

Raccoon Creek Water Trail Association Meeting
Thursday, May 10, 2007
Hope School House

Attending:

Suzanne Fisher
John Gregory
Leanne Nabinger
Gary Kellough
Elisa Shafer
Glenn Stout

Molly Gurien
Leah Clark
Brett Laverty
Sarah Watling
Michael Rigsby
Gene Mapes

1. Membership Dues
 - If you haven't done so, please remember to pay your yearly dues to Glenn Stout.
 - ❖ Individual \$10
 - ❖ Family \$15
 - ❖ Organization \$25
 - Membership cards were discussed and will include: website, logo, member name.
2. Treasurer's Report
 - Balance as of 5.10.07=\$287.46
3. The Saturday, May 12 public canoe float was discussed:
 - A camp site was identified
 - Brett set up the docks
 - Ben and Brett shuttled participants
 - From Hope School to Crow Road
 - Meet at 10 a.m. (leave at 11 a.m.)
 - A journalism graduate student would be present working on a piece for WOUB
4. Ben proposed an additional float for June with an overnight at the Raccoon Falls Bed and Breakfast <http://www.raccoonfalls.com/>
 - Estimated cost \$50
 - Ben is investigating
5. June 16th event, Boy Scout Troop in Nelsonville will launch in the morning from Crow Road.
6. Hocking College Great Outdoor Show, October 5-7.
 - Sojourners and Outback want to collaborate and organize a canoe livery
 - Deadline for participation is May 30th or 31st
 - The Division of Watercraft may offer boats and demonstrations

- RCWTA will have a booth or at least be present at the paddlers tent
7. Hocking College students are working on updating the website, creating a newsletter, preparing a brochure and signage.
 - May 25th deadline
 8. Brett will have updates on the display by the next meeting
 9. Launch design project
 - Ben has designs as PDFs
 - Hope School and Crow Road may be ready
 - We need more clarification from the Division of Watercraft (Brett's going to work on that)
 - Use pre-set concrete to have more flexibility in sizing
 10. Sojourners may be able to serve as the "management committee" needed for a 25 year commitment
 11. We will write the plan and Dick Lusk will submit it to the DWC engineers
 12. Regarding launches and other issues, what can we do with what we have now? Could we have a summer trail day activity? Do we have access to ACA funds for small projects?
 - Old RR ties
 - Sandstone blocks
 - 6X8 blocks in Vinton Co.
 - Rebar
 13. Inventory committee update
 - Someone will work on Gallia Co.
 - Glenn can get Vinton Co. plat maps
 - Create a database
 - Contact landowners
 - Do site visits and collect photos.
 - Suzanne will participate on the inventory committee
 14. Molly is invited to Vinton Soil and Water meeting in June (3rd Wednesday?). Brett will email details.
 15. Logos: by June we will have several samples
 16. June 12th is next meeting of Moonville Rail-to-Trails, 6:30 p.m. at the McArthur Community Building.
 - We'd like to have some RCWTA representation to work on collaborating with their group.
 17. Miscellaneous
 - Confirm Uncle Buck's for June 7th meeting
 - Contact Gina Geremia from Athens Tourism
 - Contact Jim McCormick for blog information
 - Contact Phil Miller for an article on the state water trail system

