

Minutes

Raccoon Creek Partnership

Meeting on Sunday July 30, 2017, 4:00pm

In attendance: Vance, Molly, Sarah, Glenn, Amy, Kara, Heike, Jessica

The minutes for June were approved after a motion by Vance and second by Jess.

Treasurer's Report (Jess) and finances discussion:

Savings	\$63.41
RCWTA	\$2,253.19
Waterloo	\$1,599.29
Checking	\$6,611.87

Incoming grant \$9,000

Don't yet know what we made at Creek Jam.

Rural Action will invoice for Americorps mileage.

North American Native Fish Association (NANFA) \$1,000 grant deposited.

Molly motioned and Heike seconded to give Glenn \$30 for registration of 3 canoes.

A final report for the rain barrel workshops was submitted so we will get a \$600 check from Buckeye Hills Resource Conservation and Development Council.

Molly sold the Winona canoe for \$1,500!

Coordinator's Report (Amy)

The NANFA \$1,000 grant will be used (1) to purchase a 55-gallon native fish tank to be set up at Waterloo, (2) to build a macroinvertebrate display, (3) to purchase Family Outdoors Day signage (Jess offered to coordinate the sign purchase), and (4) to hold a public float on the Creek to highlight cleanup progress made.

We do not have payment (\$9,000) yet for the Division of Wildlife Aquatic Education Grant. This purchased the Augmented Reality Sandbox that was a big hit at the Creek Jam.

Two Americorps have been hired: (1)Emily Kyle Loudner is an OU masters degree grad who has done work in the watershed and (2)Abby Costilow is a Hocking College Wildlife Management graduate. We need about \$3,000 to finish our fund drive to pay for the 2nd position. We are billed by Rural Action on a quarterly basis so we have time to raise the additional funds.

We have two vacancies on the Board from the resignations of Chelsi and Dustin. Jess has 2 possibilities for Board membership. We are losing 2 people in December due to term limits also. Glenn, who had been nominated in June to replace Chelsi, was voted onto the Board.

Raccoon Creek will get biological monitoring in 2018 as the surveyors rotate through the watershed.

OSM grants. The Daniel's Run reclamation is covering administrative expenses for now. Linda Thornton and Molly will work out the details to get funds transferred so OU can be paid. Dirt Works in the contractor on the Daniel's Run project. The Flint Run slag rehabilitation has also begun. The doser rehabilitation will be next. It will get all new operating parts and the silo will be repainted.

Montarelli is the contractor. The Ilesboro OSM grant is still pending. The EPA 319 funding for this

project was approved and is effective beginning August 1st so it is imperative that we get final approval from OSM for its share.

Brooke Stokes is the lowhead dam intern. The Wellston dam was selected as the one for removal.

Water quality monitoring is being conducted up and downstream from the dam.

As a note of reassurance, since our lease at Waterloo runs through 2018, we have the camp location and the two Americorps secured for our summer 2018 camps.

Water Quality Specialist (Sarah)

The Board was presented two options for bandannas. The first was a block print priced at \$3.14 each.

The second was a print that Zonez can do at \$3.50 each. Jess motioned, Heike seconded, and the Board voted to go with the second option, primarily because RCP will own the print in this case and can go back for a reprint at any time. **We still need to decide quantity and colors.**

Other items

Slalom at Paw Paw Fest is set for 1:00pm on Saturday. **We need to set up the course and figure out the music system.**

RCWTA will give 2 tickets for student volunteers who must contribute 4 hours of work.

We will clean up one of the donated kayaks and raffle at Paw Paw.

We need to mow Waterloo. Marcus will mow every 2 weeks at \$10/hr. with an estimate of 2 hours time to mow and weedeat. Marcus will invoice for his work.

Nominations for Volunteer of the Year must be given to the Secretary by October 1st.

RCWTA's fall float location is to be determined.

Vance said the Waterloo lease situation is a good opportunity for us to plan alternatives in the event our lease does not get renewed. One option is talking with Dustin Hoy about using the Raccoon Creek livery for our camps. Hope School is an option. New Plymouth also has a Grange Hall that is available. **For the October meeting, Bob and Heike will prepare a list of needs and options so we can make a comparison.**

Speaker ideas for the annual meeting: (1)Paul Patton is a researcher with expertise on native Quinoa.

(2)The Miller's are beekeepers in Jackson Co. and sit on the Jackson SWCD Board. **The beekeeping topic seemed to be the preferred option.**

Heike has reserved the New Marshfield senior center for the annual dinner.

Next meeting is August 30th at Waterloo.