John Higgenbottom and snakes.

Also discussed were getting back to some community meetings (Board meetings in the watershed) on a quarterly or semiannual basis. These could include a guest speaker. Topic ideas for a guest speaker include: Blue-green algae (Lynnette Christiansen), Chronic Wasting Disease, European Ash Borer, feral pigs, wildlife laws and management (Dan Perko), Rt 33 bypass and wildlife issues (Rob Wiley), and mushrooms (Rob Wiley). The mushroom talk/walk is season-specific from 4/8-4/19. Possible locations for community meetings include McCoy's Restaurant in Gallia Co., New Marshfield Community Center, Rio Grande College, and the Wounded Goose Restaurant in Bidwell.

Board officer elections were held with the following results:

Natalie Kruse Daniels, Chairperson

Heike Perko, Vice Chairperson

Bob Eichenberg, Secretary

Amber Brookins, Treasurer

For the January meeting we need to be prepared to discuss the term limits currently on the books since several key Board members will be ineligible to continue with the present limits.

Glenn will construct a canoe fence extension with the two 12 foot gates that were donated.

It was suggested that the camp student mural art be hung outside on display at Waterloo.

It was suggested that constructing a bluebird trail be part of the camps.

There was agreement that another fundraiser with the Athens Builder's Association should be held in 2015. A possible location is Kiser's at Eclipse and the event could include a 5K run.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:40pm.