

BUFF Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2010

(Prepared by Mike McCracken)

Administrative Items:

The meeting was called to order by Roger Corrado at 7 PM.

- Membership health concerns – Gary Cummings and Boude family.
- March BOD minutes – approved by the Board.
- Sharing of Ideas with Other Clubs via FFF (Steve Bailey) – Steve is waiting on possible interest from FFF.
- Open Positions (Roger Corrado) – We are still in need of a Program Director. Randy Clark is conduct a survey at the September meeting to gather input on ideas for future speakers and see if there is interest in serving as Program Director (see March minutes regarding support available for a new Program Director). Also, we need to start looking for a new membership chairman as Dick Naber has his house up for sale and wants to move to Florida. If we get a volunteer Dick has offered to train him.
- Questionnaire for dropped members (Roger Corrado) – Steve Walker had shared with the Board via email a draft of a potential survey to understand why past members had not renewed their memberships in 2010. The Board discussed the merits of focusing on understanding why past members have left versus what we can do for relatively new members (~six months to one year with the Club). It was decided to touch base with both groups. Bob Miller volunteered to review the existing draft survey to modify appropriately for both groups. Jon Kennard volunteered to survey the past members by sending them a paper survey with a self-addressed, stamped envelope once he has the revised survey from Bob. Mike McCracken volunteered to take the Club roster and divide the 6 month to 1 year members across the Board for a quick phone contact letting them know of an upcoming email with the revised survey once Bob has completed it. We further discussed what we might be able to do for new members in the future. One idea was that we could reserve for some period of time slots (10%?) on the Club trips for new members. The Board also discussed the need for more day trips which might be easier for new members, but as Steve Bailey pointed out, the lack of trip leaders is an issue.
- Picnic and Swap Meeting July 17th – The event will be held at Central Turners (off of Hamilton Avenue, North of Mt. Healthy, 2200 Pinney Lane, www.centralstatesturners.org/Cincinnati/HomePage.htm). Dinner (brats, mets, hamburgers, potato salad, etc.) will be from 4:30 – 5:30 with adults costing \$10 and kids under twelve costing \$5. Soft drinks are included in the cost. We can purchase beer from them. Reservations can be made on the website. The August Club meeting will be a fishing outing at a site to be determined (Cowan Lake?)
- Upcoming state-wide meetings (Roger Corrado for Mike Bryant) – Contact Mike Bryant if you are interested in representing BUFF at either of the below meetings.
 - Steelhead Summit on May 18th in Akron
 - Warm Water Event on July 17th in northern Ohio

Chair Reports:

Treasurer – Bob Gustafson sent his report prior to the meeting to the Board. The taxes will be done in May after the Board meeting where donations will be decided upon.

Communications

BUFFER (Jon Kennard) – articles needed by 26th of April.

Website (Ken Foltz) – nothing new to report.

Trips (Steve Bailey) – Steve is looking at staggering the timing of May trips next year.

Education (Lou Haynes) – Lou indicated he needed a Youth Director for Education. He will send out a note via Dick to the membership asking for interested individuals to contact him. The Fly Fishing 101 course outdoor fishing day will be at Eastern Hill Rod and Gun Club on a Sunday and Tuesday this year. The fly tying and casting education session at Indian Hills High School was again well received. Parky's Farm fishing with the kids continues with good support from the members. The Take Me Fishing event at Sawyer Point which the Club participated in jointly with NKFF Club saw over 1,000 kids come through the event. Future educational opportunities include the Women in the Outdoors event on July 17th and the Peter Loon Scouting event on October 16th. Tom Herr at BassPro has indicated he is checking on the potential timing associated with a tying/casting lesson/fishing event for kids which BassPro would sponsor. Future introductory tying classes at BassPro where BUFF can provide support will be scheduled in the fall.

Fly Tying (Jeff McElravy) – Tie & Lie evenings (2 per month) continue at BassPro. Beginning Fly Tying class for club members will be scheduled for the fall. The Casting Instruction class for the spring continues on Sunday afternoons.

Meeting Speakers (Randy Clark) – Steve Waak from Delamere & Hopkins will speak at the May meeting on fly fishing for white bass and hybrid stripper bass.

Membership – nothing to report.

Banquet Committee (Bob Miller) – There is a pricing advantage of having both the Banquet and the Fly Show event at Receptions. The Banquet committee will continue discussions with Receptions around pricing.

VA Outreach (Dave Jones) – The next AM session is at 9:30 on August 10th. As always dates are on the website. Roger indicated that the recent session at the VA lacked sufficient support from members and encouraged increased support of this worthy event with our veterans.

Conservation (Donn Rubingh) – The first conservation trip will be on the Little Miami River on May 15th at 8:30. See the website for more details. Donn currently has 10 people signed up and can accommodate up to 16. The \$10/canoe fee is being covered by the club. The Rivers Unlimited clean up of the Great Miami River is on May 1.

The Board adjourned at 8:20 PM

Attendees:

Board: Steve Bailey, Roger Corrado, Randy Clark, Ken Foltz, Lou Haynes, Bruce James, Dave Jones, Jon Kennard, Bob Mackey, Mike McCracken, Jeff McElravy, Bob Miller, Donn Rubingh, Jerry Schatzman, Andy Sutthoff, Steve Walker

Club Members: Marty Foltz

Submitted by Mike McCracken 6-May-2010