Raccoon Creek Partnership
Fundraising Committee Meeting
October 19th, 2010
Natalie Kruse’s House, Athens, OH

Attendance: Amber Brookins, Sarah Landers, Kara Walton, Nigel Daniels, Natalie Kruse, Amy Mackey

Prior Meeting Minutes: August meeting minutes were not available

Energy Days:
- RCP will be reimbursed $150 for Kara and Sarah’s work on Energy Days.
- Amber will write up an invoice and give to Sarah to submit.

Poker Run Recap:
- 2010 was 3rd and last Poker Run attempt.
- Too much work for the amount of profit.
- Made about $500 (will know final when Amy figures out the shirt costs and shipping costs)

Corporate Sponsorship Letters:
- Still planning to send them out.
- Check with Brian to see if they are finished.
- Also Amy needs to send the letter to Rob Wofter (MPA student)

RCP Annual Budget
- Amber is working on it, has annual cost for Coordinator and Water Quality Specialist
- Sarah mentioned a NW Ohio watershed that is raising funds for watershed staff by partnering with water company to add $0.01 to all water bills, and add a voluntary tax to fertilizer.
  - Maybe we could do something like this with the electric companies in the area??
  - Amber / Amy will get Buckeye Rural magazine to Kara and Sarah so that they can check into getting our events and an article in there. Possible partnership opportunity??

RCP Benefit Show
- September show was a big success! Made $424.58.
- Should plan another show for Winter.
- Casa is willing to host a benefit for us.
  - Amber will talk to Tim Peacock about booking a date and finding bands.
  - RCP would like Tommy to play again.
- Possibly a pancake breakfast at Applebees?
  - Natalie will contact them about dates and details (maybe sibs weekend Feb 18-20 or Dad’s weekend Jan 21-23)

Holiday Membership Drive
- Sending out letter and holiday card around Thanksgiving has been successful in the past.
- Kara and Sarah will contact Heike to put together a WAEC wish list.
- Amy will get Kara and Sarah last year’s mailing.
Athens Foundation Gift of Giving:
  • Natalie filled out form. Requests contributions (monetary or materials) for camp.

2011 Owl Prowl??:
  • Successful event in 2010, would like to do it again in January.
  • Need to make sure it’s more organized.
  • Amy will check with Pat Quackenbush to see if he can bring his owls. If Pat is not available, maybe Dave Sagan?

Annual Dinner
  • Was successful, great turn out, great food, people were interested in RCP.
  • May need to move to a larger venue next year?
  • Final figures not in, probably made about $900.
  • Amber will get these numbers together and sent out to the board.

Bake Sale
  • Spring bake sale, though rained out, still made about $200.
  • Would like to do one around the holidays at Walmart, Kroger, or Lowes.
  • Possibly Thanksgiving weekend to take advantage of everyone shopping!
  • Natalie has holiday tins that we could use to package cookies.
  • Maybe Crumbs will donate baked goods as payment for GOBA event. Amy will ask Jen

Grant Writing Workshop
  • Sarah and Kara will attend workshop through Buckeye Hills RC&D on Nov 16th
  • Amber will write a check for the registration ($40.00)

DOW Grant
  • Still need to spend over $2000
    o Amy will order microscope (about $1000), divided petri dishes, and pH paper/strips
    o Sarah and Kara will order pfds and replacement nets for D-nets
    o Amy will ask Heike about using DOW for $100 compasses.

NEXT MEETING DATE = November 9th, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

*Action Items Underlined!*