Raccoon Creek March Meeting

Thursday, March 3rd, 2022 at 6:08 pm

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

Minutes scribed by: Emily Keil-Loudner

* **Action Items**
	+ Nora and Sarah
		- Tax stuff
	+ AmeriCorps
		- Send out ideas for newsletter articles
		- Send out sign up for Spring Day camp, FOD, and summer camp volunteers
* **Secretary’s Report**
	+ Emily moves to approve last month’s minutes
		- Nora seconds
		- All approve
* **Treasurer Report**

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* No changes from last report



1/28/22: $4,274- OU Reimbursement for Americorps Match

1/31/22: $1.88- Walmart- Cotton balls for Owl Prowl

2/1/22: $19.28- Menards- Masks for Owl Prowl

2/19/22: $30.00- City of Athens- Shelter house reservation for Spring Day Camp

3/2/22: $20.28- Amazon- Amazon Smile deposit

* + OU reimbursed AmeriCorps match
	+ Nora and Sarah – do tax stuff
* **Watershed Coordinator Update**
	+ ID’s dead bugs
	+ Catch up sampling
	+ No apple grafting this year because we forgot
	+ Met with Levi Arnold (New ODA Watershed Manager
		- He has lots of experience with outreach
		- Willing to come to a board meeting
	+ For Family Outdoor Day, need new location for fish shocking and archery
		- They are doing maintenance on dam
* **AmeriCorps Update/Upcoming Events**
	+ What date do you need articles for newsletter by?
		- March 20th
		- AmeriCorps – send out email with ideas for newsletter articles
	+ Grants
		- Had a grant written up, and now it’s gone
		- Working with IT to find it
	+ Owl Prowl
		- Had it last week
		- Decent turn out despite rain and reschedule
	+ Appalachian Expo
		- March 19
	+ Spring Day Camp
		- April 30th at Dairy Lane Shelter House
		- Wildflower hike
		- Pond study with macros and amphibians
		- AmeriCorps, send out sign up for volunteers
	+ Family Outdoor Day
		- Need volunteers for intro, craft, fishing, and canoeing
		- Kaylin will help with canoes
		- AmeriCorps, send out sign up for volunteers
	+ Summer Camp
		- July 11-15
		- Sign-ups starting March 18th
		- Suggested donation of $75
		- First 2 days are members only
		- Need volunteers
	+ Duck Dash
		- Talking with Ellie from Captina Creek
		- We can borrow ducks but would have to get back to them after May 15th
			* Too close
			* Maybe wee if we can do after, maybe in the fall?
			* Ashley, ask Ellie we she got her rubber ducks?
			* Maybe do it next year?
		- Should we do it?
			* Three “Yes’s”, one abstain
		- Board agreed we can do it, will form a committee for the planning
			* Committee Meeting with be March 24th instead of a board meeting
	+ Shirts
		- Zonez lost our original order and couldn’t resubmit the order
		- Put order into precision imprints
			* Also cheaper
	+ Doser Channel Cleaning
		- March 14th at 10 am
* **Operations**
	+ Watershed Upgrade Announcement
	+ What’s the hold up?
		- We are trying to get Raccoon Creek designated as Scenic River but another watershed wasn’t prepared and a lot of misinformation was spread
		- Could use this announcement to get good news and good feelings for when we continue for Scenic River designation
		- Want to have political candidates hear how great Raccoon Creek is
	+ Needs to happen fast
		- Doesn’t need to be really involved
		- Ribbon cutting for Creek’s upgrade
	+ Could do at Vinton Dam
		- There’s a big shelter house
		- Committee: Chris, Nora, Kelly
	+ Have food trucks
		- Chris may have lead for local ones
	+ Look into have it in May
* **New Business**
	+ Next meeting will be a committee meeting of the Celebration Announcement Committee at 6 PM and Fundraising Committee at 7 PM on March 24th
	+ Have Levi Arnold come to committee meetings?
* Nora moves to adjourn
	+ Emily seconds
	+ All approve