

## RCP Board Meeting

August 25, 2010

In attendance: Heike Perko, Sarah Landers, Kara Walton, Steve Ferrante, Rocky McNickle, Jim Freese, Natalie Kruse, Amber Brookins, Kathy Sandford, Mike Schooley, Wes Supper (Earth Touch), Molly Gurien.

1. Approved last month's minutes.
2. Treasurer Report:
  - a. General--\$3953.56 Paid: insurance, stamps, electric bill. Revenue: memberships.
  - b. Division of Wildlife--\$3005.95 Paid: Boots, Enviroscape Case. We need to spend this grant by the summer, DOW looked at the center and liked it, would like to fund us again, but we must spend out the money. Still looking to get kids PFDs.
  - c. Need to get propane, service furnaces. Will winterize the building in December.
3. Wes Supper from Earth Touch (Executive Director). Earth Touch owns 386 acres near McArthur.
  - a. Applied for Clean Ohio Foundation Grant to purchase 40 additional acres and were denied. Granted extension until October for grant. Will expand to include larger parcel of land within Raccoon Creek—up to 1200 acres.
  - b. Partnering with AOA, ODNR and Batelle/Darby.
  - c. Hoping to partner with RCP to get documentation that the land is in a watershed with data that needs protection.
  - d. Would like Letter of Support and Data from Elk Fork. Any additional evidence about mine land improvement and research opportunities on the land could add value to this.
  - e. Would like to partner with RCP to run adventure club for kids from McArthur.
  - f. **ACTIONS (by end of September): Heike will draft letter. Natalie will forward Jon's leadership portfolio, Rocky, Mike and Natalie will walk strip pits to look at water quality.**
4. Introducing new Americorps:
  - a. Sarah—from Marietta, geography student at OU and Masters in urban planning from OSU. Worked for an environmental consultancy for 2 years doing mostly solid waste plans. Interested in land use and resource use and how humans and the environment interact. Wanted to do something different, get out of the city, get back to a community.
  - b. Kara—from New Jersey, WVU undergrad in geology, geology Master student at OU (finishing thesis this year). Started in climate studies, moved to lake studies. Deciding between pursuing career in energy or the environment, wanted to pursue environment and volunteer—looked in to Americorps and found Raccoon Creek! Volunteered at summer camps this summer.
5. Vacant Board Position:
  - a. Rocky McNickle was nominated and elected unanimously.

- b. Rocky is an interim board member until the Annual Meeting in 2011 when vacant position term ends.
6. Newsletter
- a. Brian is finishing it, it will be ready for PawPaw and should be to press by the end of the week.
7. Waterloo
- a. Collaborated with AOA on an OEEF mini-grant and got it. Will help with outreach workshops for adults.
  - b. Fall camps in October. October 9<sup>th</sup> on worms and composting, let parents stay if they want for bigger impact.
  - c. Education meeting September 10<sup>th</sup> at Waterloo
  - d. Would like to do some adult programming at Waterloo this fall, maybe canoeing 101?  
**Molly will run by WTA.**
  - e. September 24<sup>th</sup> work day at Waterloo from noon –dark whenever you can be there.
8. Water Trail
- a. Meetings on Thursdays this fall.
  - b. Next meeting September 16<sup>th</sup> at Waterloo at 6:30.
  - c. Working on access points, need one site to be moved or another site inserted because the distance apart is a little too great.
  - d. Annual meeting and picnic at Lake Hope were well attended and new faces were there.
  - e. Next event: PawPaw festival—2 booths, WTA will have canoes at lake, need volunteers at the boats Saturday and Sunday. Need to do 3 signups: RCP booth, WTA booth and boats—**Americorps will do this**. Anyone getting in a boat has to sign a waiver and wear a PFD. **Brian will post the waiver online ahead of time.**
  - f. Sunday will draw on raffle.
  - g. Looking to get kayaks from OU surplus.
  - h. Would like to do a float, maybe in Gallia either October 3 or 16<sup>th</sup>.
9. PawPaw Festival
- a. Unlimited access at gate as long as we submit a list of volunteers ahead of time.
  - b. Will have brochures, newsletters, stickers, etc.
10. Water Quality update by Steve
- a. Project status work, pre and post construction monitoring.
  - b. Keeping track of East Branch, pre and post, can already see good stuff.
  - c. 14 long term sites yesterday.
  - d. Fish sampling
  - e. Harble Griffith—tour of site and projects, lots of landowner support and positive feedback. Landowner Bolton would like cleanup of his property (?) has clay on land for fill.
  - f. Parade of the Hills—positive, lots of photos.
  - g. Pierce Run, photos on website.
11. Fundraising Committee

