**Raccoon Creek Partnership Board of Directors – Meeting Notes
Thursday, July 26th, 2018
The Ridges, Voinovich School, Athens, OH
6:30-8:30pm**

In attendance: Angie Cameron, Molly Gurien, Glenn Stout, Jessica Makosky, Abby Costilow, Emily Keil-Loudner, Amy Mackey

**Review and Approve prior board meeting minutes:** Jess made the motion to approve, Angie seconded, all approved.

**Treasurer Report:**

Account July (2018)

Share Savings $31.84

DOW Grant $139.06 – ($500 set aside for food for Family Fun day)

RCWTA $3,099.96

NANFA $12.09 - (in Ora Anderson)

ODNR $500.14 - (in Waterloo Aquatic)
Step Outside Grant for camp: boots, minnow traps, & tackle

Business Checking $16, 174.97

American Electric $24.15

Checks Written to:
1. Amy Mackey (Invoice #7)  $1171.91  (Check #1660)
2. Rural Action (Sandbox cable) $11.99  (Check #1571) – Mailed USPS
3. Abby Costilow (RA cups) $5.89 (Check #1572)
4. Emily Keil-Loudner (supplies) $11.74  (Check #1573)

5. Brice Hale (Mowing) $50 (Check #1574)

6. Jessica Makosky (event snacks) $47.30 (Check #1575) – Snacks for public events

Deposits:
1. Casa Nueva Donations $1,765.85
2. Kroger/General Mills $111.67
3. Camp, T’s, Maps, Donations $154.00

- Emailed charity@yourcause.com about the $52.00 General Mills/YourCause Donation received at Amy’s home address.

- Molly reported that the $50 check she sent for PawPaw registration was returned to her, and she re-sent it.

**Watershed Coordinator Update:**

New AmeriCorps Members, Annika Gurrola and Nicolette (Nikki) Salas, have been hired. They will attend Orientation starting on August 15th and with start with us on August 27th.

Amy visited 2 of our projects in progress:
 - Daniels Run should be done by Monday, July 30th. There should be a tree planting opportunity
 for ALL AmeriCorps/RCP in spring 2019

 - Ilesboro, where most of the grading is done, completion is scheduled for the end of December
 2018.
 - Amy will create a before and after projects presentation to share at an upcoming meeting.

Sampling: Only 4 Macroinvertebrate sites left to do, when completed, will start Fish sites. (9 to visit, with 8 of the sites requiring 2 passes).

ORSANCO (Ohio River Sanitation Commission) needs to do fish sampling in Raccoon Creek at Creek Road, Amy plans to join them on Thursday, August 2nd (Weather permitting).

Ohio EPA funded Low Head Dam removal. The Division of Forestry will de-construct the Big Sandy Run low-head dam in October. U.S. Fish and Wildlife is interested in funding another – Donovan Henry – potential partner for future projects. Can only remove dams not serving as a barrier to Asian Carp.

Amy needs articles for the Fall Newsletter. Already including articles about the fall float, out-going and incoming AmeriCorps, an article by the Lake Hope Naturalist, and a thank you to Raccoon Creek Outfitters for the kayak donation. DUE AUGUST 15th so they can be printed for PawPaw.

Money raised at recent events… $500 from Eclipse ($1,500.00 total was raised, and split between 3 organizations).
$300 at Creek Jam for the Kayak Raffle. There is also money in the PayPal account for the kayak raffle. Emily will close it on Friday of PawPaw so we’re certain to manually enter tickets for all PayPal ticket purchasers.
(Up to August 15th, Abby and Emily will manually fill out raffle tickets, August 15th and on, the new AmeriCorps members will fill out the tickets purchased online).

Molly still planning on going online to fill out our RCP Non-profit status form.

Amy reported Dick Hogan reached out to her to see if the board would work with him to address the tree-trimming practices on SR 56 in the Raccoon Creek Watershed. We decided the changes were more cosmetic than detrimental to our watershed, and suggested he work with tourism groups instead.

Shannon Stewart agreed to talk with our board (we suggested February 2019) to discuss getting the word out about the AmeriCorps program.

