

Raccoon Creek Water Trail Association Meeting Notes

Thursday July 12, 2007

Lake Hope

1. Treasurer's Report: \$432.46
2. Newsletter update:
 - a. Brett Laverty informed that the newsletter is 75% done.
3. Inventory Committee Report:
 - a. Ben McCament informed that 25 sites in Vinton & Gallia County have been identified, site visits are underway, and notes are being compiled about site condition.
 - b. Committee next-steps include taking photos, determining if RCWTA needs land owner sign-off for access points, and contacting land owners.
4. Canoe Acquisitions
 - a. Raccoon Creek Partnership (RCP) will assume the canoes.
 - b. RCWTA will pay for registration of boats and trailer.
 - c. RCWTA needs to draft an MOA with Vinton County to recognize that if the RCWTA dissolves, possession of the boats returns to Vinton County.
 - d. RCWTA needs to purchase life vests.
 - e. RCP has requested:
 - i. **A safety plan by the end of summer (*Suzanne & Glenn agreed to work on this*).**
 - ii. Documentation about liability issues from an attorney proving that the RCP and/or RCWTA are not liable if they do not charge for canoe use. Reference the "recreational use statute" found in the Ohio revised code. (*Glenn agreed to consult with Warren Lots, a Common Pleas Judge*)
 - f. Waterloo Aquatic Center
 - i. Canoes and other relevant equipment can be stored at the facility.
 - ii. There is a lake on the premises for events and demonstrations.
5. Coordination on trailheads with Moonville Rail Trail
 - a. RCWTA hopes to coordinate on access points and parking.
6. Weekend Float and Cottage Rental
 - a. Raccoon Falls Guest Cottage, <http://www.raccoonfalls.com/>
 - b. Tentative dates include:
 - i. August 18 & 19
 - ii. August 25 & 26
 - c. Let Ben McCament and/or Sarah Watling (watling@ohio.edu) know your availability by August 10.
 - d. Reservations based on availability.
7. Logo selection
 - a. RCWTA voted again, the winning design to be presented at the next meeting.
 - b. The simple RC design was suggested to mark trail heads and other similar markers, all present agreed.
8. RCWTA Display

- a. Brett Laverty will have the display complete next month.
- 9. Hocking College National Timber and Outdoor Show, October 5-7, 2007
 - a. Please plan on attending and participating.
- 10. New Business
 - a. RCP membership brochure was presented and RCP membership was solicited.
 - b. Ben McCament will coordinate with John Kellis to organize a meeting between some members of the RCP and some members of the RCWTA to develop an MOU about the relationship of the two organizations. The intention to allow the RCWTA to take advantage of the benefits of the RCP and remain autonomous.

NEXT MEETING:
Thursday
September 13, 2007