Raccoon Creek Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 30th, 2021

Action items in red

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

Minutes scribed by: Emily Keil-Loudner

Quorum established and meeting started at 6:32 PM.

* **Action Items**
	+ Nora
		- have Maxwell come to next meeting
		- register canoes
		- check license of trailer
		- keep checking website for reservations for PawPaw
		- reserve shelter near Ridges for next meeting
	+ Kelly
		- look into if we have Amazon account and if this needs to be cancelled
	+ Molly
		- send us dates for September that you are busy
		- look into pricing of kayaks
	+ AmeriCorps
		- ask local stores (like Walmart) to see if they are willing to make a donation (for or towards a kayak)
		- work on posters for kayak raffle
	+ Amy
		- ask Bob Gable and Matthew Smith if preference for weekday or weekend for canoe float
* Molly moves to accept last month’s meeting minutes
	+ Nora seconds
	+ All approve
* **Treasurer’s Report**



* + There was one withdrawal from the checking account on 6/4/21 for $3.99 for the Amazon Subscription. This is a recurring monthly transaction. May be accidental subscription, need to look into.
		- Kelly will look into if we have Amazon account and if this needs to be cancelled
	+ Deposits will be made once the OUCU account is updated with current board members.
* **Watershed Coordinator Update**
	+ Biological monitoring
		- Sandy Run fish and macroinvertebrate sampling is done!
		- East and West Branch, Hewett Fork, and first main stem Raccoon Creek done with macroinvertebrate
		- Finished biology in Rush Creek
		- Sampling is working around rain
	+ Meeting with Bob Gable and Matthew Smith
		- Matthew Smith Northeast Ohio Scenic Rivers Coordinator and now Southeast Ohio Scenic River Coordinator
		- Nora have Maxwell come to next meeting
		- Need to get a “Steer Committee” together
			* Help secure collaborators and cooperators
			* Talk about what angles that will help secure acceptance of making Raccoon Creek a scenic river
		- Bob Gable and Matthew Smith want to do a float!
	+ Working on 9 element plan for watershed around Vinton low head dam
		- Land owner is interested and willing to listen to our ideas
	+ Have AmeriCorps for next year!
		- Ashley and Kelsea
		- Voinovich School will pay for parking permits again
			* Also paying entire member match
		- Supervisor meeting next week to go over final details
* **Water Trails**
	+ Nora register canoes
	+ Haven’t been active this year due to covid
	+ Need to determine if we are going to have canoes at PawPaw but depends on if we have the people to work it
	+ Would love to have a float for the Scenic Rivers people
		- Could do a regular fall float
		- Or could just take them out as a small group of us (may be better idea)
			* Amy said she would come!
			* Maybe board members and maybe a few others
				+ Like asking the Hoys
		- Plan small group float for Scenic Rivers people
			* No later than October
			* Lets plan for beginning of September
			* Amy, ask them if preference for weekday or weekend
			* Molly, send us dates for September that you are busy
			* Nora, check license of trailer
* **AmeriCorps Update**
	+ We got the grant!
		- Got $4,500 to get things for summer camp
		- Can start buying things tomorrow (July 1st)
		- Have 2 open spots
		- 2 emergency spots
		- Would still like to do a float on the Saturday of camp
			* Raccoon Creek Outfitters
				+ Short Trip: $960
				+ Long Trip: $1260
			* Could also do Lake Hope float
				+ If do this route, need to get approval soon
				+ Would also want Kalyn Callendar so they won’t charge us or make us get special use permits
			* Age group is 2nd through 6th grade
				+ Maybe 2nd graders too young to be on Raccoon Creek
			* Would be a lot of coordinating
				+ Getting boats there
				+ Enough adults with kids
	+ Ashley has been doing data entry and facebook posts while doing MBI internship
* **Other Business**
	+ Molly has a bunch of hand painted signs in garage, would like to put in storage at Ridges
		- Will take pictures and send pictures to Amy
		- If don’t need them, can get rid of
* **PawPaw Fest**
	+ Molly will call Rocky to see if he can help with boats
		- Will also ask Sarie if she can help with boats
	+ Amy will be out of town and cannot help at all
	+ Kelly and Ashley are welcome to come help too
	+ In years past, board has bought wristbands for volunteers
	+ We have not been gifted a kayak
		- Do we want to buy a kayak to raffle off?
		- We have spent $300-$350 in the past
		- There is a high demand for kayaks and are more expensive
		- Molly will look into pricing of kayaks to see if its worth it
			* Should ask Raccoon Creek Outfitters because they are a kayak dealer – see what is the cheapest kayak we could get
		- AmeriCorps, ask local stores (like Walmart) to see if they are willing to make a donation
		- Chris’s store, Twisted Specialty, can sponsor $100 toward something
	+ Nora, keep checking website for reservations for PawPaw
	+ Chris moves to allot $500 for kayak
		- Nora moves to table this at a later time
	+ AmeriCorps, work on posters for kayak raffle
* **Banking Update**
	+ They are processing the paperwork
* **New Business/Announcements/Next Meeting**
	+ Next meeting date:
		- Wednesday July 28th
		- Will decide location at later date
		- Nora, reserve shelter near Ridges for next meeting
	+ Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm