Raccoon Creek Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 24th, 2021

Action items in red

Present: Nora Sullivan, Emily Keil-Loudner, Amy Mackey, Chris Kimmel, Matt Davis, Ashley Smith, Kelly Love, Molly Gurien

Minutes scribed by: Emily Keil-Loudner

Quorum established and meeting started at 6:34 PM.

* **Overview of action items**
	+ Matt- talk to Hoys about price for canoe float
	+ All- do articles for newsletter due March 16th
* **Review and Approve prior board meeting minutes**
	+ Nora moves to approve minutes
	+ Matt seconds
	+ All approve
* **Treasurer’s Report**
	+ Deposit of $3325 – AmeriCorps money Voinovich school paid back
	+ Purchase for apple grafting workshop
	+ Reimburse Amy for mailing water trail maps
* **Watershed Coordinator Update**
	+ Submitted study plan for next two years of sampling to Ohio EPA for approval
		- Chemical and biological sampling, most biology in 2022
		- Doing some in Sunday, Monday and Rush Creek too
	+ Jen spear heading project in Bloody Run Swamp
	+ East Branch – preconstruction meeting
		- Just maintenance on steel slag leach beds
		- Start date is March 15th
	+ Derek Mills from Hocking Hills Orchard reached out about doing trees again
		- Donating scions and willing to help with grafting
		- Board approved getting root stock for 100 trees
		- Giving us new varieties that he normally does do
		- Glenn donated money for pots for the apple grafting workshop
	+ Been doing sampling in Rush Creek in Perry County
	+ Finished the story map!
		- Go through and look at it to see if any issues or anything needs added
		- Maybe link Water Trail PDF (small ones with 4 or 5 put ins) in the story map
		- Share it to people too!
	+ “From Surviving to Thriving in Appalachia”
		- Published through Ohio University Press
		- Amy, Nora, Jen, Kelly, and several others who work in watersheds wrote a chapter in book
		- We can get a certain number of copies
		- Should get more information so we can advertise books and get them out to people
		- Chris would like to purchase some copies for his store
			* We would look into logistics of this
* **AmeriCorps Education Update**
	+ Working on Aquatic Education grant
		- Can get up to $10,000
		- Going to put a lot of small things together on this grant
		- Hoping to do a canoe day with grant
			* Kelly waiting to hear back from Raccoon Creek Outfitters about how much it would cost to have 30 campers plus families canoeing for a day
	+ Sent surveys out about Owl Prowl and got really good reviews and even got pictures
		- Sent out 140 kits and still had people asking for them
		- Dropped kits off a libraries
	+ Working with OU Museum complex to do small projects
	+ Working on newsletter
	+ Doser Channel cleaning on March 17th
		- Keeping it to just AmeriCorps event to keep numbers down
	+ Ashley and Kelly hosting a justice talk
	+ Family Outdoor Day probably be a publication
		- Maybe do something like a bike tour
* **Scenic River**
	+ MSES student wants to do the leg work and getting things written up for Raccoon Creek becoming a Scenic River as his project
	+ Raccoon township in Gallia county will write letter of support for Scenic River
		- Chris working through getting signatures
		- Should include easements in package
	+ DNAP is officially calling Raccoon Creek an “In Progress” Scenic River!!!
* **New Business/Announcements/Next Meeting**
	+ Next Meeting March 24th and 6:30 pm via Teams (if warm, maybe outside meeting!!)
	+ Meeting adjourned at 7:29pm