Raccoon Creek Annual Meeting

Wednesday, October 27th, 2021 at 7:30 pm

Present: Kelsey Daniels, Ashley Grace, Nora Sullivan, Amy Mackey, Molly Gurien, Matt Davis, Chris Kimmel, Glenn Stout, Sarah Maj

Minutes scribed by: Emily Keil-Loudner

* **Introductions**
	+ Introduced board members, Amy, and AmeriCorps members.
	+ Introduction of board nominees: Nora Sullivan, Sarah Maj, Chris Kimmel, Kate Blythe, Kelly Love
* **Treasurer Report**
* **Elections**
	+ 5 vacancies
		- Emily posted link for survey monkey into chat
		- Chris Kimmel, Kate Blythe, Kelly Love, Nora Sullivan, Sarah Maj have been elected to the board!
* **RCP Updates**
	+ Over 100 miles meeting or exceeding warm water habitat
	+ Vinton and below is meeting exceptional warm water habitat
	+ This summer lots of fish and macroinvertebrates at 22 sites
	+ Preliminary stages of becoming a Scenic River
		- Will be first scenic river in southeast Ohio
	+ A to Z Sanitation spill in Vinton County in headwaters of Raccoon Creek
		- Were releasing more waste than permitted
		- Broke 13 laws
		- If you see something like this in Raccoon Creek or any other watershed, please report it!
* **Outreach and Events**
	+ PawPaw Festival
	+ Captina Creek Festival
	+ Doser Channel Cleaning
	+ Fall Day Camp
	+ Summer Camp
		- Socially distanced at home
		- Meet up virtually with AmeriCorps
	+ Hope to do Owl Prowl in spring
	+ Lots of education and outreach online
		- Raccoon Creek Explorers
		- Educational Facebook Posts
	+ Ohio River Sweep
* **Water Trails**
	+ Promote recreational use of Raccoon Creek
	+ We have a water trail map of Raccoon Creek with put-in’s and take-outs
	+ Had canoes at PawPaw Festival
* **Presentation on Hellbenders by Dr. Viorel Popescu**
* **Kayak Raffle**
	+ Winner is R May
		- We will give them a call!