- a. Goal: financial support of watershed coordinator and water quality specialist, about \$100,000/year.
- b. Creating a strategic plan and budget
- c. Will talk to ILGARD about future intentions of funding Watershed Coordinator position.
- d. Adult programming may be important for fundraising.
- e. Benefit concert September 3<sup>rd</sup>, Public House 9pm, \$5 at door, Three Bands. \$35 for sounds comes from door money, the rest of the door money goes to us. Will do pass the hat and talk about RCP, trying to get a projector to play DVD at the start.
- f. Trying to put on a 'Bears in our Backyard' presentation on in New Marshfield, Susie Vance from DOW. Trying to move September board meeting to New Marshfield, have meeting after presentation. **Heike getting in touch with fire house or masonic lodge.**

#### 12. Poker Run

- a. Heike has \$300 of sponsorships: Earth Touch, AOA, Helmut, DHI
- b. Rocky has \$100 of sponsorships: Rocky, Parmar
- c. Still looking for money from Canoe Livery, AEP, Credit Union
- d. McCoy's will do dinner with 2 sides for \$2.99 per person, this is included for riders, but volunteers will buy their own dinner.
- e. **Rocky will ask if we can bring desserts, if so, Everyone will make something to bring along.**
- f. Heike will do coffee and muffins at Waterloo during registration.
- g. Rocky thinks the route should take about 3 hours.
- h. Last bike out by 11, last in by 5.
- i. **Brian will put info about Poker Run on website.**
- j. Who's helping on the day:
  - i. Rocky will put out signs on Friday, will be the follow bike and will help Heike at Waterloo
  - ii. Brian and Molly will man Parmar in Vinton and McCoys
  - iii. Mike and Kathy will man Parmar in Centenary
  - iv. Kara and Sarah will man Mercerville Store
  - v. Heike and Amy will man Waterloo and will go to McCoys after riders are out.
- k. **Heike will send out times that people need to be at the stops.**
- l. **Rocky will send out the rules.**
- m. Everyone will get their supplies for manning a station on Friday during the work day at Waterloo.
- n. **Amber will get cards and change.**
- o. **Rocky will make signs, Amy offered to help if needed.**
- p. Will do a 50/50 raffle at McCoys, tickets are at Waterloo.
- q. **Americorps will ensure we have enough tally cards.**

#### 13. Annual Meeting

- a. October 17, 2010 at 5:00
- b. Pat Quackenbush will talk about Haunted Hocking at 5:30
- c. **Everyone should start collecting items for the silent auction.**

14. New Business

- a. Dick Hogan is working in California right now, will update us about his return.
- b. Jeremy from Crumbs is working on number from GOBA and will get back to us.
- c. Mike will burn DVD's by annual meeting and ILGARD folks will put pretty labels on them.
- d. Zack Space and Fred Dill approached Rocky when he was wearing his RCP shirt, we should reach out to them before elections for support. Get them to a meeting or annual dinner.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**By end of September, Heike will draft letter for Earth Touch. Natalie will forward Jon's leadership portfolio, Rocky, Mike and Natalie will walk strip pits to look at water quality.**

**Molly will ask WTA about doing an intro canoeing course for adults at Waterloo.**

**AMERICORPS will put sign up sheets out for PawPaw.**

**Brian will post the waiver online before PawPaw.**

**Heike getting in touch with fire house or masonic lodge about holding our September meeting there.**

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