Raccoon Creek Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 6th, 2020

Action items in red

Present: Nora Sullivan, Glenn Stout, Emily Keil-Loudner, Sarah Cornwell, Chris Kimmel, Ashley Smith, Amy Mackey, Molly Gurien

Minutes scribed by: Emily Keil-Loudner

Quorum established and meeting started at 6:37 PM.

* **Overview of action items**
  + **Nora**
    - Greg Nadgett good contact or knows people
    - Make google sheet for fundraising ideas
    - Go to bank to add/remove names from account
  + **Amy**
    - ask Dustin Hoy about good cleanup spots along Raccoon Creek
    - ask ODNR to send Moonville Rail Trail updates to Brian Blair
  + **Sarah C.**
    - transfer money out from paypal
    - Nora/Sarie, Greg Nadgett good contact or knows people
  + **Matt**
    - ask Dustin Hoy about good cleanup spots along Raccoon Creek
    - ask friend Adrienne at Live Local for PR help
  + **Glenn**
    - make the hummingbird cookies for Family Outdoor Day
      * Look into getting Asian carp hot dogs for FOD
    - Recon float with Molly for Ohio Clean Sweep
  + **Molly**
    - recon float with Glenn for Ohio Clean Sweep
  + **Chris**
    - ask other outfitters about location for Ohio River Sweep
    - reach out to groups (such as 4H) to see if interested in doing a float/cleanup for Ohio River Sweep
    - Get more info about Vinton conservation arts fair
  + **AmeriCorps**
    - Kelly will look into Domino’s donating food
  + **Everyone**
* **Review and Approve prior board meeting minutes**
  + Sarie moves to approve minutes
    - Chris seconds
    - All approves
* **Treasurer’s Report**

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* + Didn’t move paypal money, but will move it to business checking
    - This money is from kayak raffle and summer camp registrations
  + Received another Step Outside Grant
  + OSM grant came and went
  + Amazon Smile deposit (~$25)
  + Stuff for apple grafting workshop ($203.75)
  + Stamps ($55)
  + Holiday mailings ($775)
  + Spent $448 on Quidel Invasive Species signs
  + Have not removed Jess from account yet (needed Secretary to sign meeting minutes)
    - Nora, go to bank to add and remove names from account
    - Sarah Maj is willing to step up as Treasurer
    - Table decision to remove Sarie and Molly from account
  + Do we want to keep water trails account separate?
    - Most important thing is to keep money for boat registrations
    - All boat registrations expire March 2020
      * $20 for 3 year registrations
      * $320 once every 3 years
      * We mostly use boats for Paw Paw festival
      * Do we want to keep boats?
        + Can renew this year and if make good use of them, then continue to register
      * Chris moves to renew boat registration and track usage
        + Emily second
        + All approve
    - Chad Circamp from Perry Health department wants to do canoe skills course
      * Could be used as an option for fundraising
      * Molly, find out how many are interested
        + For every 6 people, need 1 instructor
        + Molly has friend in Wisconsin who could help teach
* **Upcoming Events** 
  + Ohio River Sweep
    - June 20th
    - Possibly do a float?
    - Potential spots:
      * Low water bridge to Hope School
      * Maybe downstream section of Raccoon Creek
      * King Hollow Rd if no float or back up to do stream conditions
    - Matt, ask Dustin about good spots
    - Molly and Glenn, do recon float?
    - Chris reach out to groups (such as 4H) to see if interested in doing a float/clean up for Ohio River Sweep
    - Chris, ask other outfitters about location for Ohio River Sweep
* **ASAP System report**
  + It works! Money has successfully been transferred
  + Sarah Cornwell and Molly both removed and Nora added
* **Watershed Coordinator Update**
  + AmeriCorps commitment
    - Amy asked Voinovich school to help with 2 AmeriCorps
    - AmeriCorps cost $9000 from host site for 1 year of service
      * ODNR Mineral Resource Management used to pay all that
      * Past few years, RCP has been helping with some and the rest comes from ODNR grant
      * This coming year, will not have that extra money
    - Amy proposed RCP commits $6000 for 2 AmeriCorps and Voinovich commits $12,000
    - Amy asked for 5-year commitment
    - The AmeriCorps do a lot for the Voinovich School, such has help with events, helping with student research, teach classes, etc.
    - Just waiting for response
  + Amy Update
    - Tuscawaras watershed has a water trail and map now!
      * According to state website, Raccoon Creek is “a work in progress” as a water trail
    - Bob Gable Scenic Rivers Coordinator conversation
      * No scenic rivers or coordinator program in southeast Ohio (on scenic rivers map, southeast Ohio is perfect spot for the legend)
      * Bob Gable said that he needs a grass roots organization to approach him
        + We are that grass roots organization
      * Amy has meeting with him
      * Will need to have landowner cooperation for this to work
        + Do not need to be the whole creek, but needs landowner cooperation because it is protection for the creek
    - Ohio EPA wants Amy to write 1-page success story of Raccoon Creek which will go up to US EPA.
    - Ohio Mineland Partnership Meeting
      * October 13 and 14th Salem, Ohio
      * Dues notice (they usually pay for everyone to go to meeting)
      * Nora moves to pay dues
      * Emily seconds
      * All approve
    - Moonville Rail Trail
      * Pilot Project Mineland Reclamation and economic benefit
        + Just met with ODNR

