

Raccoon Creek Water Trail Association Monthly Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2012
6:30pm, The Ridges

Present: Kristin Kindler, Karla Sanders, Charles Russell, Gene Mapes, Molly Gurien, Sarah Landers, Amy Mackey, Kim Brewster

*****ACTION ITEMS ARE IN RED*****

- 1) **Treasury Report:** Balance of \$1,275.88
Molly and Natalie participated in Walk for a Cause – RCWTA did not win, but good opportunity to spread awareness for the group
- 2) **Membership Renewal:** Checked paid membership list (Kristin and Kim are keeping a file with this info at the Voinovich School), **remaining members will bring membership dues next month.**
- 3) Molly brought up the need for a communication system when cancelling/making changes to canoe floats. Amy suggested putting updates on the RCP webpage and when registering, people should be notified of their responsibility to check the webpage for last-minute changes (or call Molly) the morning of the float.

Also, we should specify the need for canoeing experience, especially for floats on Raccoon Creek. Some participants at the spring float on Lake Hope may not have been able to safely paddle Raccoon Creek.
- 4) **Ohio River Clean Sweep – June 16th, 2012:** Kim asked who plans on volunteering. Kim will be sure to notify canoers that they need to check for last minute updates for changes on the RCP webpage.
- 5) **Canoeing at RCP Summer Camp – June 19th:** **Volunteers needed!!** Molly will not be available that day, but Charles, Glenn, and Rocky may volunteer. Any additional volunteers are welcome! **Canoeing date for 2nd summer camp will be announced by Kim and Kristin asap.**
- 6) Savannah Freedman asked to borrow RCWTA canoes on June 3rd for a student-led trip. Molly sent her the membership agreements and boat forms, but has not received confirmation from Savannah yet.
- 7) **June paddling/farewell event with Karla:** Date TBA, probably for the end of June.
June 10th: Canoe Float with Suzanne and Howard Fisher at Lake Hope
- 8) **Final Fridays on Nelsonville Square:** Kristin and Kim will have RCP booth setup on the evening of June 29th, setup at 4pm. They will be selling raffle tickets, selling apple-

grafted trees, and possibly doing a kids activity. Charles may also volunteer and bring the kayak.

- 9) **Annual RCWTA meeting:** Will not be at the Vinton Bean Dinner this year, but will be at Lake Hope shelterhouse, August 8th (tentative), at 5pm. Potluck dinner, and canoes will be brought for use on the lake.

Also, Wilkesville Fish Fry is July 28th (?). RCWTA will possibly sell raffle tickets there.

- 10) **Water Trail Application:** State water trail site evaluations are finished by Kim and Kristin, except for photographs needed at some Gallia County sites. **At the next meeting, RCWTA will draft a letter to watershed government entities about intent to submit water trail application to the state.** Application and the new map will also be submitted to the American Canoe Association for their water trail designation.

- 11) **Karla's Raccoon Creek Map:** Karla presented her map – she is 90% finished with the map and page 2 of the map, and 65% finished with the 8.5 x 11 maps. The map looks spectacular! **Bernhard, Molly, Amy, and Sarah will review the map for edits. Karla asks us to send in specific photos we'd like to see on the map.**

RCWTA needs to look into fundraising for printing the maps, possibly ask for sponsorships. **Karla will call/email Amber again about showing the map to her boss who's interested in seeing it for possible funding opportunities.**

Karla's Master's Project defense is June 1st, at 10am, in Room 214 of Building 22 at the Ridges, Ohio University.

*****Next RCWTA monthly meeting → WEDNESDAY, June 13th at the Waterloo Aquatic Education Center*****