Raccoon Creek September Meeting

Thursday, September 22nd, 2022 at 6:30 pm

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

Minutes scribed by: Emily Keil-Loudner

* **Action Items**
	+ AmeriCorps
		- verify date of annual bonfire with Raccoon Creek Outfitters
		- Check in with Pat for annual bonfire week before
		- Ask Pat how long he wants to talk for a bonfire
		- Ask Snowville for chocolate milk donation
		- See how many cooking sticks are in building 21
	+ Nora
		- send email to membership asking for board nominations
* **Treasurer Report**
	+ No treasurer's report since did one a couple weeks ago
	+ Got the Aquatic Education Grant and Amy working on reviewing the final report
		- Don't actually have the money yet
			* Can't submit final report until money is spent
		- It was for camp and everything a little behind
* **Watershed Coordinator Update**
	+ ROAR Saturday October 29th
		- usually 10-4
		- handful of people can't go
	+ Need to update our display about upgraded to Exceptional Warmwater Habitat
	+ North American Native Fish membership is due, $30, and can't get grants through
		- Nora moves to pay membership fees
	+ Submitted AMLR project through OU for Broken Arrow Flint Run Wildlife Area in Jackson county
		- building roads, parking lots, trails, 150 acre pollinator plot, habitat, interpretive signs
		- Division of Wildlife property
	+ Finished biological monitoring in Sunday and Monday Creek
	+ helping with AOA fish demo on Saturday near Rockbridge
	+ start chemical monitoring and maintenance this fall
	+ landowner in Jackson county would love project done on his property
		- going out Wednesday to do some recon to see if tributary is impacting mainstem of Little Raccoon Creek and how much it impacts
		- Could be a candidate for H2Ohio funding since wetland is there
* **AmeriCorps Update**
	+ need to deposit cash from cash box
	+ Fall Day Camp October 9th
		- At shelter house at Ridges
		- doing hike and getting into stream
		- will do craft using super elongated pine cones
		- board approved $100 for craft
	+ Annual Dinner (Bonfire)
		- Pat Quackenbush said he could do Wednesday October 26th
			* Time: 6:30-8:30
			* AmeriCorps, remind Pat the week before
			* Ask Pat how long-ish he wants to talk for
		- AmeriCorps will check to see if that day works for Raccoon Creek Outfitters
		- Chris has a bunch of pallets and will bring them for fire
		- Smores, cider, and hot chocolate
		- Could advertise as BYOHD (bring your own hot dog)
			* Also, bring own chairs
		- Silent Auction: just a few fun things
		- This will be our October meeting
		- Tasks:
			* stuff for smores
			* cider/hot chocolate
				+ AmeriCorps, ask Snowville for donations for hot chocolate
			* AmeriCorps, check to see how many cooking sticks at building 21
			* disposable paper cups and napkins
		- Elections
			* Emily and Molly up for re-election
				+ Amy nominates Emily, she accepts
			* Molly is moving to Florida and does not plan to run
			* Need another person, people to ask:
				+ Nora will ask Nichole, new environmental specialist at Voinovich
				+ Heike Perko also wants to get involved again

Amy may ask her

* + - * + Jess Makosky
				+ Sebastian Teas
			* Nora will send email to membership asking for nominations
* **Fundraising Updates**
	+ Merch:
		- do we want to do beanies and/or ball camps?
			* Use old logo so not weird when shrunk down on beanie
	+ Duck Dash
		- 83 ducks sold
			* officially have broken even
			* Number of ducks sold matches cash prize
				+ Next year, lower cash prize
		- one person sitting at table (maybe)
			* with display, forms, and merch
		- Nora and Chris want to be in water
		- Have pool noodles to stretch across of the stream
		- People will be on other side of bridge with nets to catch stray ducks
		- Need cute sign for duck deployment device
		- Amy will text Shannon to see if she will be announcer
			* Shannon isn't able to do it
			* Need megaphone
		- Sarah willing to announce
		- If its really storming, are we still going to have it?
			* If just raining, will do it
			* If thundering, we can try to wait it out
* **New Business**
	+ Next meetings is annual meeting, October 26th