Raccoon Creek November Meeting

Wednesday, November 17th, 2021 at 6:00 pm

Present: Kelsey Daniels, Ashley Grace, Nora Sullivan, Amy Mackey, Chris Kimmel, Emily Keil-Loudner, Kate Blyth, Kelly Love

Minutes scribed by: Emily Keil-Loudner

* **Action Items**
	+ Nora
		- Send out bylaws to board members to sign
		- Plan Fundraising Committee meeting with Chris and Kate for December
	+ Amy
		- Ask ODNR for invoice for OSM grant
	+ Emily
		- Write Quidel grant for new computer for Augmented Reality Watershed Sandbox
	+ Chris
		- Do a demo of Electronic White Board or Google White space and show us at next meeting
	+ Ashley
		- Make new shirt design
	+ AmeriCorps
		- Plan event to get people to put Water Trail put in and take out signs
		- Get in touch with Glenn and Molly about Water Trail signs
		- Get in touch with Ellie from Captina Creek about doing duck race
		- Write Step Outside Grant (and Aquatic Education Grant?) for events such as Family Outdoor Day or Summer Camp
	+ All board members
		- Sign bylaws
		- Collect round pinecones for AmeriCorps
		- Do board hike at Moonville Tunnel
* **Treasurer Report**
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	+ 11/10/21- Genesis Education Pellet- $153.00- What is this transaction? Should it come from general? Does someone need repaid?
	+ We have been fully reimbursed for the Americorps match and the steel slag project as of today!
	+ Amy has been working on spending down the OSM money and is getting very close, on $73.88 left in that account.
	+ **Please, in the future if everyone who is seeking reimbursement create a simple invoice indicating all refunds and from which sub-accounts they should come out. If you are not sure which account, please ask! Also please include photos of the receipts for whatever purchases you made.**
		- Amy has blank invoices that if anyone needs reimbursement, it makes things a lot easier for Sarah
		- Also could take picture of receipt and what it is for
	+ Amy, ask ODNR to invoice OSM grant so can get money out of account and write up final report
		- Spending down grant, needs to have everything out by December
	+ Nora moves to approve last month’s meeting minutes
		- Chris seconds
		- All approve and motion passes
* **Board Position Elections**
	+ Nora, send out by laws to board members.
	+ Board members, sign bylaws and send back to Nora.
	+ Nominations for board positions
		- Chair: Chris Kimmel
		- Vice Chair: Nora Sullivan
		- Treasurer: Sarah Maj
		- Secretary: Emily Keil-Loudner
	+ Nora moves to elect positions as shown on ballot
		- Emily seconds
		- All approve and motion passes
* **Action Planning**
	+ Quidel Cares grant application due soon
		- Emily, write up Quidel grant for new computer for the Augmented reality sandbox
	+ Still have money from previous Quidel Cares grant
		- Grant was written up for canoe event but Covid happened
		- Used to renew registration on canoes
		- Could use for new tires, wires and straps for canoe trailer
		- Chris moves to have professional put new tires and wires on canoe trailer
			* Nora seconds
			* All approve and motion passes
	+ Lets take winter board hike to Moonville!
		- Allows the board to see new bridges put in
	+ Would like to see Water Trail canoe put in and take out signs put up
		- AmeriCorps, have event to get people to put signs up
		- Some locations have had issues getting permission
		- Other locations (like Zaleski SF), have had permission in the past
		- AmeriCorps, get in touch with Glenn and Molly
		- Figure out where the signs need to go
		- Get permission
		- Make into event
	+ Need Fundraising Ideas
		- Need corporate sponsorships, just don’t really know how to do that
		- Need presentation
		- Create committee for working on corporate sponsorships
			* Fundraising Committee: Nora, Chris, Kate
			* Nora, plan Fundraising Committee meeting for December
	+ Fundraising Idea:
		- Do duck race at Moonville
		- AmeriCorps, talk to Ellie at Captina Creek
			* Ask if we could use their ducks
			* Ask what she would do differently
		- Plan duck race for June
			* Make sure to get special use permits at least 1 month in advance
	+ With New Trails at Moonville, we could do bike race or Trail Runs
		- Kate has connections with Ohio Running Company
	+ Could do nice map of Moonville Rail Trail and Raccoon Creek
	+ Hopefully able to have Family Outdoor Day this year
* **Watershed Coordinator Update**
	+ Doing another project!
		- H2Ohio funding unexpectedly became available and needed spent. They went to ODNR Mineral Resource Management and asked if they had any projects
		- Project between Illesboro and Harble Griffin
		- Reclaiming 27 acres of abandoned ridgetop surface mining
		- Draining 2 pits
		- Amy is going to do some sampling there
	+ No updates on A to Z sanitation situation
	+ Holiday Mailing goes out after Thanksgiving
	+ Vinton Low Head Dam
		- Met with landowners
		- Talked about some possibilities
		- Landowners not in any hurry to make any choices
		- Amy met with Bill who does Low Head Dams in Northeast Ohio
			* Gave Amy some next steps
			* Such as Funding for preliminary sampling
				+ This is something that can be done and even if its 30 years from now, will be useable and one thing off the to-do list
		- Possible community pressure about keeping dam
		- Supposedly people have died at the dam but can’t find any records
		- Landowners asked us to set up at Bean Dinner and do a fish demo in August
		- We will be doing it
	+ Scenic Rivers
		- On hold-ish
		- Maxwell still working on criteria and what parts of Raccoon Creek will be designated
		- Scenic Rivers Folk asked us to lay low
			* Issue in Paint Creek Scenic River process
			* Some misinformation went around and farmers in uproar
		- Scenic Rivers Folk want to update the language in the Ohio Revised Code before moving forward on any Scenic River projects
* **AmeriCorps**
	+ Updating membership list
	+ Uploading meeting minutes
	+ Created Holiday Card
	+ Amy needs to do letter for Holiday Mailing
	+ Helping Kelly with her Master’s Project
		- Studying macroinvertebrates to become level 2 certified
	+ Planning Owl Prowl
		- Contacting Lake Hope about how many people are allowed
			* \*\*Update 11/28/21\*\* Number of people allowed: since we are not catering, limit is the room capacity, which is 100
				+ Kaylin is happy to help
				+ New Owl expert is Jeff Large, he would be happy to help and has a Great Horned Owl
		- Could do a hybrid Owl Prowl
			* If limited by number of people, have activity packets for people not there and distribute to local libraries again
		- Need new presenter, Pat Quackenbush retired
		- Could also look into moving to different location
			* Possibly Gallia county next year?
		- Need round pinecones for craft
			* Could also buy scented cones after Christmas for discounted
* **Upcoming Events**
	+ Owl Prowl
	+ Family Outdoor Day
		- Ask about outdoor events at Lake Hope
			* The last one was at Lake Hope and was extremely successful
			* Could look at other places as well
	+ AmeriCorps, after first of year, write Step Outside Grant (and Aquatic Ed grant if you want)
	+ Celebration of Recovery of Raccoon Creek
		- Invite Public Officials
		- Big Party!
	+ Ashley, Make new shirt design
		- Emily suggests with a paddlefish
	+ Appalachian Expo
		- March
	+ Farm City Days in Gallia County
		- Usually in Fall
	+ Soil and Water Conservation District Meetings
		- Used to go to those
		- Would like to start going again
* **Other Business**
	+ Electronic White Board
		- Or Google White Space
		- Better way to stay connected between meetings
		- Chris, do a demo and show us at next board meeting
	+ Next Meeting:
		- Thursday, January 27th at 6:30
		- The Ridges Building 22
	+ Meeting adjourned at 7:52