Raccoon Creek Annual Meeting

Friday, November 20th, 2020 at 7:00 pm

Present: Glenn Stout, Nora Sullivan, Sarie Cornwell, Amy Mackey, Ashley Smith, Sarah Maj, Matt Davis, Kelly Love, Jessica Makosky, Chris Kimmel, Molly Gurien, plus many others.

Minutes scribed by: Emily Keil-Loudner

* **Introductions**
	+ Introduced board members, Amy, and AmeriCorps members.
	+ Have been able to continue with work despite everything this year.
	+ Due to Covid-19, we are making memberships free for this coming year.
	+ Introduction of board nominees: Emily and Molly.
* **Treasurer Report**
	+ Expenses:
		- Insurance
		- Trailer registration
		- Waiting to renew canoe and kayak registrations
		- AmeriCorps member match, which we get reimbursed from OU
	+ Revenue:
		- Kroger Community Rewards
		- Amazon Smile
		- General Mills donations
		- Fundraisers through Casa Nueva and Chipotle (before pandemic)
		- Grants (Quidel Cares and Division of Wildlife Step Outside)
		- Merchandise
		- Apple Tree donations
* **RCP Updates**
	+ 11 years of AmeriCorps and 20 different AmeriCorps members!
	+ Recovery & Success:
		- 100 miles me or exceed criteria for warmwater habitat criteria
		- 40 miles meet criteria for exceptional warm water habitat criteria
		- “dead as a bag of hammers” 🡪 exceptional warm water habitat
		- 1981 21 species of fish 🡪 78 species of fish
		- Eastern sand darter, species of concern in Ohio, is thriving in Raccoon Creek
		- Increased recreational opportunities
		- Two canoe liveries on Raccoon Creek
		- **Goal: get Raccoon Creek designated as a Scenic River**
* **Raccoon Creek Story Map**
* **Elections**
	+ 2 vacancies
		- Chris posted link for survey monkey into chat
	+ Molly and Emily elected to board!
* **Outreach and Events**
	+ Mini Ohio River Sweep
		- Litter clean up at Buckeye Furnace
	+ Apple Tree Fundraiser
		- Originally going to do Apple Tree Grafting workshop, but unsafe due to Covid-19
	+ Doser Channel Cleaning
	+ OU Fish shocking demo in the Hocking River
	+ Watershed Sampling
		- Monitoring throughout the year making sure everything is still working
	+ Owl Prowl 2020
		- Will not be in person
		- Will create educational packets
			* With pellets
			* Educational worksheets
	+ Raccoon Creek Explorers
		- Virtual based environmental activities based for students 2nd through 5th grade
		- Activities posed on Facebook on the first Monday of every month

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm