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**
  + **Graphical user interface, application

    Description automatically generated**
  + 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