

Raccoon Creek Water Trail Association Meeting Notes

Wednesday, April 13, 2009

Waterloo Aquatic Education Center



1

Attendees: Gene Mapes, Aaron Freeman, Savannah Freeman, Glenn Stout, Ben McCament, Charles Russell, Randall Fields, Vice Chair, Rocky McNickle, Suzanne Fisher, Secretary

1. 4-25-09 recon float near SR 160 bridge
 - a. 9 am-?
 - b. Rocky, Glenn, Randall, Charles, Aaron, and Savannah will all bring own boats**

2. 4-26-09 Appalachia Ohio Alliance event at Waterloo
 - a. 10-3 pm, but **Suzanne will double-check with Heike when canoes there and tell Glenn when to bring them**
 - b. Molly, Suzanne, and Rocky will come—need to let Heike know 664-3248**
 - c. Molly or Ben will create raffle tickets and a sign about the kayak raffle**
 - i. Raffle ticket info: RCWTA logo, RCWTA Kayak Raffle, Name, Phone, Email, all on left side; RCWTA Kayak Raffle, drawing held during Bob Evans Farm Festival 10-10-09, www.raccooncreekwatertrail.org, all on right side for rip-off informational part to ticket buyer
 - ii. Sign info: RCWTA logo, RCWTA Kayak Raffle Emotion Edge, rated up to 350 lbs, 9 ft 8 inches, \$1/ticket or \$5/6 tickets, drawing held during Bob Evans Farm Festival 10-10-09, www.raccooncreekwatertrail.org
 - d. Can we get a digital photo of the kayak and put it on the website with the raffle info?**

3. 5-2-09 spring public float near SR 160 bridge
 - a. Everyone at meeting took some flyers to post**
 - b. The put in is off SR 160 and Cottrill Road—from Athens, head west on SR 32, south on SR 160, left on Cottrill Road, put in river right—gravel pull-off for parking on SR 160 before Cottrill Road—see attached maps
 - i. Suzanne will make a sign for SR 32 turn**
 - c. The take-out is 5.3 miles downstream near Hawks before the Clarion Road bridge on river right
 - d. Ben's bringing the shuttle**
 - e. Rocky invited volunteers to the 8 am breakfast at the Wilkesville Masonic Lodge**
 - f. All volunteers come to the put-in and parking area at 9 am to set up**
 - i. Suzanne will bring a folding table from Waterloo**
 - ii. Gene will operate the display booth with the raffle kayak, tees, hats, membership info, and cooler of pop to sell—we need at least one more volunteer to work at this booth and not float**
 - iii. Volunteers will set up the canopy, table, RC display, brochures, cooler, raffle kayak, and volunteers may pick up parking area**

4. 5-9-09 ReUse Industries community yard sale
 - a. Glenn will bring the canoes**
 - b. Molly and Rocky volunteer to paddle from 11-2 pm**

c. Charles and maybe Gene will sell raffle tickets at the display table

5. Old business

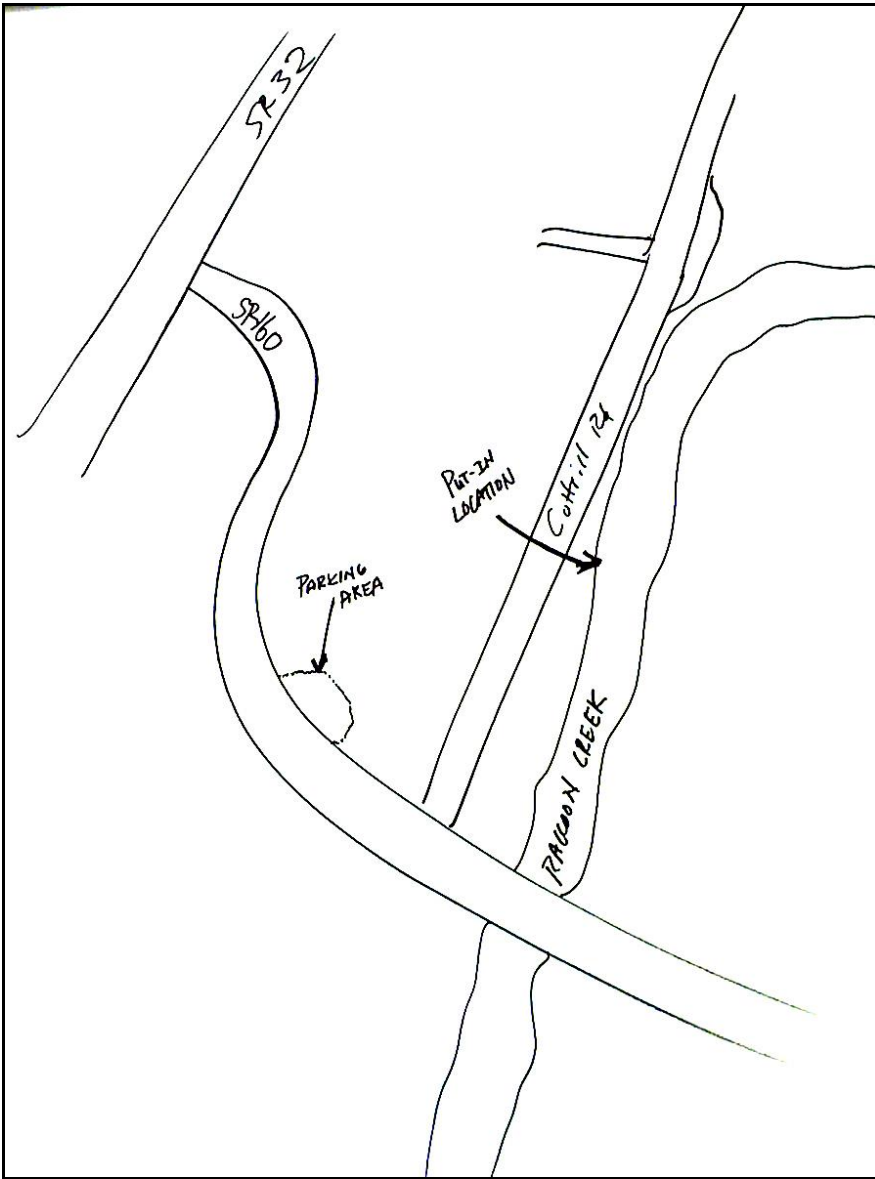
- a. RCWTA approved the business and membership cards **Suzanne created, so she will print some out for the next meeting**

