

## **BUFF Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

April 15, 2009

(Prepared by Mike McCracken)

### **Administrative Items:**

- Membership health concerns: Tim Finley and Katie Huber. Roger will take care of sending cards on behalf of BUFF.
- March BOD minutes – They were approved as written.
- FFF Five Rivers Sweepstakes (Mike Bryant) – FFF is having a fund raising raffle for a trip to Dillon, MT. Tickets are \$20 for 1 or \$100 for 6. Each counsel (the state of Ohio is one) will have one winning trip. We have until June 15 to turn in money raised. This will be discussed at the May club meeting. The club gets a portion of the money for each ticket. For new FFF members the cost is \$35 and they get a ticket with their membership.
- Library Update (Bob Mackey) – The club will purchase a book in the memory of Cathy Foltz.
- BC Trip on Ebay (Roger Corrado) –Roger is going to post the trip we tried to sell for the past two years to the lodge in British Columbia trip on Ebay given that it is unlikely that members of the club would take advantage of the offer given the distance to travel. If we are able to sell the trip, the Club will receive the benefits.
- Dinner Reservation Options (George Fraley) – We continue to use the different colored dinner tickets for those individuals that come to the monthly meeting and want to buy dinner, but didn't do so in advance. 12-15 members showed up for dinner without reservations in April with George scurrying to request additional dinners from the Raffles staff. The current problem is though the late comers are suppose to eat at the end of the line, some are not doing so which results in some of those that pay in advance not getting their dessert or salad as Raffles has run out at the end of the line. The Board agreed that as in April, we need to announce the end-of-the-line requirement at the time of dinner call, but also it was acknowledged that some people just don't listen or choose to ignore the directive. The Board agreed to continue with the current approach as we want to meet the needs of all members if at all possible (even those that don't order their dinner by Sunday evening before the monthly meeting).

- Revised Budget Proposal (George Fraley) – The Board approved the revised budget as noted below. *I think George shared a revised version at the BOD meeting than I have below.*

**BUCKEYE UNITED FLY FISHERS  
BUDGET ANALYSIS  
AS OF MARCH 31, 2009**

<b>CURRENT BUDGETED SURPLUS OR (DEFICIT)</b>		<b>(6,550)</b>
<b>DEFICIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO EXCESS CASH SPENDDOWN:</b>		
<b>Education Special Program</b>	<b>2,000</b>	
<b>Conservation</b>	<b>2,200</b>	
<b>Contributions</b>	<b>1,500</b>	
<b>Total</b>		<b>5,700</b>
<b>Projected Surplus (Deficit) from Normal Opns</b>		<b>(850)</b>
<b>Proposed Budget Adjustments:</b>		
<b>Adjust FF Show to Actual Results</b>	<b>1,713</b>	
<b>Adjust Banquet to Actual Results</b>	<b>1,455</b>	
<b>Total Adjustments to Actual</b>		<b>3,168</b>
<b>Revised Budget Projection</b>		<b>2,318</b>
<b>Additional Proposed Budget Adjustments:</b>		
<b>Membership Dues</b>	<b>(400)</b>	
<b>Merchandise Sales</b>	<b>(250)</b>	
<b>Interest Income</b>	<b>(228)</b>	
<b>Education - New Members</b>	<b>(175)</b>	
<b>President's Fund</b>	<b>(1,000)</b>	
<b>Total Proposed Adjustments</b>		<b>(2,053)</b>
<b>Revised Budget Surplus (Deficit)</b>		<b>265</b>

- Name Tags for Trips Discussion (Roger Corrado and Jerry Schatzman) – The proposal that the Board voted on was with regards to the club paying for the name tags for those going on club fishing trips. The concept was that those attending the trips valued the name tags as a memento from trip and they were helpful for new people to have on the trip. Although some trip coordinators get the name tags made, some do not. Jerry was volunteering to work with the trip coordinators to get the name tags made for each trip. He has had discussions with some of the trip coordinators and they were positive to the idea. Some of the facts shared with the Board included .....
  - The name tags would cost about 44 cents each
  - We have about 250 people each year go on the club coordinated trips
  - Total estimated cost to the club would be about \$110 for the year.

After some discussion regarding the need for the trip coordinators to include this cost in the total cost for each person going and the lack of the funds in the budget, the Board declined the proposal through a show of hands either “for” or “against”.

