

Raccoon Creek Water Trail Association Meeting Notes

Wednesday, April 13, 2011

Waterloo Aquatic Education Center



Attendees: Molly Gurien, Chair; Randall Fields, Vice Chair; Bernhard Debatin, Secretary; Glen Stout, Treasurer; Charles Russell; Gene Mapes, Rocky McNickle; Sarah Landers; Kara Walton; Aaron Freeman; Savannah Freeman.

1. Announcements

- Molly will send out the minutes from the last meeting a.s.a.p.
- We have \$ 1600 in the account and no significant activities
- Molly is going to do a presentation at the Paddlepalooza in Columbus and sell raffle tickets & hats
- Sarah and Kara are working on a new brochure and posters – Pictures from floats, etc., are welcome

2. Spring Float

- Date and time: May 1, 10:00 AM to ca. 4 :00 PM
- Meeting place is Lake Hope School/Co Highway 3
- Put-in place is Low Water Bridge
- People with boats should drop off their boats and help unloading the trailer at the put-in place at 9:00 and then drive back to Lake Hope Dam
- A van (probably from OU Outdoor Pursuit) will serve as a shuttle to the put-in place
- Sarah and Kara will start promoting the event (WOUB, A-News, Athens Messenger, Athens County website)

3. Ohio Clean Sweep River Clean-up – June 18th

- RCWTA is going to do a clean-up of the lower part of the Raccoon Creek
- Meeting at 10:00 AM at the bridge at Highway 218
- Take-out is at Highway 7
- Email Sarah <sdlanders@gmail.com> for t-shirts and participation
- Sarah will check out trash disposal options

4. Annual RCWTA Meeting

- This year's meeting with picnic will be on August 6 in the "Village of Vinton Park" at 1:00PM

5. RCP Watershed Camps

- This year's camps will be from June 20 to June 24 and from August 1 to August 5
- Volunteers needed for the Aug 1-5 camp for a canoe clinic

6. Fall 2011 Events

- Paw-Paw Festival: Sept. 17 & 18
- Oct. 2: RCWTA public float
- ROAR meeting Oct 22 or 29 at Lake Hope

7. Water Trail planning

- Rocky contacted Paul Niday (owner of the area around Bakers' Landing at Ingalls Rd.)
- Molly will look into property ownership at Northup Dam
- Finish up mileage
- Molly is gathering information about site evaluation (we need to fill in a form for each site!) – Goal: to submit by the end of the year

7. Next meeting: Wed., May 11, 6:30 PM at the Waterloo Station

Meeting adjourned at 8:30