

BUFF Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2011

(Prepared by Mike McCracken)

Administrative Items:

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

- Membership health concerns – no cards to be sent out
- January BOD minutes – approved
- New BOD members needed – Dave Jones has indicated he is looking for someone to take over New Member recognition at the monthly meetings.
- Ohio River Way Paddlefest (Craig Troesher from NKFF) – Craig shared with the Board that NKFF had volunteered to manage the Kids Outdoor Adventure day on Thursday, June 23rd. He indicated that they are expecting 3,000 kids to attend from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm requiring 25-30 total volunteers and that he was asking for 10-15 volunteers from BUFF, if possible, to help with the fishing area which will be available for kids. The Board agreed to send out a note to the membership via email and to support the event. Steve Horgan will send out the note once he receives it from Craig.
- Auditing of the Books – The audit was successfully completed. Ken Dixon represented the Board in the audit. A letter with the audit findings is being prepared.
- Lifetime Membership Award Voting – The Board members present voted for one member from the list of nominees noted in the January BOD minutes. Roger collected the ballots. If there is a winner from those nominated, it will be announced at the March banquet.
- Fly Fishing Show Summary – Bob Gustafson reported in the Treasurer's report that we cleared ~\$700, not counting new memberships.

Chair Reports:

Treasurer (Bob Gustafson) – Bob indicated that the State of Ohio had sent a letter to the Club asking us to register as a charitable organization as they could find no record of us registering with the State. The request indicated that if done prior to 28-Feb-2011, there would be no late fee. Bob sent in the necessary information in early February with a check for \$50 which the Club will need to pay annually. Lou Haynes indicated he believed that the Club had registered several years ago as a charitable organization with the State.

Communications

BUFFER (Jon Kennard) – 24-February for the March BUFFER submissions.

Website (Ken Foltz) – Ken indicated that he could now post video clips on the Club website.

Trips (Steve Bailey) – Phil Pursley will be leading the Penn Trip.

Education (Lou Haynes) – 33 people are signed up for the 101 FF course, 19 of which signed up for the course at the Fly Fishing Show in February. The Eastern Hills Rod and Gun Club will have an event for women “Sporting Women” on July 16th which the Club will support.

Fly Tying (Ken Dixon) – Ken shared that 14 to 15 people have been attending the Advanced Fly Tying class he is leading. 15 people attended the Mike Schmidt tying class on the Friday evening before the Fly Fishing Show. The cost of the event was covered by fees collected from those attending. Jeff is going to put together an outline of a possible tube tying class which we can consider offering to the membership.

Meeting Speakers (Randy Clark) – The March meeting speaker will be the fishery supervisor for Southern Indiana.

Membership (Steve Horgan) – 232 memberships have been paid for 2011; 17 new memberships were signed up at the Fly Fishing Show. There were a total of 260 memberships at the end of 2010.

Banquet Committee (Lane Stocker & Bob Miller) – There are currently 149 reservations. The target is 150 paid reservations to break even. We could still use small items for the Banquet. The Committee is in need of additional help.

Library (Bob Mackey) – Bob indicated he is open to suggestions on what should be purchased for the club’s library. It was agreed that Bob does a great job with the library which is an important asset to our members. Books and videos which have not been used for some time will be made available for free to the membership at upcoming monthly Club meetings.

VA Outreach (Dave Jones) – Upcoming dates are captured on the website.

Conservation (Donn Rubingh, Mike Bryant, Steve Lilly) – Donn said he was working with Rivers Unlimited for the July clean-up of the Little Miami. Rivers Unlimited will have a program on the little Miami which Donn will share with the Club via email. Donn is looking at a possible stream monitoring project this summer; more to come later.

The Board adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Attendees:

Board: Roger Corrado, Steve Bailey, Jim Boude, Randy Clark, Ken Dixon, Ken Foltz, Bob Gustafson, Steve Horgan, Lou Haynes, Bruce James, Dave Jones, Jon Kennard, Bob Mackey, Mike McCracken, Jeff McElravy, Bob Miller, Donn Rubingh, Jerry Schatzman, Lane Stocker, Steve Walker.

Submitted by Mike McCracken 28-Feb-2011