Raccoon Creek September Meeting

Thursday, September 22nd, 2022 at 6:30 pm

Present: Kelsey Daniels, Ashley Grace, Nora Sullivan, Amy Mackey, Chris Kimmel, Emily Keil-Loudner, Kelly Love, Sarah Maj, Kate Blyth

Minutes scribed by: Emily Keil-Loudner

* **Action Items**
  + AmeriCorps
    - verify date of annual bonfire with Raccoon Creek Outfitters
    - Check in with Pat for annual bonfire week before
    - Ask Pat how long he wants to talk for a bonfire
    - Ask Snowville for chocolate milk donation
    - See how many cooking sticks are in building 21
  + Nora
    - send email to membership asking for board nominations
* **Treasurer Report**
  + No treasurer's report since did one a couple weeks ago
  + Got the Aquatic Education Grant and Amy working on reviewing the final report
    - Don't actually have the money yet
      * Can't submit final report until money is spent
    - It was for camp and everything a little behind
* **Watershed Coordinator Update**
  + ROAR Saturday October 29th
    - usually 10-4
    - handful of people can't go
  + Need to update our display about upgraded to Exceptional Warmwater Habitat
  + North American Native Fish membership is due, $30, and can't get grants through
    - Nora moves to pay membership fees
  + Submitted AMLR project through OU for Broken Arrow Flint Run Wildlife Area in Jackson county
    - building roads, parking lots, trails, 150 acre pollinator plot, habitat, interpretive signs
    - Division of Wildlife property
  + Finished biological monitoring in Sunday and Monday Creek
  + helping with AOA fish demo on Saturday near Rockbridge
  + start chemical monitoring and maintenance this fall
  + landowner in Jackson county would love project done on his property
    - going out Wednesday to do some recon to see if tributary is impacting mainstem of Little Raccoon Creek and how much it impacts
    - Could be a candidate for H2Ohio funding since wetland is there
* **AmeriCorps Update**
  + need to deposit cash from cash box
  + Fall Day Camp October 9th
    - At shelter house at Ridges
    - doing hike and getting into stream
    - will do craft using super elongated pine cones
    - board approved $100 for craft
  + Annual Dinner (Bonfire)
    - Pat Quackenbush said he could do Wednesday October 26th
      * Time: 6:30-8:30
      * AmeriCorps, remind Pat the week before
      * Ask Pat how long-ish he wants to talk for
    - AmeriCorps will check to see if that day works for Raccoon Creek Outfitters
    - Chris has a bunch of pallets and will bring them for fire
    - Smores, cider, and hot chocolate
    - Could advertise as BYOHD (bring your own hot dog)
      * Also, bring own chairs
    - Silent Auction: just a few fun things
    - This will be our October meeting
    - Tasks:
      * stuff for smores
      * cider/hot chocolate
        + AmeriCorps, ask Snowville for donations for hot chocolate
      * AmeriCorps, check to see how many cooking sticks at building 21
      * disposable paper cups and napkins
    - Elections
      * Emily and Molly up for re-election
        + Amy nominates Emily, she accepts
      * Molly is moving to Florida and does not plan to run
      * Need another person, people to ask:
        + Nora will ask Nichole, new environmental specialist at Voinovich
        + Heike Perko also wants to get involved again

Amy may ask her

* + - * + Jess Makosky
        + Sebastian Teas
      * Nora will send email to membership asking for nominations
* **Fundraising Updates**
  + Merch:
    - do we want to do beanies and/or ball camps?
      * Use old logo so not weird when shrunk down on beanie
  + Duck Dash
    - 83 ducks sold
      * officially have broken even
      * Number of ducks sold matches cash prize
        + Next year, lower cash prize
    - one person sitting at table (maybe)
      * with display, forms, and merch
    - Nora and Chris want to be in water
    - Have pool noodles to stretch across of the stream
    - People will be on other side of bridge with nets to catch stray ducks
    - Need cute sign for duck deployment device
    - Amy will text Shannon to see if she will be announcer
      * Shannon isn't able to do it
      * Need megaphone
    - Sarah willing to announce
    - If its really storming, are we still going to have it?
      * If just raining, will do it
      * If thundering, we can try to wait it out
* **New Business**
  + Next meetings is annual meeting, October 26th