- Fish Shirt Purchases (Lane Stocker) – Lane shared a shirt (blue and fossil color options) which could have the club logo on it and would cost about \$40 per shirt with a minimum order of 24. This is a separate sale from the current sweat shirt sale. There was some discussion regarding the number of sales the club was having and the color options available. It was agreed that the availability of the shirts to new BUFF members was a good idea. Jeff McElravy had asked Steve Waak about his supplier (Reddington) being able to provide different colors. The Board asked Steve and Lane to work together to see about an earth tone shirt with the embroidery as is on the BUFF hats.
- Banquet and Fly Show Contracts for 2010 (Bob Miller) – The check for the February Fly Show has been sent to Receptions. The date for the Banquet has been locked in with Receptions and the coordinators for the Banquet are in negotiations with Receptions regarding the price.
- Update on bringing in a fly tier for a class (Jeff McElravy) – Jeff is looking in to options including the individual suggested by Gary Begley. Jeff will work with Gary to get costs. There is \$2,000 in the education part of the budget to pay for one or two big names to come in and bolster the education aspect of the club.
- Dates and location for the July and August meetings/picnic and locations: August 15 is the picnic at Ikes in Miami Township. July 8 will be the swap shop meeting also at the Ikes site. The Board approved Ikes as the site for both.
- Business Cards (Dick Naber) – BUFF business cards are available through a supply Dick has obtained with the idea of promoting the club with the cards.

### **Chair Reports:**

Treasurer (George Fraley) – see earlier agenda item; also it was noted that reimbursement requests need to be sent in within 30 days of the expense and the George would appreciate it if the checks issued would be cashed within 30 days of receipt.

Communications (Jon Kennard and Ken Foltz)  
BUFFER – articles due by 22<sup>nd</sup> for BUFFER

Trips (Steve Bailey) – all trips still a “go”.

Education (Lou Haynes) – Great Outdoors is scheduled for Sept. 26 at Ikes. It was agreed to move \$100 from the website budget (not anticipated to be needed) to Public Events to help with the costs anticipated. We were asked to provide a booth at Earth Day (Sawyer Point), but only gave us 10 days notice so we declined. The casting and tying with students at Indian Hills high school on April 8<sup>th</sup> was a success. Little Miami Inc. had asked for \$300 from BUFF for their 42 anniversary event. However the Board decided not to donate the money as we had already distributed our funds to groups earlier in the year.

Club Events (Tom Baker) - nothing to report.

Fly Tying (Jeff McElravy) – nothing to report

Meeting Speakers (Randy Clark) – May speakers for D&H in Hyde Park will talk on smallmouth fishing in streams with a focus on the Elkhorn. The June speaker will be the president of the American Casting Association.

Membership (Dick Naber) – We have 168 single memberships and 96 family memberships. Assuming 2 people for each family membership (could be more), we have a membership of 360 ( $168 + 2 \times 96 = 360$ ). This is the number people can use when needing a number. Dick provides this breakdown in his membership report. Dick will do some further analysis of the data and send us all a new accurate count of the membership in the near future.

Banquet Committee (Bob Miller and Lane Stocker) – The committee continues to look for ways to reduce the cost of the tickets so more members will attend. It was also noted that the trend is for donations from companies are more in the form of discount coupons rather than actual items for the action.

VA Outreach (Dave Jones) – April 28<sup>th</sup> time is 10 am to 12 noon. The 6 pm to 8 pm dates have been set. Dave is looking for volunteers and encouraged folks to carpool given parking limitations at the VA Hospital.

Fly Fishing Show – Date is set as noted earlier in the agenda.

Conservation (Donn Rubingh and Mike Bryant) – The first “Walkabout” has been scheduled for Mill Creek. Don indicated he has received thank you notes from several of the groups BUFF provided funds to earlier this year. Donn will send information to Ken Foltz on upcoming conservation events so they can be captured on the BUFF website.

The Board adjourned at 8:20 PM

**Attendees:**

Steve Bailey, Jim Boude, Mike Bryant, Roger Corrado, Randy Clark, Ken Foltz, George Fraley, Lou Haynes, Bruce James, Dave Jones, Jon Kennard, Bob Mackey, Mike McCracken, Jeff McElravy, Bob Miller, Dick Naber, Donn Rubingh, Jerry Schatzman, Lane Stocker, Andy Sutthoff, Steve Walker.

Submitted by Mike McCracken 23-April, 2009