Raccoon Creek Board Meeting

Thursday, December 5th, 2019

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Present: Amy Mackey, Nora Sullivan, Glenn Stout, Emily Keil-Loudner, Sarah Cornwell, Sarah Maj, Matt Davis, Chris Kimmel (via phone), Kelly Love, Ashley Smith,

Minutes scribed by: Emily Keil-Loudner

Quorum established and meeting started at 6:34 PM.

* **Overview of action items**
  + **Nora**
    - **Get together with Sarah C. to figure out ASAP system for OSM grant**
  + **Amy**
    - **Need to meet with Sarah C. about accounts, sometime in January**
    - **Amy double check OU invoice for OSM grant**
    - **Do “what’s going on in the watershed” presentation at next meeting?**
    - **Send holiday mailing to mouth of West Branch landowners**
    - **Ask Chris Gilkey for dog demo at Family Outdoor Day**
  + **Sarah C.**
    - **Get together with people as mentioned about**
    - **Organize fundraising meeting for early January**
  + **Matt**
    - **Ask Larry Harris about 4H air rifle trailer for Family Outdoor Day**
    - **Talk to Mike Reynolds (DOW) about doing public meeting presentation about Grouse**
  + **Glenn**
    - **Ask division of wildlife about 3D targets for Family Outdoor Day**
  + **Chris**
    - **Let us know if anything in Gallia county we could table at or schools to do lessons at**
  + **AmeriCorps**
    - **Get cups from Rural Action for Owl Prowl**
  + **Everyone**
    - **Pay attention to email for planning about Owl Prowl**
  + **AT JANUARY MEETING – discuss bank account, need to minute changes so that Jess Makosky is removed from the account and Sarah Maj is added to the account. Molly Gurien?**
* **Treasurer’s Report**



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* + Amy and Sarah, meet about accounts in January
  + Deposits
    - Annual dinner 🡪 $445.00 in memberships
      * Silent auction 🡪 $616.00
      * Square reader 🡪 $52.77 for plant donation from Michelle Shively and silent auction win
    - Lake Hope Event 🡪 $70.00
    - Raffle tickets 🡪 $80
    - T-shirt deposit 🡪 $12
    - Little Fish fundraiser 🡪 $70
    - Plant donation 🡪 $8
  + Expenditures
    - 2018-2019 AmeriCorps mileage 🡪 -$659.03
    - Postage
  + Sarah C. and Nora need to get together to figure out ASAP system for OSM grant
  + Amy double check OU invoice for OSM grant
* **Board Positions**
  + Chair – Nora Sullivan
  + Vice Chair – Matt Davis
  + Secretary – Emily Keil-Loudner
  + Treasurer Sarah Cornwell
    - Ass. Treasurer – Sarah Maj
  + Matt moves to accept the slate of offices
  + Sarah C. seconds
  + All approve
* **Watershed Coordinator Update**
  + Met with new head of Ohio EPA Non-point source 319 grants – John Matthews
    - Gave update on what’s been going on in the watersheds
    - 319 grants will continue (yay!)
    - John’s background is in stormwater and he is supportive of our projects and wants to be invited to events.
  + Holiday mailings went out
  + Caught up on chemical sampling
  + Chemical data from Cambridge lab is being automatically entered into watershed database
    - Still going to verify at first
    - Still need to enter flow and field data
  + Next board meeting, Amy does normal “what’s going on in the watershed” presentation
  + West Branch of Raccoon Creek
    - $2.5 million of reclamation projects have been put in the West Branch of Raccoon Creek
    - Would be meeting warm water habitat except for mouth of West Branch has a cow farm and suffers from a lot of erosion
    - Amy has talked to landowners in the past, but it’s been awhile
      * Will send holiday mailing to landowners
      * Maybe see if interested in EPA riparian education grant
    - May talk to Vinton Soil and Water Conservation District about this to see if they have programs available to assist with alternative water source for cattle and exclusion fencing.
* **AmeriCorps Education Update**
  + Event planning
    - Summer Camp
      * Where: Raccoon Creek Outfitters
      * When: July 13-17
      * Will need volunteers!
    - Apple Grafting Event
      * $10
      * When: March 29th from 12-3
      * Where: ODNR District 4 conference room on State St. in Athens
    - Family Outdoor Day (FOD)
      * When: May 30th from 12-3
      * Where: Lake Hope Shelter house (pending Lake Hope approval)
      * Food
        + Received grant for food for FOD, $500
        + May need to consider getting more food, ran out quickly last year
        + Table discussion on RCP pitching in to buy more food
      * Matt has friend (Larry Harris) who has 4H mobile air rifle trailer
        + Matt- reach out to Larry Harris
      * Amy, ask Chris Gilkey about dog demo
      * Division of Wildlife has 3D targets for archery
        + Glenn, see if we could use them?
    - Outreach to Schools
      * Currently looking
      * Chris, let us know about anything in Gallia County we could table or schools to do lessons at
* **Upcoming Events**
  + Owl Prowl
    - When: Thursday February 6th from 5:30 – 8 pm
    - Where: Lake Hope Lodge
    - Confirmed with Pat Quackenbush, Kaylin Callendar, and Lake Hope
    - Will personally invite Broeckers and Raccoon Creek Outfitters
      * Were going to give 2 volunteer of the year awards to them at annual dinner but neither attended
      * Broeckers allowed us to store our stuff while finding new permanent storage place
      * RC Outfitters donated kayak past 2 years and allowed us to host summer camp on their property
    - No snacks allowed, hot chocolate ok
    - Need to ask Jess for propane cooker
      * Glenn also has propane cooker
    - Most planning will be by email, so pay attention to emails!
    - AmeriCorps contact Rural Action for cups
* **AmeriCorps 2020-2021 Funding**
  + Starting July 1, 2020 funding from ODNR Mineral Resource Management will be significantly reduced
  + RCP needs to start thinking about fundraising
  + Also need to be prepared to only have one AmeriCorps member
  + Lorraine McCosker has said she would be willing to help
* **Fundraising**
  + Designate one meeting for fundraising (maybe even in January)
  + A goal of RCP is to find some significant financial backing (i.e. corporate sponsorship) to be sustainable
    - We don’t know how to do that
      * Will never do a poker run again
  + When EPA report is official released, they want to do an EPA success story (on the Federal level)
    - Could use to help get funding
    - Just need to make it until then
  + Kelly’s mom is a newspaper editor, maybe can write something about it
  + Sarah C., organize fundraising meeting for early January
* **New Business/Announcements/Next Meeting**
  + Ohio Wildlife Conference
    - January 24th
    - Amy doing talk
  + Ohio Diversity Conference
    - March 5th
  + Matt talk to Mike Reynolds about doing public meeting about Grouse
  + Next Meeting
    - Thursday, January 30th at 6:30 pm
  + Meeting adjourned at 8:ll pm