

BOD Minutes

April 16, 2008

By Lou Haynes

- 1. Lou will request BUFF cards be sent by Katie Huber to Charlie Svarda (still in bad health) and Fritz Backscheider (leg operation).**
- 2. March minutes were approved.**
- 3. George Fraley suggested the proposed by-laws be amended regarding dues payments. New members should pay a prorated fee to put their dues on the Jan. 1st to Dec. 31st. schedule with initial payment. Dick Naber will work on change with George and Lou. The website membership info will need to be modified to include a prorated fee schedule for new members to use.**
- 4. The attendance for the banquet was 172 people with net profits estimated to be about \$7000. Neither Alaskan trip was purchased. No takers on Chris Long's Pine Lake Trip; Jim Boude recommended we have a raffle at a general meeting for the Pine Lake Trip. No one bid on the Paul Barber Canadian trip.**
- 5. Lane Stocker will send a thank you note to our banquet speaker – Dave Jenike.**
- 6. The BOD approved a \$500 donation to the Cincinnati Chapter of Fishing Has No Boundaries. Lou to send George a check request for this.**
- 7. The Miami Twp. Izaak Walton Club (near Loveland) gave permission to us to use their site for the July 9th Swap meet. The BOD approved the use of this site for the meeting.**
- 8. The BOD approved a donation of \$1000 to sponsor one participant at this year's Casting For Recovery Event. Lou to ask Debbie Hampton to do paper work related to this donation.**
- 9. Steve Bailey reported all the Hamilton County Park shelter houses are already booked on the club picnic date (10/16). The BOD discussed the possible use of the Miami Twp. Izaak Walton site near Loveland for holding the picnic. Lou to check with them about the availability.**
- 10. The BOD approved the use of the club rods/reels for Mike Reeds' (BUFF member) fly fishing program at the Elk Creek Hunt club on May 31st. BUFF instructors are teaching the fly fishing program.**

- 11. The BOD discussed our policy regarding” members-only” attendance on BUFF trips and in BUFF classes. General conclusion was that members-only attendance “first” on club trips if there is a fixed-number of spots. If spots are open, then trip leader has discretion on attendance. On trips where there is no limit on numbers then the trip coordinator has discretion on attendance. Same general concept applies to educational classes. Steve Bailey will draft a “Guidelines and Policies” statement for BOD review. In addition, the BOD discussed a non-smoking policy: There was some disagreement on formalizing a strict non-smoking policy but all agreed smokers should honor non-smokers feelings and trip leaders need to take in to consideration this issue when organizing their trips. Steve will integrate this concern in his trips/classes draft statement.**
- 12. George indicated that the new IRS requirements require our club to file a tax return for the first time. The filing date is by May 15th. Lou will work with George to get his done.**
- 13. BUFFER articles are due by April 28th.**
- 14. Ken Foltz reported that the website is in good shape.**
- 15. Bailey reported that the Quail Ridge day trip was cancelled due to lack of response by members. The Nantahala and Elkhorn trips are set to go. Steve requested suggestions for Day-Trips.**
- 16. The Parky’s Farm program has started. Lee Chambers is the leader for the spring session.**
- 17. The BOD approved giving the old cane poles that are no longer being used at Parky’s Farm to Jim Boude who will give them to the Scouts.**
- 18. Dave Jones reported that tying sessions at the VA Hospital have been set for 4/28, 5/19 and 6/30. The club received a nice thank you letter signed by the vets.**
- 19. BUFF also received a thank you letter from Indian Hills High School for helping with their Outdoors Activity Class this month.**

Attendees: Lou Haynes, Jon Kennard, Dave Jones, Donn Rubingh, Roger Corrado, Tom Baker, Jim Boude, Bob Mackey, George Fraley, Ken West, Jeff McElravy, Randy Clark, Lee Chambers, Bruce James, Ken Foltz, Dick Naber, Lane Stocker, Steve Bailey.