Raccoon Creek Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 30th, 2021

Action items in red

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

Minutes scribed by: Emily Keil-Loudner

Quorum established and meeting started at 6:32 PM.

* **Action Items**
  + Nora
    - have Maxwell come to next meeting
    - register canoes
    - check license of trailer
    - keep checking website for reservations for PawPaw
    - reserve shelter near Ridges for next meeting
  + Kelly
    - look into if we have Amazon account and if this needs to be cancelled
  + Molly
    - send us dates for September that you are busy
    - look into pricing of kayaks
  + AmeriCorps
    - ask local stores (like Walmart) to see if they are willing to make a donation (for or towards a kayak)
    - work on posters for kayak raffle
  + Amy
    - ask Bob Gable and Matthew Smith if preference for weekday or weekend for canoe float
* Molly moves to accept last month’s meeting minutes
  + Nora seconds
  + All approve
* **Treasurer’s Report**

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* + There was one withdrawal from the checking account on 6/4/21 for $3.99 for the Amazon Subscription. This is a recurring monthly transaction. May be accidental subscription, need to look into.
    - Kelly will look into if we have Amazon account and if this needs to be cancelled
  + Deposits will be made once the OUCU account is updated with current board members.
* **Watershed Coordinator Update** 
  + Biological monitoring
    - Sandy Run fish and macroinvertebrate sampling is done!
    - East and West Branch, Hewett Fork, and first main stem Raccoon Creek done with macroinvertebrate
    - Finished biology in Rush Creek
    - Sampling is working around rain
  + Meeting with Bob Gable and Matthew Smith
    - Matthew Smith Northeast Ohio Scenic Rivers Coordinator and now Southeast Ohio Scenic River Coordinator
    - Nora have Maxwell come to next meeting
    - Need to get a “Steer Committee” together
      * Help secure collaborators and cooperators
      * Talk about what angles that will help secure acceptance of making Raccoon Creek a scenic river
    - Bob Gable and Matthew Smith want to do a float!
  + Working on 9 element plan for watershed around Vinton low head dam
    - Land owner is interested and willing to listen to our ideas
  + Have AmeriCorps for next year!
    - Ashley and Kelsea
    - Voinovich School will pay for parking permits again
      * Also paying entire member match
    - Supervisor meeting next week to go over final details
* **Water Trails**
  + Nora register canoes
  + Haven’t been active this year due to covid
  + Need to determine if we are going to have canoes at PawPaw but depends on if we have the people to work it
  + Would love to have a float for the Scenic Rivers people
    - Could do a regular fall float
    - Or could just take them out as a small group of us (may be better idea)
      * Amy said she would come!
      * Maybe board members and maybe a few others
        + Like asking the Hoys
    - Plan small group float for Scenic Rivers people
      * No later than October
      * Lets plan for beginning of September
      * Amy, ask them if preference for weekday or weekend
      * Molly, send us dates for September that you are busy
      * Nora, check license of trailer
* **AmeriCorps Update**
  + We got the grant!
    - Got $4,500 to get things for summer camp
    - Can start buying things tomorrow (July 1st)
    - Have 2 open spots
    - 2 emergency spots
    - Would still like to do a float on the Saturday of camp
      * Raccoon Creek Outfitters
        + Short Trip: $960
        + Long Trip: $1260
      * Could also do Lake Hope float
        + If do this route, need to get approval soon
        + Would also want Kalyn Callendar so they won’t charge us or make us get special use permits
      * Age group is 2nd through 6th grade
        + Maybe 2nd graders too young to be on Raccoon Creek
      * Would be a lot of coordinating
        + Getting boats there
        + Enough adults with kids
  + Ashley has been doing data entry and facebook posts while doing MBI internship
* **Other Business**
  + Molly has a bunch of hand painted signs in garage, would like to put in storage at Ridges
    - Will take pictures and send pictures to Amy
    - If don’t need them, can get rid of
* **PawPaw Fest**
  + Molly will call Rocky to see if he can help with boats
    - Will also ask Sarie if she can help with boats
  + Amy will be out of town and cannot help at all
  + Kelly and Ashley are welcome to come help too
  + In years past, board has bought wristbands for volunteers
  + We have not been gifted a kayak
    - Do we want to buy a kayak to raffle off?
    - We have spent $300-$350 in the past
    - There is a high demand for kayaks and are more expensive
    - Molly will look into pricing of kayaks to see if its worth it
      * Should ask Raccoon Creek Outfitters because they are a kayak dealer – see what is the cheapest kayak we could get
    - AmeriCorps, ask local stores (like Walmart) to see if they are willing to make a donation
    - Chris’s store, Twisted Specialty, can sponsor $100 toward something
  + Nora, keep checking website for reservations for PawPaw
  + Chris moves to allot $500 for kayak
    - Nora moves to table this at a later time
  + AmeriCorps, work on posters for kayak raffle
* **Banking Update**
  + They are processing the paperwork
* **New Business/Announcements/Next Meeting**
  + Next meeting date:
    - Wednesday July 28th
    - Will decide location at later date
    - Nora, reserve shelter near Ridges for next meeting
  + Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm