

BUFF BOD MEETING MINUTES

February 17, 2009

(Prepared by Mike McCracken)

Administrative Items:

- “Friends of the Greater Miami River” (Brian Bohl, President; www.fogm.org) (sponsor: Donn Rubingh). Brian discussed the mission: *A citizen-based, education and advocacy group established to conserve, restore and enhance the Great Miami River system for the benefit of wildlife, residents and public interest.* The group was formed in Dec. of 1999 with their focus on the GMR between Middletown and the Ohio River. They have 30-40 active members (\$25/year dues) and an email group of about 300 individuals. Example projects the group has undertaken include the following:
 - Clean Sweep of the GMR (conducted in early May; will let BUFF know of the 2009 timing; 2008 cleanup had 389 volunteers and removed 9.4 tons of debris)
 - Tree plantings along the shore in the Oxbow wetlands area of the GMR near the Ohio River
 - Liaison/technical support for the superfund clean-up associated with the old Armco Steel site

- Membership health concerns
Penny Fraley and Jim Boude. Lou will take care of sending cards on behalf of BUFF.

- January BOD minutes – They were approved as written.

- Board of Directors – change will be at the March General meeting; not at the March banquet

- “Adventure Summit” at Wright State Feb 20-21; need 2 more tiers for Saturday.

- BUFF Fly Fishing Show in 2010: Should we charge a small fee for booth space?
The BOD voted unanimously to not charge the vendors for booth space.

- Life Membership Award: Do we want to add any this year?
The club guidelines note a maximum of 4% (.04 x ~250 members = 10). Since we currently have 10 life members, the BOD voted to not add any new Life Membership Awards this year

- Begin a pre-paid BUFF logo sweatshirt sale? (Carol Barton)
BOD approved the sale to the membership and asked that Carol and Lane Stocker look at the possibility of a shirt sale (fishy color).

- Dan Armitage (free lance writer and hunting/fishing radio show host) contacted Lou regarding the Fly Fishing show for future reference on Dan’s show. Lou directed him to Joe Cornwall for an interview and updates on 2010 show plans as they become available.

- BUFF business cards (Dick Naber)
The BOD agreed to have Dick purchase a unit of BUFF business cards so that we could use them in part to publicize the club as members come in contact with other fly fisher persons.

- Attorney General Letter from State of Ohio
Lou received a letter indicating we owe the state \$50. It is our understanding that if the club's assets are less than \$25K, the fee is waived. Roger Corrado will follow up with the state of Ohio to get additional information. Note: After rechecking the club's asset level reported on our 2007 income tax records, I (Lou) misread the assets level and we do report club assets above the \$25,000 level and, consequently, we do owe the Attorney General's Office \$50.
- West Virginia trip cabin reservation funds request (Lee Chambers)
11 people have now signed up. \$150 was requested for the deposit on an additional cabin for the trip. \$550 was advanced by the club by the BOD in January for this trip. These new funds, as well as those advanced in January, would be refunded to the club when the trip payments from the participants are received. There was some discussion on whether there should be a general fund for trip coordinators to tap or whether all the trips should fund the deposits themselves or have attendees make their own reservations. It was agreed that first-time trips like this should get funding from the club as a loan for the first year to get the new trips off to a good start. In subsequent years, trips should fund themselves. The BOD agreed to advance the West Virginia trip \$150 in addition to the \$550 advanced to the trip for reservations in January. The cabin reservations can be cancelled at a cost of \$25 up to a week before the trip.
- Kwagama Lake Lodge proposal (Roger Corrado)
Roger made the group aware of a proposal from the above group which looks like this: for 4 people going on a 5 day trip (~\$1,000 Canadian) there would be one free trip and the club would get 10% of the lodging fees; for 8-15 people, there would be two free trips and the club would get 15% of the lodging fees; for 16 or more there would be two free trips, club would get 15% and there would be two free fly-ins by float plane from nearby area.
- Club donation of remaining \$2,700 (continuation of Jan., '09 BOD mtg; see Jan. minutes)
The BOD reviewed the multi-voting outcome shown below. 16 board members (cast 5 votes each either all for one group or spread across as they so desired; 80 total votes) had submitted their votes to Lou. The BOD voted and agreed to give the top vote getter \$700 and the next four, \$500 as noted below. It was noted that these funds will cover 4 watersheds. Donn Rubingh will request the checks.

