

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