

**RCP Board Meeting October 26, 2016
6:30 pm, Voinovich School, Bldg. 22**

In Attendance: Molly Gurien, Bob Eichenberg, Vance Rannels, Glenn Stout, Chad Gatt, Amy Mackey, Sarah Cornwell, Kara Roberts, and Brooke Stokes. Molly determined that we do not have a quorum.

Minutes

Distributed but no vote taken.

Treasurer's Report – Amy lead the discussion in Chelsi's absence.

- RCWTA
- Waterloo
- Quidel
- General (Checking)
- Water Quality Specialist (Savings)
- DOW
- AEP bill was

Amy plans to buy boots with what is left of the Quidel grant. One half of the Paw Paw proceeds (about \$200) needs to transfer from RCWTA account to the RCP checking account. The following payments and reimbursements were made:

Vance for the rain barrels purchased from Pepsi, Amy for general expenses, insurance paid for the remainder of the year, and Glenn for canoe hauling for the autumn float.

Molly will contact our insurance agent about attendance at a future meeting so we can ask questions and get a report on our insurance coverage.

Business Items

Brooke Stokes – Brooke is a graduate student in Environmental Studies with the Voinovich School. She has a leadership practicum and her project will be a study of lowhead dam removal feasibility and preparation of an EPA 9 element plan which is required for 319 grant applications. Pursuit of grant funding will follow for implementation of the project. Amy pointed out that lowhead dams hurt the biological functions of streams by limiting species migration and they are a safety hazard. Amy and Sarah have been too preoccupied with acid mine work to pursue this so Brooke will help move it forward. Glenn or Rocky McNickle can be of assistance in ID'ing dams and access to them. Molly mentioned that the American Rivers website may be of assistance. Amy mentioned the dam on Little Raccoon Cr. just below Lake Alma as a possibility.

Organization Membership – Amy suggested that RCP join the Ohio Mineland Partnership (OMP, \$25) and the North American Native Fish Association (NANFA, \$30). We have been a member with OMP before and have similar missions and we need to pursue a grant for a "stream table" from the NANFA and we need to be a member in order to pursue the grant. Bob will take an email vote of members.

OSM Grants – Ilesboro Reclamation and Daniel's Run Reclamation

Amy needs certain administration decisions made by the Board in order to pursue funding for the Daniel's Run Project initially and for the Ilesboro Project at a later date. An email vote will be taken for the following administrative positions for the grants:

Molly will be listed as Head of the Organization and Authorizing Official

Linda Thornton will be the Financial Official

Amy will be the Point of Contact.

Sarah and Water Quality – Fish sampling sites and 34 macroinvertebrate sampling sites are completed. Six of the macro sites are in Leading Creek. There are 4 more days of chemical monitoring to do. Next priority will be long term maintenance including piping, doser, and steel slag beds. Attended the Vinton and Jackson SWCD annual dinners. Preparing 2017 monitoring plans, some of which are outside RCP and where impacts can be greatest.

The new Reclaim Act is a federal initiative for abandoned mine lands. It is intended as an economic stimulus for coal mining areas. The money is funneled through ODNR's Mineral Resources Management Division. Successful applicants have to spend the money in the first year in order to reapply for more. There is \$17,000,000 statewide.

We have a volunteer student for 5 hrs./week for the semester to do whatever we need help with. **Molly will try to secure another student also.**

AmeriCorps – An archery camp is set for November 5th. Chad will meet with ODNR's Ken Ritchie to secure a new archery site. Ken may try to get an archery range at Waterloo. This will be similar to one at Hocking Hills State Park. A placemat was created for the annual dinner. **We are getting ready for the annual dinner. Kara will be contacting teachers for classroom work after the annual dinner.**

Annual Dinner – The remainder of the meeting was spent finalizing plans for the annual dinner. Heike Perko and Dustin Hoy are two nominations for the two open positions on the Board at this time.

Our next meeting will be December 7th, 6:30pm at the Voinovich School.

Notes from the annual dinner-Sunday, November 6th, 4pm

The dinner was well attended, the food was excellent, and all had a good time. Brandon Grey, a graduate student in Biological Sciences, gave an interesting talk and slide show about the owls of Ohio. Chad gave a thorough Year in Review report and Heike Perko and Dustin Hoy were voted onto the Board for two-year terms.