6. New business

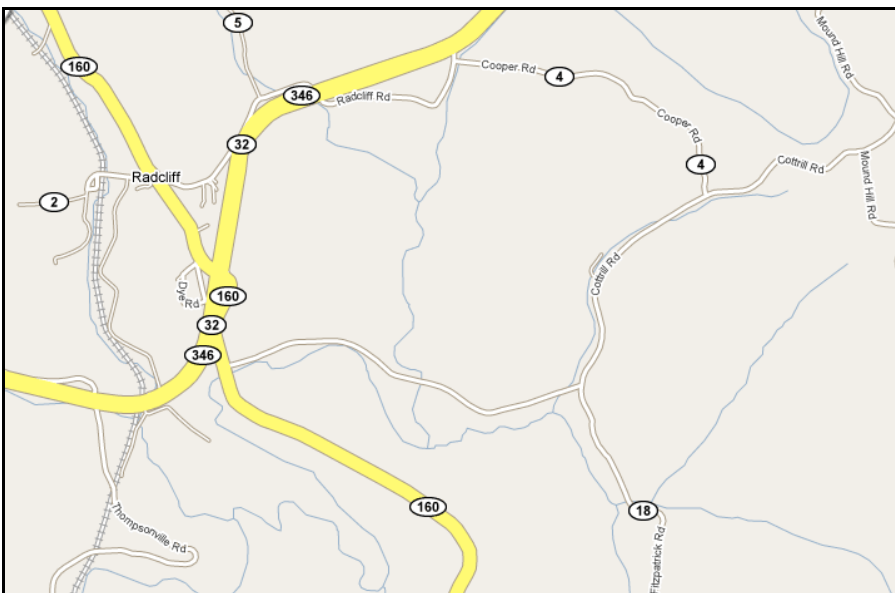
- a. Glenn received the \$179.94 from the old Raccoon Creek Improvement Committee account
- b. Leading Creek has a clean-up scheduled for this Saturday, 4-18-09 at 9 am at the Jim Vennari Park in Rutland
- c. Visit orsanco.org or call 800-359-3977 to find out more about the Ohio River Sweep on 6-20-09
- d. RCWTA decided to become an official sister organization to the Moonville Rail Trail Association, by becoming an organizational member of their organization, while they become an organizational member of our organization—**Glenn will check to see if their organizational membership fee is the same as ours, \$25**
- e. RCP is inviting someone from an ODNR-designated water trail association to speak at their 5-27-09 meeting at the Gallia County Soil & Water District in Gallipolis—**Rocky is providing free food to attendees!**

7. Next meeting at 6:30 pm on Thursday, 5-14-09 at Waterloo Education Center

- a. We will discuss membership and hold elections, as May is our election month and membership renewal month
 - i. Are we doing to align our membership fees with RCP and vice versa?
- b. Possible annual potluck at Lake Hope 6-13-09
- c. SOFA (Southern Ohio Floaters Association) listed a 9-26-09 Raccoon Creek float in their latest newsletter—should we contact them to see if we can do a companion float?



courtesy Ben McCament



courtesy Google Maps