

BUFF Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

August 19, 2009

(Prepared by Mike McCracken)

Administrative Items:

- Membership health concerns: Ken Foltz has returned home from the hospital.
- July BOD minutes – They were approved as written.
- Banquet Status (Bob Miller & Lane Stocker) – A contract has been signed and a speaker Jim Teeny has been secured (~\$750 speaker fee plus transportation costs). He will focus his presentation on steelhead fishing and will tie flies in the afternoon prior to the banquet.
- Update on Bringing in Fly Tier for Class (Roger Corrado) – Joel Stansberry will be the instructor for the tying class to be held on Nov. 7th (14th as a backup). The class will be held at the Atonement Lutheran Church from 1-4 PM (setup from 12-1 and cleanup from 4-5 PM). Tom Travis will be teaching a class yet to be scheduled. Jeff McElravy is working the details. The estimated BUFF cost for this class is \$700 (\$400/day plus travel costs). The Board was in agreement to proceed with this class also.
- Boy Scout Fly Tying Materials Status – presumably the materials have been provided by Jeff to the Scouts.
- Healing Waters (Tom Scheer not present) – Lou Haynes shared that that the Project Healing Waters program had been shared with the BUFF insurance agent and as long as we didn't transport individuals, there wasn't an insurance issue regarding liability coverage. We may need a rider for teaching, but this would be a minimal cost. There was some discussion regarding the need to have the same individuals in the program over two to four months to get the benefit of the training. Since Tom was not present, it was decided to table further discussion until Tom could be present at the Board meeting.
- Picnic Event on August 15 (Roger Corrado) – Attendance at the Picnic event continues to decrease over the last several years. There were only 26 who paid to eat and 10 additional members that attended. Those that attended had a good time. Roger encouraged the Board to think about different options and that we would discuss ideas at the October Board meeting (different locations, June, combine swap meeting with the picnic, single fly fishing contest, etc.).
- Ohio Council FFF Public Education Program (Lou Hanes) – FFF is gathering what different clubs are doing with the public. Lou will provide BUFF's different examples to his FFF contact.
- FFF Five Rivers Sweepstakes (Roger Corrado) – 2,400 of the needed 4,000 tickets for the sweepstakes have been sold. If additional BUFF members want to purchase tickets, they can do so on the FFF website.
- Clermont Co SWCD at their banquet in October (Jon Kennard) – BUFF has agreed to provide a class (1/2 day) on casting and fishing on the East Fork next spring/summer. Jon will get

with Steve Bailey to have a certificate printed for their use at their banquet. We will need to identify at the September Board meeting who will be the instructor(s) for this ½ day.

- Thank You's – The club received a note from the Indian Hills high school thanking the public events committee for the training provided this spring. BUFF also received a note from Fishing Has No Boundaries thanking the club for our participation.
- Fishing Shirt Purchases (Lane Stocker) – Lane shared three different shirts that the members could pick from to purchase shirts with the BUFF logo. The shirts would be ~\$40 with a minimum order of 24 (any combination of different shirts which totals 24). It was agreed that Lane would bring the shirts to the next few (Sept-Nov) meetings to collect orders. Given the different variables (style, size, and sleeve length) involved in the ordering, Lane indicated she would personally take care of taking the orders.
- BUFF flyers on the club (Dick Naber) – Dick provided the phone number (513/829-1465) to be written on the existing BUFF pamphlets which were handed out at the meeting for distribution at businesses regarding the club's purpose, meetings, activities, etc.
- Raffles Contract (Roger Corrado) – A contract with Raffles for meals is needed for the coming year. In Roger's absence the next few weeks, Lane Stocker agreed to get this arranged and gain agreement from the BODs via email.

Chair Reports:

Treasurer – no questions on the report that George Fraley sent out to the Board before the meeting.

Communications (Jon Kennard) – BUFFER articles due to Jon by 24-Aug.

Trips (Steve Bailey) –Beginning plans for 2010 trips. The Penn trip will be May 12-16th. The Elkhorn trip will need a new leader. The Cumberland trip for 2009 (canceled the spring one due to high waters) is scheduled for Sept. 30 – Oct. 3.

Education – (Lou Haynes) –Parky's Farm may be too overgrown with vegetation to fish with the kids this fall. A representative from the Wild Turkey Federation (Hamilton) contacted Lou regarding BUFF participation in a fall event at Ceasar's Creek State Park with 400 kids. Lou indicated that the person had not gotten back to him with details as promised. Given the distance for most members to the park (thus problems getting good attendance), it was agreed that BUFF would pass on this opportunity should the individual contact Lou with details. The Great Outdoors Event is scheduled for the end of September.

Meeting Speakers – Brian Flechsig of Mad River Outfitters will speak at the September BUFF meeting on Warm Water Fly Fishing.

Membership (Dick Naber) – In 2008 at this same time we had 56 new memberships as opposed to this year of only 40. Our total memberships in 2008 were 286 and this year we are down to 268. Total members are 468. The question came up as to what the BUFF Bi-laws were regarding non-members going on trips. The Bi-laws state that a non-member can go on a trip if there is a slot open. However, if a member decides he/she wants to go on a trip, they could bump a non-member if the trip is full. If a non-member wants to go on a trip as a member they need to pay the \$5 initiation fee and the pro-rated membership fee.

Banquet Committee – see earlier agenda item.

VA Outreach (Dave Jones) – dates for the VA tying were published in the BUFFer and are on the website.

Fly Fishing Show – nothing to report.

Conservation (Donn Rubingh) –Don will pursue options for the club to clean up a section (3-4 miles) 3x/year of the Little Miami River for discussion at the next Board meeting.

Other – It was agreed we would have the Sept. BOD meeting given that few of those in attendance at this (Aug) meeting would be absent as has sometimes been the case in previous years due to BUFF fishing trips.

The Board adjourned at 8:03 PM

Board Attendees:

Steve Bailey, Jim Boude, Roger Corrado, George Fraley, Lou Haynes, Dave Jones, Jon Kennard, Mike McCracken, Bob Miller, Dick Naber, Donn Rubingh, Jerry Schatzman, Lane Stocker, Andy Sutthoff, Steve Walker.

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