Raccoon Creek November Meeting

Thursday, March 24th, 2022 at 6:00 pm

Minutes scribed by: Emily Keil-Loudner

* **Celebration Committee**
	+ Present: Kelsey Daniels, Ashley Grace, Nora Sullivan, Chris Kimmel, Emily Keil-Loudner, Kate Blyth, Molly Gurien
	+ Name of Event
		- Rockin with Raccoon Creek: A Celebration of Recovery
			* If have Rockin in name, get music there?
			* Jessica Makosky has band?
		- 15 Year Raccoon Creek Anniversary
		- Raccoon Creek: A Celebration of Recovery
		- Raccoon Creek: From Abandoned to Abundant
		- Raccoon Creek Comeback
	+ Press release
		- Area papers including the Dispatch
		- Maybe some type of sensationalized “Recovery” story?
	+ Possibly on location at the park in Vinton since that is the beginning of the “Exceptional” stretch.
		- Early June?
	+ ~~Vinton Community Park (Back Up)~~
		- $75 to reserve
		- Food trucks welcome
		- Block out dates are June 25 and last week of july for the bean dinner
		- Contact #740 339 9878 (Vinton Village Clerk)
		- Require porta potties
		- Yes water - no electric
		- I have a generator that should be big enough for everything that we need
		- Grass parking
		- Problem, don’t want to feel like we are putting pressure on landowner of Vinton Dam
			* Have Amy talk to them, see if it would make them feel uncomfortable
	+ **Oo Mac – Raccoon Creek Park**
		- $60 to reserve
		- Pit toilets near most of the shelter houses
		- Wild Turkey would be our prefered shelter and it is open June 11, 25
		- 740-446-4612 ext. 256
		- Water and electric at the shelter
		- Paved parking
		- Food truck friendly
		- Chris will talk to about them about reservation and ask about Food Trucks
			* See if regular Food Trucks of the park would be interested in going
			* Check to see if shelter near Raccoon Creek and flat part of area is available
	+ Date
		- If we are inviting political figures, ODNR, etc., need to have it during the weekday
		- But if want local folks, can’t get them on a weekday
		- Friday evening?
			* June 10th
			* Make it 2 to 3 hours?
			* Maybe 4 to 7, state program starts at 4:30, music starts at 5
			* **Friday, June 10th, 4-7 pm at Raccoon Creek Park**
	+ Food Trucks
		- Ashley will call food trucks to see if they are willing to come and if it will cost anything
		- Ask them if they can be mentioned in press release
	+ Music
		- Emily get in touch with Jessica Makosky to see if she would be interested or see if she knows anyone who would be interested
	+ Giant Display board (display from Ohio State Fair) to show pictures about treatment
		- Kate will inquire from ODNR about that
	+ Kids Area
		- With crafts, etc.
		- Ashley or Kelsey will email Environmental Ed people
		- See if Heike Perko or Jen Bowman if they would be interested
	+ How to show “Was bad, is great now”
		- Jars or tanks of AMD water
			* Before and after:
				+ Water
				+ Fish
				+ Macros
	+ Invite:
		- Political figures
			* Anyone elected or running
		- Governor DeWine
		- Media
		- County Soil and H20s
		- ODNR
			* DMRM
			* Director Mertz
			* Scenic Rivers (Bob Gable, Matthew Smith)
			* Forestry
			* Wildlife
		- OEPA Surface water
		- Wayne Nat Forest
		- Rural Action, Americorps
		- OSM contacts?
		- Political figures - area reps and senators, watershed town/city/county ppl
		- Voinovich school and OHIO collaborators - Jen, Kelly, Dina, Natalie, Morgan Vis, Kelly Johnson
		- Past board Members
		- Raccoon Creek Outfitters (Dustin & Bobbi)
		- Friendly landowners
		- Original RCIC members?
		- ODA watershed manager
	+ If we do kayak raffle, should we have it at event?
		- Molly, check pricing of kayaks
	+ Water Trail Maps with stickers (to white out to correct parking issue)
	+ Ribbon cutting?
		- Symbolic ribbon cutting across river
		- Have Director Mertz cut ribbon?
	+ Speaker? DeWine, Mertz, Ben McCament
	+ Catering? if can’t get food trucks
	+ Budget? $1000
	+ GCVB will help promote with enough adv notice
	+ We can ask for sponsors (Chris would be happy to be a sponsor)
	+ Nora will update Amy on everything and ask about friendly landowners
		- How to present
		- What media outlets to invite
	+ Molly, check out site for ribbon cutting
	+ Next Board Meeting
		- April 28th in person with virtual option 6:30-8:30pm
		- Check in’s
			* Via email and keep google doc updated
* **Fundraising Committee**
* Present: Kelsey Daniels, Ashley Grace, Nora Sullivan, ~~Amy Mackey~~, Chris Kimmel, Emily Keil-Loudner, Kate Blyth, Kelly Love, Molly Gurien
	+ Rubber Ducks
		- $140 for 150 rubber ducks
			* Plastic upright racing ducks
		- If we wanted to spend more, can get them branded but would be extra $200
		- Nora moves to purchase ducks
		- Chris seconds, all approve
		- Ashley order ducks – 150 to start
	+ Site
		- Moonville?
		- Be able to watch from bridge
		- Ashley and Kelsey, scout sites
	+ Date
		- Possibly August
		- Low flow and will give us time to get through everything else in the summer
		- Last week of August is AmeriCorps orientation
	+ When do we start advertising and start selling?
		- Sell at Rockin Raccoon Creek Recovery
	+ Roles for volunteers
		- Duck releasers – laundry baskets or pool noodles
		- Duck herders
		- Duck retrievers – pool noodles with short depth net to catch ducks, more volunteers here
		- Announcer
		- Videographer – Chris will have commercial drone license; Nora can help film, also Go Pros
		- Manage Duck Numbers/Purchases
	+ Choose length of river and what reach to use
		- Moonville – good finish line
		- Zaleski low water crossing
		- No longer than 10-minute race
		- Ashley and Kelsey -Do some trials with how long it takes the ducks
			* Maybe have a low-flow start point and high-flow start point?
	+ Pre-assign numbers
		- Possibly let owners decorate duck before race?
	+ How much do ducks go for?
	+ How to do sales?
	+ Prizes
		- Donations for prizes?
	+ Should we get sponsors?
	+ Name
		- Duck Dash?
		- Duck Derby
		- Raccoon Relay
		- Raccoon Race
		- Ruddy Ducky Run
		- Rusty Duck Run
	+ If we get kayak, sell tickets for it here
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