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