

Raccoon Creek Partnership
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday April 27, 2011
Waterloo Aquatic Education Center

Attendance: Natalie Daniels, Heike Perko, Amber Brookins, Rocky McNickle, Molly Gurien, Dick Hogan, Helmut Paschold, Amy Mackey, Brian Blair, Sarah Landers, Kara Walton, Nigel Daniels

Treasures Report (Amber Brookins): RCP general funds = \$6,427.76; DOW Grant = \$2071.84; Waterloo Camp = \$550.00; RCWTA = \$1,286.18; Total RCP Account as of 4/27/11 = \$10,335.18; Total Account increase from 3/30/11 to 4/27/11 = \$2,354.65; Received - \$900.00 donation from River Rose, \$727.00 from YTD of membership donations & dues, \$127.98 from Apple Grafting work shop, \$228.00 projected from RCP T-Shirt Drive. Fundraising Committee will meet Thursday May 5th, 2011 Room 214, Building 22, The Ridges.

Coordinator Report (Amy Mackey): Attended the Ohio Valley RC&D meeting where they voted to be partners of RCP and paid their \$50 membership dues. About 500 tires were pulled up out of the woods at the Flint Run/Broken Arro area, the EPA through their scrap tire removal program will pick them up sometime after turkey season. Tires were removed from the Orland gob pile so that the project can proceed. Spoke at the Wildlife Club at Hocking College, the club would like to organize a trash clean up in the Raccoon Creek Watershed before school lets out. It was suggested to use them at Waterloo's spring cleaning. Amy and Brian taught Watershed Management Class at Hocking College (sampling and flow measurements). Been receiving a lot of AmeriCorps applications and that one interview took place 4/27/11. Not sure if we can hire anyone because Rural Action has to reapply for the AmeriCorps positions and won't know until mid June of 2011 if the proposal is approved. Molly and Heike volunteered to be on the interview committee. A maintenance project will take place at Lake Milton to replace the slag in the slag bed and possibly the pipes. A sample of the slag needs to be taken but the water level in the slag bed was too high and an attempt will take place at a later date. Will be participating in a Science Alliance at the Piketon Uranium Enrichment Plant on May 3rd & 4th (fish, macros and stream table). AOA (Appalachian Ohio Alliance) holding a workshop for landowners about protecting their land on May 12th, Raccoon Creek will be presenting about Watershed health.

Water Quality Specialist Report (Brian Blair): Sampling is slow due to high flow of rainy weather. East Branch phase 3 is now online. Completed the 2010 Raccoon Creek Water Quality Sampling Report. Been assisting Amy with her presentations at Hocking College and else where within the watershed. Brian announced that he is resigning his position as the Water Quality Specialist; his last day will be July 29 of this year. He and his wife are packing little Lulie to Missouri. He will be missed.

Waterloo Education Report (Heike Perko, Kara Walton, Sarah Landers): Had Family Fun Day on the 9th of April. Had an Education Committee meeting April 21st working out details for this years summer camps. At each of this years summer camps, there will be two field trips, one to Lake Hope and Hocking Hills.

Water Trails (RCWTA) Report (Molly Gurien): Attended paddle Palooza in Columbus April 22nd & 23rd. had a real good turn out at the booth, and made about \$57 in hat sales and raffle tickets. Talked with Phil Miller of Water Crafts and said he has been following RCWTA efforts of designating Raccoon Creek as a State Water Trail and offered any help we may need along with land owner issues. The Annual Spring Float is scheduled for Sunday May 1st, if water level is too high will float on Lake Hope, will meet at Hope School at 10 am. Annual Water Trail meeting will be Saturday August 6th, 2011 at the Vinton Village Park in Gallia County at 1:00pm. Next RCWTA meeting will be May 11th, 6:30pm at Waterloo.

AmeriCorps Report (Sarah Landers, Kara Walton): Helped RCWTA at Paddle Palooza. Talked to the 5th grade science class on April 6th & 8th at the Central Elementary School in McArthur. Went to Wellston Library on April 12th to promote RCP. Will be present at the Hocking Earth Day Event April 29th.

Festivals (Everyone): it was decided to check on what needs to be done so that RCP can have a booth at the Athens County Fair this year.

Greenfire Announcements (Dick Hogan): The Aldo Leopold Foundation has produced a Green fire film titled 'A Land Ethic for Our Time'. Its debut in the Raccoon Creek Watershed area is this Fall. It was asked if RCP would like to co-sponsor the film. The Board asked if the film could be viewed first before deciding to sponsor the film, and the answer was yes. A date hasn't yet been set for the viewing.