

## **Raccoon Creek Water Trail Association Meeting Minutes**

6-21-08

Annual Picnic Meeting and Float @ Hammertown Lake, Jackson OH

In attendance: Molly Gurien, Ben McCament, Gene Mapes, Heike Perko, Randall Fields (& Family), Glen Stout, Lisa Rudy, Charlie Russell, Mike Riggins (?)

Molly Gurien (chair) called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm followed by introductions of all attendees.

Glen Stout gave the treasurer's report: Currently \$100.01 in bank account with one family and one individual membership not deposited yet (\$25). Molly reported \$120 in Water Trail hat sells plus 3 more hats sold today. Molly reported that she has access to the Raccoon Creek Partnership account online but it did not say RCP on the account. Need to ask Credit Union to add line as "doing business as" so it shows up as RCP. Need to investigate who has access to RCP account online.

Molly and Lisa passed out new RCWTA membership form. The membership form has a liability waiver form on the back. There was a discussion of working with the RCP board to create more universal membership forms and pay structure to reduce confusion about RCWTA and RCP memberships. A membership of RCWTA automatically makes you a member of RCP so a consistent structure would be beneficial and easier to track.

Heike Perko reported on activities at the Waterloo Center that RCP is leasing from ODNR. A local Boy Scout is going to scrape and paint the building for his eagle scout project. Some cleaning has been done on the inside and an office space has been set up in one of the rooms. More cleaning is necessary however and could still use some help scraping since it's a big a job. Molly said she has a computer that she could donate to use at Waterloo. The \$10,000 Division of Wildlife grant for aquatic education equipment has been received as well as the \$2,080 Athens Foundation grant for paint, propane, and water.

Heike also reported that the RCP is going to hold its first ever Poker Run fundraiser on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Currently working on a route and details but will definitely need volunteers and help for the event if anyone is interested.

Molly discussed upcoming events such as participating at the Paw Paw festival again this year. Everyone agreed it is a good festival to set up a booth – joint booth with RCP and AOA last year. Possibly have canoes at the lake this year and do canoe floats? Also discussed the possibility of renting the Raccoon Falls B&B/cabin on Raccoon Creek in Northup for the weekend of August 23<sup>rd</sup>? if folks are interested. Would be a great place to stay and canoe from Northup to the Ohio River (7 miles). Glen Stout also mentioned a trash pick up @ RC County Park with RCP in August and will finalize a date soon.

Charlie mentioned the canoe livery on Raccoon Creek and passed out a brochure. The website for the livery is [www.redsraccooncreeklivery.com](http://www.redsraccooncreeklivery.com).

Lisa talked about creating a message board “racreek” list for people to communicate about paddling opportunities. Ben mentioned that he could put a link on the RCP website as well.

Gene brought up the Moonville Rail Trail mtg and workday on July 11<sup>th</sup> at Hope School. Will work with Ben to get Moonville events to Ben to post in upcoming newsletter and on RCP website.

Heike mentioned the next RCP board meeting would be on June 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Vinton SWCD office in McArthur with a guest speaker from the Vinton Experimental Forest.

Molly adjourned the meeting, and attendees went for a paddle on Hammertown Lake.