

Raccoon Creek Partnership
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday January 26th, 2011
Room 214, Building 22, The Ridges

Attendance: Brian Blair, Helmut Paschold, Natalie Kruse, Heike Perko, Molly Gurien, Monty Edwards, Sarah Landers, April Maffen, Kara Walton, Amber Brookins, Amy Mackey

December Minutes: Approval of the December minutes was tabled. Board members will write up what they said and send it to Rocky.

It was agreed to purchase a digital recorder to facilitate recording of the meeting minutes.

Treasurers Report (Amber Brookins): RCP general funds = \$5767.6, DOW grant = \$2071.32, RCWTA = \$1900.39.

\$1,215.00 brought in from Annual Meeting and membership drive.

\$173 from the bake sale.

\$190.00 (10% of balance) will be transferred from RCWTA to RCP account for annual fees.

Fundraising: (Amber Brookins Next meeting February 10th, 2011, 6 pm, Natalie's house?)

Discussed more benefits at Jackie O's, Casa and/or Uncle Buck's.

Sarah will contact Jackie O's and Casa about benefits.

Heike will contact Uncle Bucks and also Casa.

Coordinator Update (Amy Mackey):

- John Kellis, NRCS Coordinator, applied for funding from NRCS. He included a projector, groundwater model and a YSI meter for RCP.
- Pierce Run project is "complete" , submitted technical report.
- Harble Griffith, going great! Submitted first technical report. Wetland construction underway.
- Orland Gob Pile project will be done Spring 2011, OSM grant was submitted

- Pete Thompson, Ohio EPA, initiated tire cleanup. In the last quarter of 2010, 26,000 tires were removed from the watershed!
- Carbondale Doser: channel will be cleaned on 2/17/11, 2 pm.
- Collectors Permit requires entering 2010 data for every organism collected at every site, RC staff will be working on that, due March 15th.
- All Board Members must check to see if their membership is current.

Water Quality Specialist Update (Brian Blair):

- 2011 Sampling plan put together at the Technical Advisory Committee.
- New sampling points will be established in Feb. with Kaabe Shaw at Flint Run East to evaluate the potential of wetland construction
- Pierce Run also being evaluated for possible wetland construction.
- East Branch Phase 2 completed. First sampling in January indicated the tributary pH has improved from 5 to 7 and 8.
- East Branch Phase 3 is 95% complete.
- Overflow pipes at Pierce Run have been stabilized and repair/completion of the project is scheduled for summer 2011.
- Faulty Lake Milton valve closed off, water now flowing through skimmer/secondary valve. The lake and treatment system is stabilizing and alkaline water is now coming from the system at around 90gpm.
- EB III will be done in early 2011. (Tuscon Construction)
- EB II, all three sites are already discharging high pH alkaline water and having a noticeable effect on East Branch.

Waterloo Update (Heike Perko):

- OEF grant submitted
- Owl Prowl was very successful, despite a very cold night. Forty people and 3 owls attended!
- Heike will check on the Waterloo appliances to be sure they are working efficiently.
- We will ask the Athens Foundation for funds for camp food.
- Will also look at local businesses for donations

- Will reapply for one by one grant for reusable water bottles.

Raccoon Creek Water Trail Association (Molly Gurien):

Upcoming Events:

- SE Ohio Tourism Expo, Saturday, March 5th, 9-4pm , University of Rio Grande, Lyne Center (Molly, Sarah, Kara)
- PaddlePalooza, April 22-23, Columbus (Kara, Molly, Gene)
- Public Float, Sunday May 1st.
- Paw Paw Festival, September 2011
- ROAR Festival, October, 2011. RCP interested as well.
- Public Float Sunday, October 2nd.

RCWTA will not participate in the Nelsonville Music Festival this year.

The Water Trail will be raffling a kayak again this year. Rocky will get one with paddle and PFD for \$350.00

Molly and Rocky met with the owner of the Glassburn Road site and she is supportive of using the site as an access point. Rocky will follow up on the Bakers Landing site ownership.

The January meeting was cancelled due to weather. The next meeting will be February 9th, 6:30 pm at the Wells Public Library in Albany, Ohio.

AmeriCorps Update (Kara Walton, Sarah Landers):

- Kara met with COAD. They have the RSVP program promoting volunteer opportunities for seniors (55 and older). We will consider partnering with them. Heike suggested we could have them volunteer with historical research or gardening at Waterloo.
- Sarah and Kara attended the January AOA meeting. RCP collaborating on a grant for an educational workshop for landowners to learn about conservation and agricultural easements.
- Kara met with Greg Lavelle at the Wells Public Library to discuss watershed educational programs through the library. Greg suggested the Carbondale Community Center. Heike will look into the community center as a possible location for an event.
- We will also consider other counties for future meetings.

Newsletter:

Articles due to Brian by February 14th.

Articles:

- Pam Stackler, Forest Service - done

- Pete Thompson, EPA (tires) - done
- Heike, Owl Prowl
- Amber, Critter
- Natalie, Message from Chair
- Molly, Water Trail
- Eva, Credit Union

Monty Edwards: Testing going well. Will be attending the Governor's Legislative Affairs Conference in March. Will cover recommendations for expediting state permit process.

Passport to Fishing Workshop February 11, 2011, 9-3 pm, Athens.

Next meeting: February 23rd, 6:30 pm. Location?

Action items in red.