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**





* + 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