

**Raccoon Creek Partnership**  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011

McCoy's One Stop, Vinton Ohio – Guest Speaker Craig Hicks, Wildlife Disease Biologist with USDA  
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Abbreviated meeting due to speaker.

**Attendance:** Sarah Landers, Amy Mackey, Amber Brookins, Natalie Kruse, Heike Perko, Tim Ferrell, Dick Hogan, Kim Brewster, Kristin Kindler, Kenner Sims

**Past Meeting Minutes:** Not complete, last secretary quit before completing them. **Amy has a draft of the minutes, will add revisions and email out to board ASAP.**

**Treasures Report (Amber Brookins):** RCP general funds = \$5303.65; DOW Grant = \$1995.74; RCWTA = \$1003.53; OEEF Grant = \$635.49; Total RCP Account as of 8/31/11 = \$9,782.75.

- Not all camp funds have been moved, so numbers will change!
- Going to look at purchasing some things from the DOW grant to use it. Maybe a few more microscopes, some with lights. Also maybe a backpack electrofishing unit? **Amy will email Joe Cahill for price and info. Heike will write and submit annual report for DOW.**

**AmeriCorps Introductions (Kristin Kindler and Kim Brewster):**

- Kristin – originally from Gallion Ohio, went to school for vet tech, has assisted with some water quality sampling in other watersheds, also assisted with a day of Raccoon Creek Summer Camp this year. Looking forward to her AmeriCorps year as a learning experience.
- Kim – From Cleveland, completed her MSES Leadership project with RCP, studying Middleton Run. Has also helped with several educational events at Waterloo.

**Annual Dinner Update / Plans (all):**

- Reviewed roles of each board / staff member at dinner.
  - **Venue and Speaker Confirmation – Heike (Heike has left message with both, waiting to hear back, will let us know when she hears from them)**
  - **Set-up – Amber, Dick, Natalie, Heike, Amy**
  - **Elections – Molly and Helmut (Amy will send email to RCP membership about nominations)**
  - **Advertising – Sarah, Kim, Kristin**
  - **T-shirts and Stickers – Amy and Sarah**
  - **Water Trail Hats – Molly**
  - **Agenda for meeting – Natalie**
  - **RCP one page summary of accomplishments – Sarah “Year in Review”, maybe use as placemats?**
  - **Flowers and decorations for tables – Amy and Amber**
  - **MC – Maybe Helmut? Natalie will email him to ask.**
  - **Coffee and supplies - Monty**

- Silent Auction – need to be getting items! Kenny already got a gift certificate for Hocking Hills Canoe livery, will get brochures to go with it. Other ideas include:
  - Amber – something from Credit Union
  - Heike – riding lesson and scarves
  - Nathan – walking stick
  - Mike Schooley – food basket
  - Natalie – Cake
  - Fluff Gift Certificate? – Helmut
  - Tie Die RCP shirts??
  - Blue bird boxes – have kits at Waterloo, need to assemble!
  - Heike will contact Chris Schmiel about donating basket from Integration Acres
  - Dick – retrofit consultation

**Newsletter (all):** Need articles no later than tomorrow!! Have most of them, need to have the newsletter submitted to printer by Friday to have them done by Paw Paw, if you have anything to add, get it to Amy or Sarah soon!

**Elections (Natalie):** Amy will send nomination email to RCP membership, need to have nominations in by October 2<sup>nd</sup> to Molly Gurien.

**Paw Paw Festival (all):** We will have 2 booths together again this year (RCP and RCWTA).

- Kenny has offered to help RCWTA with canoes
- AmeriCorps will split time between booths
- Amy will put together sign up sheet to fill all time slots and email to everyone
- Natalie will help set up on Friday, Amy will get the wooden fish.
- Amy will ask about wristbands and set up details.
- We have 6 apple trees to sell and will order shirts to sell as well.

**New Business (all):** Regular updates can be emailed out if anyone would like them.

- Heike mentioned ordering propane, she will check the tank and see if Amber can still order it.
- AmeriCorps will send thank you note to Craig Hicks.
- Amber thanked the board for doing a great job!
- Need to find publisher file of our brochure to get Mike Copeland off of it.
- Dick offered to let RCP folks borrow the Aldo Leopold DVD so that it can be discussed.

**Next RCP meeting Date: September 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. at Waterloo Aquatic Education Center**

**ACTION ITEMS IN RED!!**