Raccoon Creek Partnership Board Meeting Minutes

August 30, 2018

Members Present: Molly Gurien (Chair,) Jess Makosky (Treasurer,) Glenn Stout, Nora Sullivan (Vice Chair,) Amy Mackey (Watershed Coordinator,) Emily Keil-Loudner (former AmeriCorps Member,) Annika Guorolla (AmeriCorps Member,) Nikki Salas (AmeriCorps Member)

Board Chair established quorum and called meeting to order at 6:36 PM.

Introduction of New AmeriCorps Members, Annika Gurrola and Nikki Salas.

Motion to approve minutes from July meeting by Nora, seconded by Glenn, motion passed.

**Treasurer’s Report**:

* Account info attached.
* Glenn submitted receipts for mowing by Brice at Waterloo - check written to Brice.
* Discussion about Insurance bill which is due on Monday (Sept 3,2018.) Since we are not keeping Waterloo, do we want to pay the whole invoice, or pay on a monthly basis until we no longer need it. It was decided to pay in full as we will receive a refund for unused portion when the policy is cancelled. Nora will look into Ins options for when we no longer have a building and what kind of coverage we need to carry for equipment and liability.
* Molly has handled boat registrations and trailer is also updated so ok for Paw Paw festival.

**Board Vacancy & Updates:**

* Emily Keil-Loudener was elected by the board as an interim member to take Constance Whites’s vacated seat.
* Amy nominated Emily for the November elections.
* Note: Glenn will be retiring from the board in November due to time and family constraints.
* There will be 5 open positions to fill at the annual meeting.
* Everyone needs to recruit for new board members.
* Nominations due to Nora by October 1st.

**Coordinator’s Update:**

* + Welcome new AmeriCorps!
  + Amy, Nora, Annika and Nikki all going to OWLS conference at Stone Laboratories on Lake Erie Sept 6&7.
  + Reclaims/Projects:
    - Daniels Reclaim is finished but vegetation not yet growing. There will be a tree planting there for Earth Day. AmeriCorps members will assist.
    - Ilesboro Rd is still underway, most of the earth moving is done, resoil and replanting needs to be done.
    - Sandy Run - a multitude of permits have been applied for and the last one is the Amry Corps and they have 30 days to respond. Will still hopefully happen in Oct 2018.
  + Abby ordered stickers of the logo she designed and they arrived.
  + The first fish sampling pass has been completed. Most sites will hopefully get a second pass, weather permitting
  + There are still 4 MAIS sites that we have been unable to get to due to high water. They will get done if it doesn’t rain more, but if it rains, they just might not happen.
  + Quidel Cares grant - bring ideas to next meeting, possible ideas on the table are water quality sampling supplies and AmeriCorps Member funding.
  + Upcoming events for participation consideration: ROAR at Lake Hope on Oct 27th (RCP will participate), Midnight at Moonville Oct 13th (RCP not setting up, but encourage people to attend).
  + Annual Dinner is Nov 3 or 4th, Heike was going to let us know about the center. Nora will email Heike to ask if she got confirmation.
  + Do folks want to order shirts? Nikki will email board members with info about the new shirt Eric designed last year. We don’t need the regular cotton ones, we are stocked.
  + Sept 20th is the Vinton Soil and Water Annual Dinner - Amy will go & present.
  + U.S. fish and Wildlife wants to give RPC grants. They are trying to shift to longer term relationships with successful and productive organizations and are encouraging us to apply. They are coming for a 2 day visit to see RCP work in Oct.
  + Science Alliance is Oct 2-4 we will set up as usual at the PORTS site.
  + OMP conference is Oct 16-17
  + Jenny Brancho (wonder Grad Student) is finishing the newsletter. Submit new material to her ASAP
  + Send Board nominations to Nora at sullivn1@ohio.edu. Nominations have been received so far for Emily, Jess, Molly.

**AmeriCorps Update:**

* + Send info about the canoe float to them so they can make a flier for it.

**Watertrails:**

* Canoe float is Sept 29th.
* Kayak Raffle is going well
* FYI: Bob Evans property on RC has been sold, and new owner appears to want compensations for the use of it.

**PawPaw Fest:** scheduling is happening online on google doc. coverage looks pretty good so far.

**Annual Meeting:**

* Molly talked to Joe Johnson who would be happy to do a bat talk but cannot make the Annual Meeting. Possibly Charlene Hopkins - Amphibians?
* AmeriCorps will solicit donations for silent auction
* Amy will do a project/RCP update.
* We should make an effort to invite elected officials
* We will use some of the many coffee cups left at Waterloo for center pieces at the meeting and ask people to take them home.
* More Planning at next meeting

**Waterloo Clean-up:**

* Homeless family living near there. We should probably report to Wildlife if we see them.
* Broekers - Jess is drawing up an agreement for the 34’ X 8’ space. She will send out to the board for review when it’s done. we can get locked cabinets - AmeriCorps will keep an eye out at surplus for them.

**New Business:** Glenn brought maps of proposed APV trails in the watershed for 56 miles of trails. At this point, RCP has no opinion on record about it. It will be addressed if it becomes an issue.

Next meeting set for Sept. 27th , 2018 at Voinovich School

Adjourn, 8:30 PM.