

**Raccoon Creek Partnership**  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday September 28<sup>th</sup> , 2011  
Waterloo Aquatic Education Center

**Attendance:** Kim Brewster, Kristin Kindler, Sarah Landers, Helmut Paschold, Natalie Kruse, Molly Gurien, Amy Mackey, Dick Hogan

**Past Meeting Minutes:** Reviewed and approved July and August meeting minutes, no additions or corrections

**Treasures Report (Amber Brookins):** Amber Brookins is ill, **will send out treasurer's report**. Items paid for include newsletters and t-shirts.

**Water Quality Specialist Update (Sarah Landers):**

- VSWCD annual dinner tomorrow night at Wilkesville Community Center. Sarah will be presenting.
- Working on chemical and biological sampling, wading fish sites are all done except for one.
- OU and MRM partnered to buy/build an electrofishing boat. Will be used for larger streams in the area (including RC and LRC) and in conjunction with OU's Boat of Knowledge. (group then had conversation about electrofishing methodology).
- Tours coming up include one at Carbondale on Friday for 6<sup>th</sup> graders and several more throughout the fall.
- Had a TAC meeting this month and discussed projects.

**Watershed Coordinator Updates (Amy Mackey):**

- Fall 2011 newsletters were sent out and paid for.
- **Will be starting membership drive in November**
- Finished all of our MAIS sampling and most of the fish sites (one wading site and several boat sites left)
- Hocking College still wants to do some service learning projects in the watershed and will contact us with more info. **Amy will keep the group posted.**
- **Sarah has been trained on editing the website and will do that when things slow down this fall.**
- Project maintenance by Raccoon Creek folks and ODNR:
  - Raccoon Creek crew unclogged the SAPS at Flint Run and it is now working again
  - ODNR will be maintaining all of the EB Phase I projects this fall and replacing slag and valves and adding some pvc at Flint Run and Lake Milton.
- Harble Griffith and Orland projects are progressing well, some delays due to the rain. Still trying to finish both this fall, may have to winterize at Harble and finish in the spring.
- New projects for 2012 include Lake Latrobe, Middleton Run, and the Flint Run wetland.
- Thanks to everyone who helped out at Paw Paw!

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

- Assisted with Bishop Gardens educational event this week, conducted a water cycle activity and lake illusion. About 300 kids total over the 3 day event.
- Have been preparing for day camps (Oct 1 and 8), will be focused on reptiles and trees/leaves. Some kids have signed up already.
- **Hoping to do a fall clean-up, may work with U Give which is a nonprofit that recruits high school students for volunteer work.**
- Assisted with field work (lots of fish sampling)
- Sending out press releases for all of the upcoming events, will check on radio station 98.7 to see about free advertising for non profits.
- Justice Talking training at Rural Action and Southeast Ohio Watershed Council Meeting.

### **RCWTA Update (Molly Gurien):**

- Thanks to everyone who helped with Paw Paw, Debbie Hillard won the kayak and was very excited (used the kayak that day at Lake Snowden!), made about \$600.
- April Fields won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Freestyle competition that Molly was at the weekend of Paw Paw – Congrats!
- RCWTA treasurers report – about \$900 from raffle, spent \$116.57 for 2 year trailer registration. **Going to put in a grant to ODNR for new trailer, now too many canoes for the one trailer!**
- The chain link fence is completed, **needs a chain and lock for gate.**
- **Need to purchase some things with DOW grant:**
  - Boat cushions for middle of boat
  - Youth paddles
  - Large adult pfd's (Molly will check on sizes needed)
- Rocky will present about RCWTA at VSWCD annual dinner, Molly gave him a ppt to use
- ROAR is Oct 29<sup>th</sup>, RCWTA will have a booth and canoes if RCP folks would like to come and help. **Molly will send out more info.** Possibly have a kids activity?? - Kim and Kristin
- Fall float is this Saturday, at least 6 canoes are reserved, others with their own boats are coming. Need to figure out trailering. Meet at Northup Church, the trip is about 4 miles.
- Rocky is gathering GPS data for access points for Water Trail, Molly has left several messages with Watercraft and is waiting for a reply.
- RCWTA meetings will change to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month.
- **Molly will work on updating website**, has been having trouble with the editing site.

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

- Meat? **Heike will purchase and cook 3 pork roasts**
- **Natalie will send final email about what everyone has agreed to do / bring and make sure that everything is covered.**
- **AmeriCorps will make certificates and auction sheets**
- **Heike will check on venue time and whether they have cups, plates, etc**
- **We will have cards available for folks to label their food.**
- **Amy will bring mailing labels to use as name tags**

- Kim mentioned that Ed Perkins would like to set up a booth about fracking, we agreed to not allow that but he could bring brochures. Dick said that there will be a public meeting about the Athens Fish and Game Club leasing their land. He will let us know when and where.
- Natalie will make the agenda
- Sarah will give brief RC update
- Need to get 50/50 together
- Elections – Natalie will send ballots to Molly to edit and print. 5 openings, have received 7 nominations. After deadline, Molly will send email to all nominees.
- Need someone to bring stuff from Waterloo to center.
- Amy will print RCP and RCWTA brochures
- Molly will bring WT hats and we will have RCP shirts
- Will put sign on door at Waterloo.

#### **Green Fire Update (Dick Hogan):**

- There will be a free showing Friday at Stuarts, Dick will be there. Mid-October showing at Baker Center, Dick will keep us posted.
- Southeast Ohio Woodland Interest Group interested as well as the Athena.
- Natalie will email members about Stuarts showing

#### **Announcements:**

- RSVP thank you event, Natalie will send out email, should at least send card.
- Amy has been contacted by a group doing Purple Loosestrife mapping, they are applying for a grant and are looking for partners, Amy will keep the group posted.
- Dick announced increasing interest in Greenfire

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

**ACTION ITEMS IN RED!!**