

**Raccoon Creek Partnership
Board of Directors Meeting
April 29th, 2009
Waterloo Aquatic Education Center**

Attendance: Ben McCament, Amy Mackey, Molly Gurien, Rocky McNickle, Jeff Calhoun, Mike Schooley, Cathy Sanford, Heike Perko

Prior Meeting Minutes: March 25th meeting minutes were reviewed and approved by the board.

Treasurer's Report:

- Total RCP funds = \$10,563.24

<i>RCP Checking Account</i>	
RCP General	?
DOW Grant	?
AF Grant	\$0.00
Total	\$4678.63

<i>RCP Money Max Account</i>	
RCP General	?
Gosnell Donation	?
Total	\$5874.61

<i>RCP Savings Account</i>	
Total	\$10.00

Waterloo Update (Heike Perko):

- AOA event went okay, 15 people attended, hike on the property went well, Ben's presentation was great, thanks Ben!
- Summer Camps are being finalized, brochure will be out soon
- May 16th work day to prepare and plant flower beds at Waterloo, we are looking for plant donations, native plants

Next Education Committee Meeting is scheduled for May 1st, at 6:30 p.m. at the Waterloo Aquatic Education Center.

Water Quality Specialist Update (Amy Mackey):

- *Note: Jason McClarren at the MRM laboratory will be out of the lab from March 30th – April 20th, and on light duty until May 15th. Will resume sampling in May.*
- Pierce Run
 - Will be conducting pre-construction public canoe float down Raccoon Creek, past the mouth of Pierce Run (May 2nd 11:00 a.m. St Rt 160 Bridge near Radcliff – see flyer).
 - Scott Moody working with DOW to conduct Timber Rattlesnake survey at Pierce Run construction site.
 - Original plans included wetland enhancement (installation on limestone berms), but this component was removed from this phase due to possible flooding concerns.
 - Bidding advertised in paper
- East Branch Phase II
 - All 3 new SLBs will have sand filters upstream of the bed to trap sediment and extend their life.
 - Total estimate is \$800,000, looking into an OSM Clean Streams Grant to help ODNR.
- Lake Milton and Flint Run East
 - Had problems with the Lake Milton Slag Bed, discharge has decreased from 120 gallons per minute in December to 40 gallons per minute now.

- 4-17-09 opened cleanout pipes to relieve vacuum that had formed, flow increased to 75 GPM
- Worked with ODNR engineers to remove algae from FR East SLB, also applied algaecide. May stock bed with grass carp to control algae.????????
- West Branch – Harble Griffith Road Project
 - Working on OEPA 319 grant, due May 7th to reclaim 3 of the pits in Hocking County (WB headwaters). Pits are really high in aluminum and acidity.
 - MRM is working on the design. Basic reclamation, draining pits, possible wetland installation.
 - Landowners have signed exploratory right of entries.
 - Construction in 2011
- Athens HS ecology class presentation, interested in studying Raccoon Creek – field trip
- Putting together project maintenance plan for all completed projects (flushing systems, exercising valves, etc). Will be part of my new work plan.
- Putting together proposal to Mitch for my position.
- Hocking College watershed class.
- HHEI training to evaluate headwaters streams
- 319 grant data analysis

AmeriCorps Update (Amy Mackey):

- We need to talk to them about inappropriate photo used for the front of the brochure, it needs to be taken out of circulation, Ben said he would call Mary.
- Americorp interviews: Ben, Amy, Heike and Rural Action person
- Deadline for Applications July 15th
- Starting Date August 10th

Water Trails Update:

- Bob Evans Festival does not want a canoe float, takes people away from the festival, they would lose money, Ray McGinnes does not want to work with our group, he sees no real value to Bob Evans;
- Charles Russel will raffle off Kayak @ festivals and events throughout the summer to raise funds, Nelsonville Music Festival, Paw Paw Festival etc
- Upcoming float, 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Ben will run the shuttle along with Erin Friedman;
 - Ben will make a display with project posters;
 - Ben will have road access maps for the float;
 - Molly has waivers, membership brochures, RCP display and table, she is the float leader, Suzanne will follow, Charles will bring pop;
 - Molly will have trailer registration
- Reuse float on May 9th, volunteers are needed;

RC Coordinator / Technical Committee Update (Ben McCament):

- ODNR – DMRM internship
 - 12 week position
 - All applications are in, interview will take place in the next couple of weeks;
- Ben will be moving on as he took a position with ODNR. Congrats Ben!
- Closed out Athens Foundation Grant;
- Griffith Road Project 30 acre reclamation site-Gob Piles 2.5 million gallons of water run through these piles, will be reclaimed and drained into limestone ponds, cost: 1.1 million dollars – so

expensive because a lot of topsoil has to be brought in, grant also pays for 15% of coordinators position;

- Michele Morone applied for a grant and allocated 10,000 dollars for Waterloo and 5-7% of the coordinators position, the grant would address watersheds and public health issues;
- OSM proposal covers 10% of coordinators salary
- Ben, Constance, and Mitch are going to River Rally to represent RCP;

Public Meeting in May:

- May 27th, Gallipolis
- For carpool meet at Waterloo at 5 p.m.
- Mark West or Scott Schell will be our public speakers;
- Jeff will do press release;
- Amy will make a flyer;
- Ben will coordinate the speaker;
- Rocky will cook spaghetti;
- All board members will bring pop/water;

Fundraising:

- Personal Letter from Rocky and Amy brought in 15 new memberships;
- Poker Run will be October 3rd, Heike and Amy will make flyer to distribute at the Hocking Hills Poker Run next month;
- Will have a booth again at the Paw Paw Festival

New Business / Announcements

- Reviewed By-laws
- Need to determine annual meeting and next newsletter mailing;
- Board agreed to pay for two sets of topo maps of the raccoon creek watershed, one working copy and one reference copy
- Masons in Wilkesville will have pancake breakfast on May second before canoe float, come join them;
- Molly's birthday party on May 3rd at her house at 5 p.m., bring a dish;
- Board agreed to pay for two scoops of mulch for Waterloo landscaping out of Gosnell money;

****Action Items****

- Ben will organize speaker for May public meeting;
- Amy will make flyer for poker run and meeting in May;
- Jeff will take care of press releases;
- Ben will call Mary at Rural Action regarding brochure;
- Ben will make project displays for canoe float;
- Molly will get trailer registration;
- Rocky will organize spaghetti for the May meeting;
- Board Members will bring pop;

Next Meeting May 27th, 2009 Gallipolis 6:00 p.m.