20 votes - Lake County Metro Parks (Cleveland Area; purchase land for public river access) **\$700**
 12 votes - Fishing Has No Boundaries (handicapped fishing event at Cowan Lake) **\$500**
 10 votes - Greenacres Water Quality Program (Ann Lyon, May meeting speaker) **\$500**
 10 votes - Conservation Resource Alliance (Amy Beyer, October meeting speaker; Michigan) **\$500**
 7 votes - Friends of the Greater Miami **\$500**

6 votes - Little Miami Partnership (TenWolde discussed this Org. at our January BOD meeting)
 5 votes - Little Miami, Inc.
 3 votes - Ohio Council FFF
 3 votes - Conservation Scholarship to a BUFF family
 2 votes - TU MadMen
 1 vote - Rivers Unlimited
 1 vote - Nature Conservancy
 0 votes - National FFF

Chair Reports:

Treasurer (George Fraley) – send email requests to George if checks need to be cut.

Communications

BUFFER (John Kennard) – set for February

Trips (Steve Bailey)

- Steelhead trip dates have changed to March 26 – 29th.
- All trips are on the website except the steelhead trip; fly boxes with logo have been ordered.

Education:

- Public Events (Lou Haynes) – Adventure Summit Feb. 20-21; Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs class being scheduled with West Chester Police for Monday, March 2 6:30 – 8:00; Lou coordinating
- Club Events (Tom Baker) - nothing to report.
- Fly Tying (Jeff McElravy) – Advanced Fly Tying classes continuing 6:30 – 8:30 at the Springdale Recreation Center on Fridays; Feb. 27 focus on wings; 1st Friday in March will be a demo on tying tube flies.

Meeting Speakers (Randy Clark) – March speakers from Indigo will talk about fishing for Steelhead and big Browns; come at 6 PM for a demo on tying flies for these fish.

Membership (Dick Naber) – 83 members on the roster as of Dec have not paid the 2009 dues. There were 7 new members in January.

Banquet Committee – (Lane Stocker for Jim Boude) 142 reservations in at this point with 174 needed to break even. Bob Miller will crosscheck the membership versus the attendees and with others help. Dick will call the new members to let them personally know about the banquet.

VA Outreach (Dave Jones) – 24-Feb tying moved to March 3rd; March 26 tying to be at regular time. Dave shared an invention that will allow people with one hand to tie flies. This can be seen on Utube by searching “the evergreen hand”. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1EnVwvdZiA4>
See page 4 on the Evergreen Fly club website for Aug. 2008:

http://www.evergreenflyclub.org/newsletters/2008_08%20Swirl%20Tips.pdf

Fly Fishing Show (Mike Bryant) – 525 paid attendees at the show; made about \$1,000.

Conservation (Rubingh/Bryant) – The BOD agreed that we should have other groups present to the BOD meetings, but hold off until the fall for the next group.

Adjourned at 8:40 PM

Attendees:

Lou Haynes, Dick Naber, Bob Miller, Jeff McElravy, Roger Corrado, Lane Stocker, Randy Clark, Steve Bailey, Mike Bryant, Dave Jones, Bob Mackey, Jon Kennard, Ken Foltz, Bruce James, Donn Rubingh.

Guests: Brian Bohl (Friends of the Greater Miami River)

Club Members:

Steve Lilly, Steve Walker, Mike McCracken

Submitted by Mike McCracken 24-February, 2009