If work with ODNR on other projects through the program, can get some personnel funding

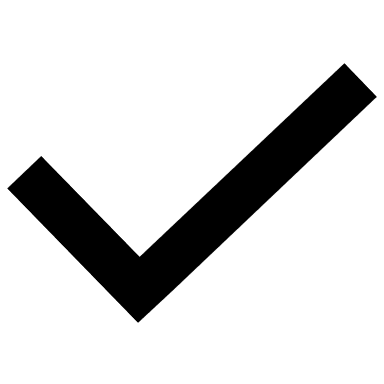
* + - * + Amy has meeting with Division of Wildlife about Broken Arrow Wildlife Area (Wellston, OH)

Could use more reclamation 🡪 mixing limestone fines and adding limestone doser (passive treatments not working well enough)

Enhance Broken Arrow Wildlife area

It’s a huge unused wildlife area

Enhance roads, provide fishing access, handicap access, and handicap accessible hunting blinds

* + - * + The decision is up to Division of Wildlife if they want to pursue
      * Amy, ask ODNR to send Moonville Rail Trail updates to Brian Blair
* **AmeriCorps Education Update**
  + Spring Day Camp
    - April 25th 12:30- 2 or 3
    - Moonville area
    - Quick bioblitz
  + Ohio River Festival
    - Brooke Sanderson started this
    - Amy’s taking stream table
  + Going to Hocking county to different libraries
  + Going to Green elementary
    - Bring tents
  + Ashley is talking to someone about water trail tomorrow
    - Do we still need corporate sponsor?
    - Have everything in writing
    - What are other requirements
* **Fundraising**
  + Ohio University alumni spotlight claimed alumni money helped with Raccoon Creek Restoration
    - Not true, money comes through grants from state, such as Ohio EPA and Ohio DNR.
    - Could use this as a dialogue starter if they want to make that claim
  + Idea: have suggested donation for canoe floats
  + Committees We Need:
    - Already in By laws:
      * Finance/fundraising 🡪 treasure heads
        + Chris
      * Membership and Development/Outreach
        + Chris
    - Special Committees:
      * Water Trails
        + Nora
        + Molly
* **New Business/Announcements/Next Meeting**
  + Signs for Quidel Cares grant (invasive species signs) came in!
    - AmeriCorps coming up with list of places to put signs
    - AmeriCorps will coordinate with Glenn about spots
  + Quidel Cares grant deadline is March 6th
    - Nora and Ashley, write and send email for boat registration
  + Town of Vinton is doing conservation arts fair
    - Chris, get more info on this fair
  + Discussion tabled about moving meeting elsewhere
  + Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 25th at 6:30 PM
  + Meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm