Raccoon Creek Board Meeting

Thursday, January 30th, 2020

Action items in red

Present: Nora Sullivan, Glenn Stout, Emily Keil-Loudner, Sarah Cornwell, Sarah Maj, Matt Davis, Chris Kimmel, Kelly Love, Ashley Smith

Minutes scribed by: Emily Keil-Loudner

Quorum established and meeting started at 6:42 PM.

* **Overview of action items**
  + **Nora**
    - personally invite Broeckers to Owl Prowl
    - Greg Nageotte good contact or knows people
  + **Amy**
    - ask Dustin Hoy about good cleanup spots along Raccoon Creek
  + **Sarah C.**
    - transfer money out from paypal
    - how much do we owe on current AmeriCorps?
    - Nora/Sarie, Greg Nadgett good contact or knows people
    - ask Amy about TMDL timeline, when will final report be out?
    - make google sheet for fundraising ideas
  + **Matt**
    - ask Dustin Hoy about good cleanup spots along Raccoon Creek
    - ask friend Adrienne at Live Local for PR help
    - Ask Hoys to come to Owl Prowl
  + **Glenn**
    - make the hummingbird cookies for Family Outdoor Day
    - put up event signs for Owl Prowl
  + **Chris**
  + **AmeriCorps**
    - Ashley, get specifics in writing about requirement for state water trail designation…see if corporate sponsors are still requirement
    - Kelly will look into Domino’s donating food
    - AmeriCorps, work with Chris about getting in touch with Gallia county schools
  + **Everyone**
    - make sure to check sign up sheet before Owl Prowl
    - Next meeting set committees
    - Everyone bring calendars to set meetings
* **Review and Approve prior board meeting minutes**
  + Chris’s update on Gallia County opportunities
    - Amy booked at Conservation Club next week
    - Farm City Days in September, can potentially table
    - Gallia SWCD conservation camp would like a fish shocking demo
      * Camp is June 2nd and 3rd
      * Would like to shock the pond rather than the creek
      * Get Amy’s opinion on if pond is shockable?
    - AmeriCorps piggyback for school trips
  + Matt moves to approve minutes
    - Chris seconds
    - All approves
* **Treasurer’s Report**



