

BUFF Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2010

(Prepared by Mike McCracken)

Administrative Items:

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

- Membership health concerns – none
- January BOD minutes – approved by the Board.
- Picnic and Swap Meeting July 17th (Dave Jones) – Dave indicated the Board associated with the Kolping Center near New Burlington would be voting on our possible use of their facility this week. The cost would be \$10-\$11 per person. He would check on the cost of meals for children.
- BUFF Facebook Site (Andy Sutthoff) – Andy shared that the site was setup and would send out the link to the Board. Andy asked that Board members send him pictures he can use on the site. Bob Clouser has added himself to the site. Andy is thinking about a blog function for the site and may show the site to the Club at an upcoming meeting.
- North Carolina Trip – Gary Cummins will lead this trip on the second weekend of May (6-9th). The information sheet on this trip will need to be updated with the new location, dates, accommodations, etc.
- Survey of other FF Clubs (Mike McCracken) – Mike discussed the concept of surveying other FF clubs to get share ideas across the clubs. Lou Haynes suggested this might be a role that FFF would be better positioned to tackle. Steve Bailey agreed to bounce the idea off the FFF members at an upcoming teleconference meeting.
- Possible Club Support of Trout-in-Classroom Program (Roger Corrado) – Roger shared that a new Club member had approached him about having a project in local schools where students would raise trout in classrooms. The estimated cost to the club would be \$2,000. The idea would be to get younger people exposed to the sport. The Board suggested that Roger refer him to the ODNR and FFF to see if a similar program already exists and if funding might be available through them. Depending on what he finds out there, the Board was open to him coming to a future Board meeting and discussing his plans in more detail for possible Board funding.
- Trout Summit Meeting in May (Roger Corrado) – Roger was contacted regarding the upcoming meeting in May and was asked if we could be represented. Don Rubingh said he would contact Steve Lilly to see historically what was discussed and if it would be of value to the club.
- Hat Options – The idea of getting an order of hats was suggested. Lane Stocker said that the starting place would be for people to look at Sanmar.com and determine if there was enough interest in a common style given 24 hats was typically the minimum order.

- Handling of the Polaroid Camera (Lou Haynes) – Lou has a Polaroid camera which was purchased about 5 years ago and suggested that given the lack of service it is providing the Club that we make it available to the Club members (draw numbers if more than one is interested in it) at an upcoming meeting. The Board approved Lou's proposal.

Chair Reports:

Treasurer (George Fraley) –no report this month.

Communications

BUFFER (Jon Kennard) – articles needed by 22nd of February.

Website (Ken Foltz) – Ken will add a Facebook link on the website once he receives from Andy.

Trips (Steve Bailey) – The different trip leaders will give a brief overview of their respective trip plans at the March Club meeting.

Education (Lou Haynes) – The Fly Fishing 101 course begins March 4th and has 28 members signed up to attend. The Take Me Fishing event will take place March 29-31 associated with the Cincinnati Recreation Committee at Sawyer Point. BUFF will be participating in the event with the Northern Kentucky FF club. Fly tying and casting will be included. We will also be doing “Japanese Fish Art” at Sawyer Point in the above mentioned activity.

Fly Tying (Jeff McElravy) – The advanced fly tying class finishes on Thursday evening with a focus on different materials. Jeff is looking in to other class options (salmon egg, deer hair spinning, etc.) with ~10 people per class over a two day weekend.

Meeting Speakers (Randy Clark) – No report this month.

Membership (Dick Naber) – Dick shared at this time last year we had 222 paid to date which included 6 comp and 10 life. This year it is 228. The real figure we need to be concerned with is the 76 unpaid members. He has sent an e-mail to everyone on that list telling them if they want to expedite their membership, to make out the check to BUFF and mail directly to me. The deadline for renewal of membership without an additional fee is the March Club meeting.

Banquet Committee (Lane Stocker) – We have 130 reservations not counting comps. We are about at the break even number for the meals.

VA Outreach (Dave Jones) – The upcoming dates are on the website.

Fly Fishing Show – We had about 275 paid attendees with the snowy weather being a factor in the lower attendance this year.

Conservation (Donn Rubingh) – no report this month.

The Board adjourned at 8:00 PM

Attendees:

Board: Steve Bailey, Jim Boude, Roger Corrado, Ken Foltz, Lou Haynes, Bruce James, Dave Jones, Jon Kennard, Bob Mackey, Mike McCracken, Jeff McElravy, Dick Naber, Don Rubingh, Lane Stocker, Andy Sutthoff, Steve Walker.
Submitted by Mike McCracken 4-March-2010.