Raccoon Creek Board Meeting

Thursday, December 5th, 2019

Action items in red

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**





* + 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