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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