

Raccoon Creek Partnership Board of Directors May 2023 Meeting

Thursday, May 25th 2023 at 6:30 pm, The Ridges, Building 22 (Back Porch), Athens, Ohio

Present: Kelsey Daniels, Ashley Grace, Kelly Love, Kate Blyth, Nichole Mazzone, Emily Keil Loudner, Chris Kimmel, Amy Mackey, Tim Sanders

Minutes scribed by: Nichole Mazzone

- **Action Items- Completed**

- OUC financial RCP account sorted
- Charitable Law complete
- Cash Box money sorted- with \$100 in change box
- New Merch purchased
- New RCP tablecloths purchased
- Kayak for raffle voted on- REI \$365 on sale- boat & paddle
- List for Paw Paw supplies created

- **New Action Items**

- Cash box money to be deposited to bank- **Kelly**
- New Treasurer training- **Nora, Kate, Kelly**
- Continue to send AmeriCorps recruitment prospects to Amy- **ALL**
- Still need volunteers for Family Outdoor Day (Saturday, 6/3)- 1 to 2 people
- Still need volunteers for Summer Camp (Tuesday-7/18, Thursday-7/20, Friday-7/21)
 - Flyer and sign-up sheet distribution- **AmeriCorps**
 - Circulate flyer and sign-up sheet to potential volunteers- **ALL**
- Need to Register for Paw Paw Fest ASAP (deadline 6/31)- **Nora**
- Chosen kayak need to be purchased and picked-up from REI Columbus- **Nora?**
- Paw Paw fest- Duck Derby- advertise @ Family Outdoor Day (Flyer for raffles and tickets to sell)- **AmeriCorps**
- Continue to work on T-moblie Hometown grant for Vinton Village- **Nichole, Kate, Kelly, & Chris**
 - Get updates for grant requirements from Vinton Village- **Chris**
 - Complete Letter of Support (LOS) from RCP- **Kelly**
 - Summarize how to complete LOS – **Kelly**

- Reach out to Shannon Mayes for a LOS- **Amy**
 - Ask local Vinton Village businesses for LOS- **Chris**
 - Update proposal and shovel-ready plan- **Nichole & Kate**
- Determine date for DNAP Scenic River Board to tour RC by river float- **Amy**
- Reserve Dairy Lane Shelter House for next board meeting- **OU team?**
 - This will be a POTLUCK- coordinate dishes to bring- **ALL**
- **Treasurer's report (see OUCU summary at the end of the meeting minutes)**
 - Step Outside Grant received, deposited, and spent (PFDs and tubs)
 - Quidel grant from 2020 finally spent (tubs for PFDs)
- **Watershed Coordinator Update**
 - One AmeriCorps Member secured- **Sarah Frazier**
 - Still need another AmeriCorps member!
 - Lapp Project in Hocking County
 - Drains in West Branch and Brushy Creek (Raccoon creek headwaters)
 - Private-land owner willing and excited
 - Carbondale Doser needs maintenance
 - Will replace chain and sprockets soon
- **AmeriCorps Update**

Completed:

 - Successful educational outreach events completed!!
 - Supplies purchased for upcoming events

Upcoming:

 - Family Outdoor Day – **June 3rd 12- 4pm @ Lake Hope Shelter House**
 - 9:30 am arrival for board members - sign-up
 - Non-board member support 11am arrival time
 - PLEASE SIGN VOLUNTEER FORM FOR STEP OUTSIDE GRANT WHILE YOU ARE AT THE EVENT (for final report)
 - Summer Camp- **July 17th- 21st @ RC outfitters- FULL**
 - Need volunteers -Especially for Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday
 - Duck Derby – New AmeriCorps- **Oct. 7th, 2023, 11:00 a.m.**

- Prep for selling ducks by Family Outdoor Day- flyers & tickets
- Prize money - \$100/\$50/\$25 for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place; (last place free merch)- \$5/duck tickets

- **Fundraising**

- T-Mobile hometown grant- Vinton Village
 - Chris sent questions for grant requirements to Vinton village
 - Kelly writing letter of support from RCP
 - Will need 5 other letters of support
- Paw Paw Fest fundraising - Kayak & Duck Derby tickets
- Scenic River Themed Float
 - DNAP Scenic River boards would like to see RC- could be small group
 - RC Outfitters Livery

- **New Business**

- Next Meeting: Thursday, June 21st at 6:30 PM @ Dairy Lane Shelter House
 - A Potluck to thank AmeriCorps for ALL their hard work!!!