

September 27, 2017 RCP Board Meeting

In Attendance: Molly, Glenn, Vance, Jessica, Bob, Emily, Abby, Rocky, and Jerry Stout

Review and Approve August board meeting minutes

Vance moved and Glenn seconded to approve the August minutes with 3 minor spelling corrections. All approved.

Treasurer Report

Jessica needs to schedule a time to meet with Amy and Sarah to finalize funds transfers.

Savings	\$53.41
RCWTA	\$3,164.19
Waterloo	\$1,599.29
Checking	\$15,313.71

\$734 was netted at Paw Paw, 50% will go to RCWTA and 50% to RCP.

RCWTA committed \$500 to Americorps. Jess will check with Amy about how to handle the funds transfer.

Watershed Coordinator Report

- ROAR is October 28th at Lake Hope 10am – 4pm. Volunteers are still needed. We need email signups in addition to the hard copy signup sheet. Emily will set up a google doc.
- Thanks for all the help at Paw Paw.
- Board members need to be sure to update memberships before the annual meeting (Sunday, November 5th, 4pm).
- We need more nominees for the Board.
- We need \$8,000 for the Americorps match. Vance motioned, Bob seconded to pay the entire \$8,000 if we have the available funds now. All approved.
- The Waterloo lease is over after 2018. ODNR has offered to renew the lease at \$200/month.

This topic led to a discussion about possible building space options for RCP after 2018. Vance said that Austin Powder periodically sells used box-bed trailers and that RCP might ask for one to be donated. A tractor would be needed to move it and it is a fairly permanent installation once set. Most of the material (Abby and Emily will organize this winter) stored at Waterloo could fit in a trailer with adequate shelving and organization.

The general consensus of the board is that it is only worth paying \$200 to ODNR if it will provide upkeep on some of the building components. We also wonder if there are terms in the lease or in the original deed transferring the land and building to ODNR that might require ODNR to work more closely with us (i.e. give us leverage in negotiations).

Alternatives for camp locations include the shelterhouse at Lake Hope or Lake Snowden. There is a potential vandalism problem with storing our camp equipment at any one place for an entire week. Abby will talk with Amy about an ODNR employee that she knows who has a connection at Lake Snowden. Another issue is whether Lake Hope will see RCP as competition for its programs? Most feel this will not be a problem.

We were invited to go to the former CCC camp on Wheelabout Rd. where the ODNR MRM office is located. We should plan a tour with Ben McCament and see his space.

We should also consider a partnership with Rural Action at Waterloo or another space.

- In early January, Amy will submit a proposal for annual use of Waterloo, to ODNR DOW.
- October 17-18 is the semi-annual gathering of the Ohio Mineland Partnership at Burr Oak Lodge.
- SWCD annual dinners are coming up-see newsletter for locations and times.
- The virtual reality sandbox will be set up at our next meeting.
- October 21st is Midnight at Moonville.

AmeriCorps Update

- Signs for the fall float are printed and will be picked up.
- For the annual dinner, there were 79 requests for donations (places visited) and 31 donations came from the requests. There have been some interesting donations, including produce.
- There was a discussion of color schemes with the new logo for t-shirts. A signup sheet with color choices was passed around the table.
- Collecting of fish and invertebrates is underway for the annual Science Alliance at Piketon.
- Emily received some-NASP archery training.
- We need to schedule spring and summer camps and any other Waterloo activities.

Board Elections

- There was a discussion about procuring more nominations. Molly, Vance, Jess, and Glenn will run. Bill Nose is a possible candidate. Sarah will be a candidate if there is no conflict with her position (Bob will investigate). Rocky will be a candidate contingent upon his getting a new work shift that fits better with his schedule. He will let us know. In the interim, the Board voted unanimously for Sarah to be a replacement Board member for the vacancy created by Dustin Hoy's resignation. Bob agreed to check with the bylaws concerning Board member's term staggering because there is some confusion.

Fall Float

- There was a general discussion about the details for the Fall Float on September 30th.

Annual Meeting

- The bee speaker is confirmed.
- We need placemats that list RCP accomplishments for the year.
- Emily and Abby will get the to do list from Amy and circulate.
- We also need an invite list.

Set Date for next meeting, Wrap Up – review action items

Next meeting is set for Wednesday, October 25th, 6:30pm at Voinovich School.