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!