

Raccoon Creek Partnership  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday, November 28, 2012, 6:30 p.m.  
Voinovich School, Ohio University

**Attendance:** Amy Mackey, Sarah Landers, Monte Edwards, Bob Eichenberg, Natalie Kruse, Amber Brookins, Molly Gurien, Rebekah Korenowsky, and Darcy VanDervort,  
**Previous Meeting's Minutes:** Minutes from the September Board meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report (Amber):**

- It was noted that propane was delivered to Waterloo. The cost will be approximately \$930.
- The electric bill was high in October, perhaps due to the PUCO add-on.
- If the Athens Foundation grant can be used for paint purchase then appropriate measures should be taken to do so. **Rebekah will check. Amber will send out the grant balance in an email. Final grant report must be done by end of December (Rebekah and Darcy)**
- RCWTA asked for a \$500 donation. It was likely transferred to RCWTA already but **Amber will check.**

**Water Quality Specialist (Sarah):**

- Post-construction monitoring for the Harble-Griffith project must be performed for a one-year period on a monthly basis and this monitoring just started. Orland Gob pile post construction is also being conducted.
- The next TAC meeting is 1/16/2013 at 9am.
- Presentations were given at the Vinton and Gallia SWCD annual dinners.
- Two tours were given, one with Molly Gurien's class and one with Dr. Lee's class.
- The first draft of the AMDAT for Little Raccoon Creek was turned in to ODNR. The final report is due by 12/31/2012.

**Coordinator (Amy):**

- The Harble-Griffith project is extended through 12/31/2013 for monitoring and a final inspection tour (tour will be held spring 2013).
- The Coordinator grant is renewed for 3 additional years.
- Vials and alcohol were obtained for the macroinvertebrate ID program.
- A presentation was given to the Water Management Association of Ohio concerning recovery in Raccoon Creek.
- The Pierce Run Project in the middle basin-the dam was fixed this autumn with a slurry wall and outlet pipe installation. This should boost the middle section of Raccoon Creek to meet warm water habitat goals.
- **Anyone who owes for the silent auction or t-shirts should provide payment.**
- **Board members need to renew membership for 2013.**

- Two tire cleanups secured 1,495 tires and 175 tires from the two sites at the Broken Aro Wildlife Area.

#### **Americorps (Rebekah and Darcy):**

- The 2 fall camps went well.
- Data entry is underway.
- A group of homeschoolers was taught about geology.
- Several meetings were held with Joe Jennings about watershed education programming. There is also work being done on a hiking series. February 9<sup>th</sup> is a tentative date for a winter tree ID. The goal is to have more adult-oriented programs.
- There was an education meeting with Heike, Sarah, and the Americorps.
- School garden at The Plains Elementary-A survey went out to gauge teacher interest. The Americorps will help to design the garden and help to secure funding but will not do the actual gardening.
- Sarah and the Americorps received their CPR certification.

#### **RCWTA (Molly):**

- ODNR funded the 16-canoe trailer. It is longer and lower than the existing trailer.
- Fundraising for the map printing continues. RCWTA needs approximately \$4,400. Some of the RCWTA budget needs to be maintained for routine and maintenance expenses such as postage and fuel. Karla said map editing is not yet complete. Some items in it were only intended as placeholders. **There is a map copyright issue that is unresolved but being researched.**
- There is a discussion of printing 3,000 maps at a cost of \$1.50/map. The proposed sale price per map is \$7. Some businesses and organizations may buy in bulk quantities.
- New tents are needed. **Gail and Savannah are checking on possible Walmart donations.**
- The Owl Prowl will start at 6pm. and the **Americorps will send out a save-the-date in December and a reminder notice in early January. There will be press releases in January.**

#### **2013 Elections:**

- There being no nominations for positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer and because existing officers are willing to continue in their present capacities, the Board voted unanimously to elect the existing officers for another one year term: Natalie Kruse-President, Mollie Gurien-Vice President, Amber Brookins-Treasurer, Bob Eichenberg-Secretary.

#### **Waterloo Winterization:**

- Waterloo locks were fixed by Glenn. We need to replace a broken window in the door. **Darcy will investigate.**
- The Owl Prowl is 1/24/2013 so the wastewater lines should not be drained. **Amy will check to insure the thermostat is working.**

### **New Business Announcements:**

- **Americorps will handle the Holiday mailing/membership drive.** Amy removed the 2007/2008 members from the mail list.
- **Monte will coordinate a first aid class open to RCP members.** The fee will be for materials only and in the range of \$20-\$25.
- **Monte has unused equipment: filters and a UV disinfection system that will work at Waterloo to make the cistern water potable.** The Board approved Monte to purchase necessary fittings for system installation.
- **Natalie has many plastic tubs for donation to help store materials at Waterloo in a sanitary fashion.**
- **Amber would like to convene the fundraising committee in January.**
- **There was unresolved discussion about moving the date of the annual RCP meeting to early November to avoid other conflicts.**
- **There should be a debriefing on the ABIA joint fundraiser during December's Board meeting.**

**Next meeting is Wednesday, December 19, 2012, 6:30pm, at the Voinovich School.**