

RCP Board Meeting August 31, 2016
6:30 pm, Waterloo

In Attendance: Bob Eichenberg, Vance Rannels, Glenn Stout, Heike Perko, Jessica Makosky, Chelsi Hempstead, Chad Gatt, Kara Roberts, and Kelly Williams.

VP Perko conducted the meeting in Molly's absence. The new Americorps were introduced to the group and everyone expressed gratitude and pleasure at having them on board.

Minutes

Vance moved and Chelsi seconded approval of the minutes from July 31st. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report – Chelsi

- RCWTA \$2,069.94
- Waterloo \$2,204.03
- Quidel \$428.31
- General (Checking) \$7,880.52
- Savings (WQS)\$197.29
- DOW \$.02

AEP bill was \$51.44

Business Items

Insurance-The Board decided to pay one month at a time while additional information is sought concerning whether we need automobile insurance or will individual's personal insurance cover any accidents. **Bob will check with an attorney to get a legal opinion concerning this.** In order to lease the building we need a minimum liability coverage of \$1,000,000 on the building. However, the insurance premium continues to rise and we need to see what other coverage is really necessary.

Bonding-**We need a "letter of affirmation" for the OSM grant.** Everyone who will be bonded agreed to provide required personal information.

Paw Paw-September 16th-18th. The sign up sheet was passed around and we need to be sure that all time slots have adequate coverage. We need to ascertain the best times for having canoes available because it was mentioned that people want to canoe beginning at 4pm but the listed time is 10-2pm and there is not much interest at that time. Do we have enough merchantable material for sale (stickers, hats, maps, shirts)?? Chad and Kara will take an inventory of items and send them to Heike. Glenn will bring the "punch board" and insure that batteries are adequate. Liability waivers are needed for the canoes. We also need to make sure tables, other displays, and the EZ-ups are brought out on Friday. Americorps need to help with publicity on this event and other events in general. Molly needs to get our boat registrations submitted.

Canoe Float-October 2, 2016. A good location will be Thieves (SR207 at bridge) to the Ohio River. Chad and Kara will get flyers out.

Newsletter-Submit articles by September 1st (revised, post meeting, to September 9th)!!! Vance submitted a history-related article. Kelly will submit an article on the Saw-whet Owl. Bob will submit something about the rain barrel workshops.

Publicity-Americorps will work on publicizing these events: Paw Paw, canoe float, rain barrel workshops, and Midnight at Moonville.

Midnight at Moonville- Jess and Vance agreed to table from at least 6:30-9:30pm. Jess will call Caleb Appleman, Vinton Co. Tourism, to arrange.

Dr. Kelly Williams- Kelly gave an interesting talk about a Saw-whet Owl station she had managed in Chillicothe in 2003. The Saw-whet is a boreal forest owl caught while migrating. They caught 145 in one year. Some autumn's there are as many as 10,000 banded in North America. Kelly is writing a proposal to ODNR in order to conduct a banding program this autumn (October 2nd to December 2nd) at Waterloo. She also needs RCP approval since we have a lease on the building. This will have a public outreach component. Scientists will trap 5 nights per week and the public will be invited to help and learn 2 nights per week. Bob motioned, Chelsi seconded, all approved for use of the Waterloo facility.

Rain Barrel Workshops- Bob and Vance will pick up the barrels in Columbus. Bob will check with Jenny Ridenour on how sign-ups will be arranged. The website Sign-Up-Genius was mentioned as a way to do this. Bob will check with Meigs and Athens SWCD's on publicity in their newsletters. Bob will also check on and arrange to get the hardware.

Annual Meeting-For the sake of Chad and Kara, Heike reviewed who has donated items in the past. The date was set for Sunday, November 6th beginning at 4pm. Kelly Williams agreed to be our guest speaker with the topic being the Prothonotary Warbler, her principal research topic.

Share Your Cloud Work Day-Wednesday, September 21st, 10am-4pm, meet at Waterloo. Glenn will get paperwork to ODOT for permission to set Water Trail signs. However, this may not be the best use of volunteer time since the sites are so spread out and a lot of driving time is involved. Cleaning the doser channel was mentioned so we will check with Sarah to see if that is needed again. There is also work that can be done at Waterloo. Heike will check with Ken Ritchie to see if bluebird boxes can be placed where the Prothonotary Warbler will use them. These will be places where there will be no interference with mowing or other maintenance needs.

Event signs-Jess provided pricing for event signs from Vistaprint.com. A 12X18 costs \$8.39 for one, \$16.79 for two, and \$28.79 for four. An 18X27 costs \$11.99 for one, \$23.99 for two, and \$43.19 for four. Jess will work with staff on a design.

Fall camps-Two fall camps have been done in the past and have run from 10am-1pm on the days they are conducted. This is a worthwhile effort and primarily up to the Americorps, time permitting.

Our next meeting will be September 28th at Waterloo, 6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.