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* + Checks from holiday mailings have come in but not deposited yet (~$500)
  + Consolidated accounts
    - Took out Ora Anderson and Waterloo accounts because they were no longer needed
    - Renamed 2 accounts not in use as “Grant 1” and “Grant 2”
      * It is easier to keep accounts and $0 and rename them later when we get new grants
    - Illesboro OSM equipment/supply money came out of checking and into separate account. This money is spent.
    - Sarie, transfer money out from paypal
    - Already received one Step Outside grant
  + Adding/Removing names from accounts
    - Chris Kimmel moves to take Jessica Makosky off OUCU account
      * Sarah C. seconds
      * All approves
      * Motion passes
    - Nora moves to add Sarah Maj to OUCU account
      * Sarah C. seconds
      * All approves
      * Motion passes
    - Sarie is meeting with Molly Gurien to discuss future of water trails
    - Discussion of keeping Molly Gurien on account will be tabled
  + Canoe registrations expire this year
    - Need to determine if we will renew all or only some of the registrations
      * Goes back to future of water trails
* **Watershed Coordinator Update**
  + Presented by Nora
  + Meeting with ODNR about pilot project
    - $10 million/year for 4 years available for projects that include AMD/AML restoration AND economic development
    - This is the funding the that Moonville Project is through (bridges and closing mine openings)
    - Need to come up with projects to use this money or it will be used somewhere else!
    - Came up with 3 priority projects
      * Broken Aro (Flint Run/Lake Milton) doser, reclamation, hunting and fishing access. We will be meeting with ODNR DOW to see if they are on board then putting a proposal together to send to Ben McCament. Hoping to move forward with this project soon.
      * Raccoon Creek Headwaters Reclamation and Education. Lapp Reclamation in West Branch, Water Trail Development, Education Center at the Raccoon Creek Outfitters Canoe Livery
      * Solar on reclaim – probably not in Raccoon Creek
    - Would be very helpful to get state designated water trail – Through the possible headwaters pilot project we could get funding to do this! I’m not saying that we shouldn’t pursue it now, but what we talked about at the meeting was using Pilot funds to make this happen.
      * Only things we don’t have are:
        + Contact person for water trail
        + Need more maintenance
    - Sarie and Molly are going to meet about water trail grant
      * We have gone for state designation before but had requirement of corporate sponsors to help fund the water trails (~$20,000 for stuff such as printing maps, etc.)
    - Ashley, get specifics in writing about requires for state water trail designation…see if corporate sponsors are still requirement
  + Quidel Cares Grant – In 2018 we got a grant from Quidel to print signs to help stop the spread of invasive species. Several students and AmeriCorps have worked on the signs. The sign is finalized and being printed. We will get about 15 of them. They can go to canoe liveries and go with RCWT signs (that really need to be installed) at high use put-ins/take-outs
* **AmeriCorps Education Update/ Upcoming Events**
  + Apple Grafting Workshop
    - March 29th from 12-3 at Division of Wildlife Office in Athens
    - We need to buy root stock
    - Will we provide refreshments?
      * Will decided as we get closer
  + Family Outdoor Day
    - Saturday, May 30th at Lake Hope Shelter House
    - Order already set up with Kisers
    - Talking to Jeremy (Crumb’s bakery) about buns
    - Kelly will look into Domino’s donating food
    - Glenn, make the hummingbird cookies
  + Ohio River Clean Sweep June 20, 2020
    - Need to come up with a goop place to clean up
    - Doesn’t have to be along the creek
    - Need people to help
    - Need a truck to haul trash
    - Need a place to dump trash
    - Matt or Amy, ask Dustin Hoy about good cleanup spots along Raccoon Creek
  + Summer Camp
    - July 13-17th
    - At Raccoon Creek Outfitters
    - Registration will open March ?
      * Need to come up with a date to open registration and post that date
      * Need to figure out the website for registration
      * Ashley and Kelly – talk to Annika if you don’t already know the info about registration
  + Spring Day Camp
    - Still coming up with ideas but thinking a bioblitz or a bird/insect hike
    - Maybe do with Moonville Rail Trail
  + AmeriCorps, work with Chris about getting in touch with Gallia county schools
* **Owl Prowl**
  + February 6th at Lake Hope Lodge at 5:30
  + Glenn, put up event signs for Owl Prowl
  + Nora, personally invite Broeckers to Owl Prowl
  + Matt will invite Hoys to come to Owl Prowl
  + Everyone, make sure to check sign up sheet before Owl Prowl
* **ASAP System report**
  + Ilesboro OSM Watershed Cooperative Agreement Program Grant.
    - Needed to update account info with new people.
    - Working on getting Nora in the system. T
    - his is the way we get money from OSM, to RCP so that we can pay out to OU and ODNR.
    - Right now RCP owes OU $9,375 from that grant and we can’t pay it until we have access to this system again.
* **Fundraising**
  + Before forming Fundraising committee, will get ideas from entire board, then form committee who can take ideas and run with it
    - Fundraising is for AmeriCorps (need to plan on paying $9000 each year)
    - Set goal of minimum of $9000
    - Only fundraising restriction is AmeriCorps can’t fundraise for their overhead
      * They can volunteer, but not organize the event
  + Nora’s Idea: David DaVinci “Thrillusionists”
    - They do shows for fundraising
    - All you have to do is pay for their expenses
    - You sell tickets for the show
  + Raffles 🡪 look into other things to raffle
    - See if Stuart’s would donate 2 Nelsonville Music Fest tickets?
  + Maybe look into doing bingo
    - The one thing that is monitored by the state, check into requirements?
  + Need to work on getting our presence “out there”
    - Tabling more events
    - Bob Evans Festival
    - Mothman Festival
      * Registration opens beginning of March
    - Jackson Apple Festival
    - Wellston Coal Festival
  + The movie “pH 7” is released!
    - Could use for corporate sponsors
  + Sarie, how much do we owe on current AmeriCorps?
  + New EPA Draft Biological and Water Quality Report is out for review (is currently out for public comment until February 6th)
    - Raccoon Creek is alive!
      * Meeting Warm Water Habitat criteria in most of watershed and Exceptional Warm Water Habitat criteria in lower 40 miles
    - Use report as leverage to get funding to maintain treatments
    - Have big public party once report is out!
      * Party in every county?!
        + Partnership with each soil and water
        + Could make a committee for this but depends on timeline
        + We need a PR plan

Need to get media on this

Get someone in media who can help

* + - * + Matt, ask friend Adrienne at Live Local for PR help
        + Nora/Sarie, Greg Nageotte good contact or knows people
        + Sarie, ask Amy about TMDL timeline, when will final report be out? Unknown
        + Need fundraising strategy to gear people towards when we start making contacts
  + Think about where we are having things, such as state parks
    - May get more foot traffic
  + Sarie, make google sheet for fundraising ideas
  + Sarie started process to get Facebook page verified
* **New Business/Announcements/Next Meeting**
  + Kelly decided to stay another year with us as an AmeriCorps!!!
  + Next meeting: **Wednesday,** February 26th at 6:30 PM
  + Next meeting set committees
  + Everyone bring calendars to set meetings
  + Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm