Raccoon Creek Water Trail Association Meeting Notes
Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2010
Waterloo Aquatic Education Center

Attendees: Molly Gurien, Chair; Randall Fields, Vice Chair; Bernhard Debatin, Secretary; Charles Russell; Gene Mapes, Rocky McNickle, Sarah Landers; Kara Walton, Dick Hogan

1. Water Trail planning
   • Problem with Tycoon Lake: No proper access except through a private property, maybe through a canoe livery/campground? Without that access, we’d be at 10.8 miles instead of 10 miles
   • If private access is not available, we’d need to talk to ODNR about an exception, or – in the worst case – cut the water trail into two parts
   • Everything else seems ok…

2. Float
   • Cancellation of the float was regrettable but justified, due to cold weather and participant turnout
   • This year’s picnic at Lake Hope counted as the public float, so we’re not in violation of the RCP policy
   • Next year, we’ll do a Fall float in connection with ROAR at the end of October at Lake Hope
   • Plan: Potentially a float in Spring at a point with a shelter so that people can gather. Possibilities: Vinton Park (in Vinton), Raccoon Park (State Route 141 and 775), Bob Evans Farm
   • Needs to be planned in terms of calendar (action item for December meeting).

3. Canoes from Big Brothers/Big Sisters
   • Sarah talked to them (Jamie). Maybe because of the grant they may need to keep them for a while, but we could use them if we wanted (Canoes, paddles, life jackets and a trailer).

4. Kayaks Option
   • No news on that

5. Rob Wofter Email
   • Marketing ideas, interview with CollegeGreen Magazine
   • Outdoor Pursuits may be interested in doing a volunteer creek cleanup
   • Other ideas are less feasible because they would require charging for canoe use, which we’re not allowed to do
   • Molly will invite Rob for December meeting
6. Cultural / historical resources along RCWT
   - Ben McCament sent us a map and documents from the Raccoon Creek Management Plan with all the cultural attractions and points of interest along the Raccoon Creek
   - Everybody is asked to think about what we want to include into the package

7. Next meeting: Wed., Dec 8, at 6:30 PM at the Library in Albany

Meeting adjourned at 7:30