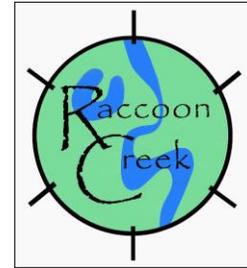


Raccoon Creek Water Trail Association

February 9, 2006
6:30 pm – 8:00pm
Etta's Lunchbox Cafe



Meeting Minutes

In attendance:

Suzanne Fisher, Molly Gurien, Wendy Shields, Ben McCament, Fred Bush, Mike Schooley, Matt Miller, Kathy Sanford, Jeff Fite, Sarah Watling, Kim White.

Group voted on a mission statement---

Our mission is to encourage stewardship, environmentally responsible recreation, and economic and scenic opportunities in the Raccoon Creek Watershed. We seek to promote natural and cultural resources through public access and education.

Webpage:

An employee at ILGARD has offered to create a webpage for us free of charge. We will need to provide a rough sketch of what we want. The group came up with some initial ideas of things we would like to have on the page, including: a partner list, link to Ohio Water Trails, photo gallery of raccoon creek, link to water levels and a description of them, our logo. Members also agreed to send any info they would like included to Wendy, who will put together a rough sketch.

Logo

We need to follow up with Larry Williams on the status of our logo. If he is unable to do it, Kim White has another artist in mind that may design a logo for us—free of charge, of course.

Grant work:

The group decided to pursue grant funding this year (deadline for submission is April 1st) to begin putting in access points. It was decided that Zaleski is our first

choice for these points. Ben, Wendy and Molly all are willing to meet with Zaleski State Forest manager Dick Lusk. This needs to happen in the near future in order to get in on this grant cycle. Ben and Wendy will follow up.

If Zaleski falls through, our second option is to pursue the Gallia County portion of the Water Trail. We will follow up as necessary. Lake Hope is also an option.

Aerial Photo's:

A graduate student from Ohio University (Sarah Watling) will be out taking Aerial photos for her research project. Is willing to work closely with the group- and take members up to help her gather data and to take photos of our water trail sections.... If interested contact Sarah at 740-592-5062.

Next meeting:

Wells Public Library, Albany. Thursday March 16th, 6:30pm.