Raccoon Creek Annual Meeting

Wednesday, October 27th, 2021 at 7:30 pm

Present: Kelsey Daniels, Ashley Grace, Nora Sullivan, Amy Mackey, Molly Gurien, Matt Davis, Chris Kimmel, Glenn Stout, Sarah Maj

Minutes scribed by: Emily Keil-Loudner

* **Introductions**
  + Introduced board members, Amy, and AmeriCorps members.
  + Introduction of board nominees: Nora Sullivan, Sarah Maj, Chris Kimmel, Kate Blyth, Kelly Love
* **Treasurer Report**

General Checking:

$6,555.00

Grants/Savings:

Quidel Cares Grant: $1,553.07

OSM supply funds: $423.89

RCWTA: $3,167.29

4th Quarter 2020-2021 AmeriCorps match has been paid out of General Checking ($3,325) and will be reimbursed by Ohio University Voinovich School

$6,368 has been paid out of General Checking to Ohio University Voinovich School for Office of Surface Mine East Branch Steel Slag Bed restoration project administration. These funds will be reimbursed through the federal Award Management System.

$957 in donations from the PawPaw Festival!

* **Elections**
  + 5 vacancies
    - Emily posted link for survey monkey into chat
    - Chris Kimmel, Kate Blyth, Kelly Love, Nora Sullivan, Sarah Maj have been elected to the board!
* **RCP Updates**
  + Over 100 miles meeting or exceeding warm water habitat
  + Vinton and below is meeting exceptional warm water habitat
  + This summer lots of fish and macroinvertebrates at 22 sites
  + Preliminary stages of becoming a Scenic River
    - Will be first scenic river in southeast Ohio
  + A to Z Sanitation spill in Vinton County in headwaters of Raccoon Creek
    - Were releasing more waste than permitted
    - Broke 13 laws
    - If you see something like this in Raccoon Creek or any other watershed, please report it!
* **Outreach and Events**
  + PawPaw Festival
  + Captina Creek Festival
  + Doser Channel Cleaning
  + Fall Day Camp
  + Summer Camp
    - Socially distanced at home
    - Meet up virtually with AmeriCorps
  + Hope to do Owl Prowl in spring
  + Lots of education and outreach online
    - Raccoon Creek Explorers
    - Educational Facebook Posts
  + Ohio River Sweep
* **Water Trails**
  + Promote recreational use of Raccoon Creek
  + We have a water trail map of Raccoon Creek with put-in’s and take-outs
  + Had canoes at PawPaw Festival
* **Presentation on Hellbenders by Dr. Viorel Popescu**
* **Kayak Raffle**
  + Winner is R May
    - We will give them a call!