**AmeriCorps and Education Update (final one for Abby and Emily or Abily if you will):** They have been winding down in hours and prepping for their departure/new AmeriCorps’ arrival. We celebrated them with cake and cards. Abby will leave town August 3rd, and Emily will remain in town. Emily was nominated for our open board seat left vacant by Constance White.

Recently they have worked at Creek Jam, Archery Instruction at the Monday Creek Summer Camp, editing our membership registration form to include “please print” so we can read member names, and finalizing the purchase of stickers with our new RCP logo (designed by Abby). Stickers were priced, and purchase 500 3.5” stickers for $217.62. The goal, to get them printed by PawPaw. Jessica motioned to approve the sticker purchase, and Angie seconded, all were in favor. Abby will work with Amy to make the order.

**Water Trails Report:** Fall Float will be on Saturday, September 29th. It is in conjunction with National Public Lands Day. We will use our usual Thivener location. New AmeriCorps members will advertise the event as one of their first assignments.

Amy will put Molly in contact with Jim Freeman to learn more about the new livery at Bob Evans.

We have a kayak to raffle, thanks to Dustin/the Raccoon Creek Outfitters. Board Members, make sure to sell tickets!!!

Updates on sign installations: Amy emailing Courtney repeatedly. Courtney is out until August 7th. We are still working on the Special Use Permit needed to install the signs.

**Events – PawPaw:**
-Emily will create an online sign-up sheet for volunteers for the booth, the kayak station, and the Slalom race.
-Canoes will run 10am-5pm on Saturday, and 10am-2pm on Sunday.

-We will try to fill more shifts at the August meeting.

-Molly will buy 2-day passes for two of her students who volunteer.

-Abby will try to get the days off from her new job, so she can attend and assist if need be.

-Molly will reach out to Rocky to see if he is interested and willing to help with boats.

**Events – Annual Dinner:**

-Date set for Saturday, November 3rd if the facility is available. Molly will email Heike to see if she can reserve the New Marshfield Senior/Community Center for the event.

-We are missing some of the cute table clothes Amy purchased for our events. Currently there are only 3 left. We will need to find them before the annual dinner.

-Send nominations to Jessica for the Volunteer of the Year award

-Guest Speaker suggestions: Joe Johnson (bat biologist), Charlene Hopkins (Amphibians), or Doug Winn (Snakes)

-New AmeriCorps will work on gathering donations for the Silent Auction

**Waterloo Cleanup:**

-Sorting, recycling, and donations made. More items to be donated, just need to confirm what and where.

-Jess to pick up the trash.

-Amy asked Glenn if any of the tools stored at Waterloo were Glenn’s, he said all tools there are donations to RCP.

-Glenn will also donate a toolbox.

-Amy is stocking a small toolbox for the work truck.

-Glenn’s nephew, Brice, mowed at Waterloo on July 9th and 24th.

-Abby donated a gas can to keep with our lawn mower. It needs cleaned.

-Storage plans… Some stuff is stored in Amy’s office, some at the RTEC lab storage space. Amy will remove 2 desks and purchase 2 shelving units to store the microscopes on. In the past, the Division of Wildlife gave us $10,000-$15,000 for Waterloo equipment, our microscopes were purchased with that money. We need to figure out what we are allowed to do with them? Donation to Rural Action perhaps???

-Need to confirm if we are still storing canoes at Dustin’s livery.

-Need to confirm if Jane and Mike B. are still willing to store our fishing & archery gear, craft supplies, and books.

-Amy needs to find a home for our new aquarium.

-Set a new clean-up date at the August Meeting.

-Glenn will take blue bird boxes to distribute.

-We need to set a price for the fence posts (Heike interested in purchasing)

-We need to set a price for the picnic tables (Molly, Jess, and Amy are interested in purchasing)

**Strategic Plan:** Prior to the August meeting, Board to read past strategic plan Emily emailed to us. Discussion tabled until the next meeting.

**No new Business**

**Next meeting:** Scheduled for August 30th at 6:30pm at The Ridges

Angie motioned to Adjourn, Jessica seconded, all were in favor