

Raccoon Creek Water Trail Association Meeting Notes

Thursday, January 8, 2009

The Ridges

Attendees: Molly Gurien, Chair, Charles Russell, Rocky McNickle, Suzanne Fisher, Glenn Stout

1. ODNR launch grant
 - a. **RCWTA will write a grant** due this spring for a launch on either Crow Road or Raccoon County Park
2. Meeting with Zaleski State Forest manager
 - a. **Molly will set up** a meeting with the manager, Molly, and Glenn about access to RC and advocating an ODNR grant for the launch site on Crow Road
3. Paddle safety
 - a. Suzanne may use the canoes to teach paddling safety to youth in Trimble Twp as part of her position as an AmeriCorps VISTA with Rural Action.
 - b. Suzanne will have to borrow a truck to pull the canoe trailer to Burr Oak State Park.
4. Fence
 - a. Glenn acquired a chain link fence, 24x30, with posts for the canoe trailer at Waterloo.
 - b. **Glenn is going to make a gate** for it.
 - c. The west side of the aquatic education center building will be the east side of the enclosure.
5. Spring Float Trip
 - a. We have tentatively schedule our annual spring float trip for Saturday April 25th, with a recon float scheduled for the weekend prior. Details to follow.
6. Bob Evans Farm Festival
 - a. **Rocky is going to find out** the name of the new manager.
 - b. We'd like to put in at SR 554 and take out at Bob Evans, about a 4 mile trip. Our tentative idea is to schedule a float at 9 am and a float at 2 pm to allow enough time to shuttle people and boats back.
 - c. Charles wants to buy a kayak and paddle and pfd and have RCWTA pay him back, so that we could sell raffle tickets at the Paw Paw Festival and Bob Evans Farm Festival. We'd select the winner during the Bob Evans Farm Festival.
7. Inventory
 - a. We went through sites 1-12 on our spreadsheet and determined the landowners. We will go through sites 13-25 at our next meeting.
 - b. **Glenn is going to check sites 11 and 12** at the auditor's in McArthur to verify the owners listed in the plat books.
 - c. Once we've decided on the sites, we'll send letters with the ODNR form to the landowners and then submit our watertrail designation request to ODNR.
8. Our next meeting is at **6:30 pm on Thursday, February 12 at the Waterloo Aquatic Education Center**