Raccoon Creek Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 24th, 2021

Action items in red

Present: Nora Sullivan, Emily Keil-Loudner, Amy Mackey, Chris Kimmel, Matt Davis, Ashley Smith, Kelly Love, Molly Gurien

Minutes scribed by: Emily Keil-Loudner

Quorum established and meeting started at 6:34 PM.

* **Overview of action items**
  + Matt- talk to Hoys about price for canoe float
  + All- do articles for newsletter due March 16th
* **Review and Approve prior board meeting minutes**
  + Nora moves to approve minutes
  + Matt seconds
  + All approve
* **Treasurer’s Report**
  + Deposit of $3325 – AmeriCorps money Voinovich school paid back
  + Purchase for apple grafting workshop
  + Reimburse Amy for mailing water trail maps
* **Watershed Coordinator Update** 
  + Submitted study plan for next two years of sampling to Ohio EPA for approval
    - Chemical and biological sampling, most biology in 2022
    - Doing some in Sunday, Monday and Rush Creek too
  + Jen spear heading project in Bloody Run Swamp
  + East Branch – preconstruction meeting
    - Just maintenance on steel slag leach beds
    - Start date is March 15th
  + Derek Mills from Hocking Hills Orchard reached out about doing trees again
    - Donating scions and willing to help with grafting
    - Board approved getting root stock for 100 trees
    - Giving us new varieties that he normally does do
    - Glenn donated money for pots for the apple grafting workshop
  + Been doing sampling in Rush Creek in Perry County
  + Finished the story map!
    - Go through and look at it to see if any issues or anything needs added
    - Maybe link Water Trail PDF (small ones with 4 or 5 put ins) in the story map
    - Share it to people too!
  + “From Surviving to Thriving in Appalachia”
    - Published through Ohio University Press
    - Amy, Nora, Jen, Kelly, and several others who work in watersheds wrote a chapter in book
    - We can get a certain number of copies
    - Should get more information so we can advertise books and get them out to people
    - Chris would like to purchase some copies for his store
      * We would look into logistics of this
* **AmeriCorps Education Update**
  + Working on Aquatic Education grant
    - Can get up to $10,000
    - Going to put a lot of small things together on this grant
    - Hoping to do a canoe day with grant
      * Kelly waiting to hear back from Raccoon Creek Outfitters about how much it would cost to have 30 campers plus families canoeing for a day
  + Sent surveys out about Owl Prowl and got really good reviews and even got pictures
    - Sent out 140 kits and still had people asking for them
    - Dropped kits off a libraries
  + Working with OU Museum complex to do small projects
  + Working on newsletter
  + Doser Channel cleaning on March 17th
    - Keeping it to just AmeriCorps event to keep numbers down
  + Ashley and Kelly hosting a justice talk
  + Family Outdoor Day probably be a publication
    - Maybe do something like a bike tour
* **Scenic River**
  + MSES student wants to do the leg work and getting things written up for Raccoon Creek becoming a Scenic River as his project
  + Raccoon township in Gallia county will write letter of support for Scenic River
    - Chris working through getting signatures
    - Should include easements in package
  + DNAP is officially calling Raccoon Creek an “In Progress” Scenic River!!!
* **New Business/Announcements/Next Meeting**
  + Next Meeting March 24th and 6:30 pm via Teams (if warm, maybe outside meeting!!)
  + Meeting adjourned at 7:29pm