

RRWC Meeting Summary (10/25/07)

Board of Trustees Roll Call: George Remias, Mike Durkalec, Donna Childs, Jim Kamps, Dave Cass, Ivan Hack, Lane Kessler, Mark Kolesar, Mike McNutt, John Miller, and Tom Romito were present. August meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Currently \$1,115.46 in the treasury (Medina SWCD account). However, not all festival expenses have cleared yet.

Watershed Festival Summary: Estimated festival attendance (from Metroparks staff at RRNC front desk) was between 1,400 and 1,500 people. Respondents to Jared's exit survey generally rated the festival highly, and listed location as the #1 reason they came. Besides letting us use the Rocky River Nature Center, Metroparks provided valuable festival activities (nature hikes, watershed game, story telling) and general all around help. There was also a bird/nature walk at Plum Creek Park to engage Medina County residents. Roughly \$3,300 was spent on the festival (not counting donated items). Money raised (display booth fees, raffle tickets, and donation cans) was \$782.57. Next year, we can focus more on financial sustainability and also, on providing education for adults.

Committee Reports: Tom Romito (Development Chair) promoted a RRWC/ Western Cuyahoga Audobon Society partnership with the focus on a fund raising walk. He also suggested we use Great Lakes Aquatic Habitat Network as a possible grant source for educating the public about storm water issues. Ivan Hack (Public Involvement Chair) circulated a letter urging the Ohio EPA to require in-watershed mitigation in their proposed 401 rules. Discussion ensued about the complicated nature of this requirement. (i.e. watersheds can be classified in different "HUC" sizes; NOACA ordinance requires mitigation to remain in the municipality where the damage was done; land acquisition needs to be treated differently from mitigation since communities working together on land acquisition can accomplish more than those working alone; etc.)

Board of Directors Insurance: Will be filed soon with the Chub Group.

501-c-3 Update: Jared and Mike McNutt are working on it. Paperwork should be done by year's end.

2008 Public Meeting Calendar: Mark Kolesar will set up a Medina county field trip, probably in July. Public meetings will be scheduled for the last Thursday of January, April, July and October.

2008 Board of Trustees Elections: The following members' terms will expire in January 2008: George Remias, Donna Childs, Ivan Hack, Lane Kessler, Mark Kolesar, John Miller, Tom Romito, and Lisa Vavro.

George Remias and John Miller are resigning at the end of this term, leaving two open seats. Election will be held at our annual Council meeting (January 31, 2008).

Presentation on Ohio Clean Marina Program (Keith Kessler; Manager; Rocky River Reservation): Emerald Necklace Marina is certified by this program, which requires passing a rigorous inspection addressing a variety of potential environmental hazards (waste disposal, gasoline handling, green space, etc.)

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, December 6th. Location to be announced.