

BUFF Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2012
(Prepared by J.R. Jackson)

Administrative Items / Proposals:

The meeting was called to order to Jeff McElravy at 7 p.m. at the Springdale Community Center.

- Membership Health Concerns – Steve Horgan will send card.
- January BOD minutes – approved.
- 2012 BUFF Fly Show: The 2012 Fly Fishing Show was held on February 4, 2012 at Receptions Conference Center. Treasurer Bob Gustafson noted that there were 530 total paying attendees (+ 47 children admitted free), bringing in a total of \$2650.00 in admissions. Overall, the show brought in \$6530.00, at a cost of \$2690.21 in hall rental and other fees, for a net income of \$3839.79. \$3500.00 of this will be placed into a restricted income account to pay for the 2013 Fly Fishing Show speaker. Jeff McElravy stated that he received a number of emails expressing thanks and gratitude from guides, vendors, and attendees who enjoyed the show. Ken Dixon added that there were 33 fly tyers at the show, and that the tying area was especially well-represented this year. Roger Corrado offered thanks to all who helped to make the show a success.
- 2013 BUFF Fly Show: The 2013 Fly Show will be chaired by Steve Horgan. Steve reported that he is putting a Fly Show Information Repository together to consolidate Fly Show organizational information for future organizers. The possibility of moving the 2013 show to a larger venue was also discussed. Steve is planning to meet with the previous fly show organizer regarding this possibility, and a decision will be made by the banquet committee and the board at a later date.
- 2013 BUFF Banquet: The club is still looking for a volunteer to chair the 2013 banquet.
- BUFF Financial Audit: Steve Alexander and Charlie Montgomery conducted an audit of the BUFF 2011 finances, and reported no major errors were found, adding congratulations to Treasurer Gustafson. Steve stated that he would like to add to the club audit instructions for a statement from those collecting money at the door during general meetings regarding the amount of money contained in the money box, as this money is not currently included in the audit instructions, and led to some minor confusion.
- Fly Fishing Tour: A film on Fly Fishing Around the World will be shown in Columbus on March 8, with proceeds going to Project Healing Waters. All interested club members are encouraged to attend.

Chair Reports

- Treasurer (Bob Gustafson): Bob noted that the club income from the fly show, membership dues, etc., has been good, and that the club is off to a good start financially for 2012. Bob also created an updated donations form which can be used in the future, although the club also currently has several of the old donation forms on carbon paper. Also, a brief (5-10 minute)

presentation on the club's current financial state will be given at the April general meeting in order to keep members advised of where the club's funds are being directed.

- BUFFER (Jon Kennard): Articles for the March BUFFER are due February 22nd.
- Website (Ken Foltz): A new stream flow data link has been added to the website. Ken would also like help compiling a list of local stream monitoring stations for use with the new link.
- Trips (Steve Bailey): BUFF is offering 19 different trips in 2012, covering nine states and a plethora of times of day and seasons of the year.
- Education (Lou Haynes): Lou began by pointing out that the club is looking for a new Education Director, as this is his last board meeting. Eastern Hills Rod & Gun Club is holding a Women's Fly Fishing Event on June 14th and has asked BUFF to participate. Also, Butler County Metroparks is holding a cardboard boat float at Voice of America Park and has asked the club if we would host a fly fishing derby on the VOA park lake earlier in the day. Also, the information for the Fly Fishing 101 class is being posted online, and for the time being, the class will be offered online only.
- Fly Tying (Ken Dixon): Ken reported that a projector has been generously donated to the club by Bob Gustafson. Advanced Fly Tying classes are currently underway and are well attended. Ken also asked for board interest and approval to begin offering a new, 2 ½ hour single-session Introduction to Fly Tying class in early spring to accommodate new members who join the club at our fly show, to prevent them from having to wait until autumn to have a beginners class offered. The board voted unanimously to approve the new class. Also, a guide from the fly show has offered to do a full-dressed salmon fly tying class, charging only for tying materials. Materials would cost \$75.00 per student, and 6-7 seats will be available. Ken asked and the board voted and approved for BUFF to support the class, and to provide a \$25.00 per student subsidy.
- Meeting Speakers (Walter Leap): Kevin Howell will be speaking at the March general meeting, and will be speaking on Western North Carolina streams and patterns.
- Bob Mackey has purchased seven new books and DVDs for the library, and is seeing an average of 45 books/DVDs being checked out per month. He has also decreased the number of titles on display at general meetings to make those being offered more easy to locate.
- Membership (Steve Horgan): The club has 220 paid memberships so far in 2012, including 15 new memberships from the Fly Show.
- BUFF Banquet (Bob Miller): There are currently 138 people signed up to attend, 163 are needed to break even. Bob mentioned that we haven't offered as many complimentary admissions to local fly shops as we have in past years. A motion was made to offer complimentary admission to 8-10 Project Healing Waters vets and their spouses. It was then pointed out that this would lead to a significant loss of money to the club in a key club fundraising event. After much discussion, the motion was voted on and failed. It was suggested that we might invite the vets

to a complimentary dinner at the 2012 December meeting instead, to be discussed further at a later time.

- VA Outreach(Dave Jones): BUFF will be tying with the veterans at the VA on February 26th.
- Project Healing Waters (Jerry Schatzman): \$320.00 were collected in donations at the fly show, and a core group of 6-10 vets have been regularly attending PHW meetings.
- Conservation (Donn Rubingh): The Mill Creek Wilderness Society will be working in collaboration with the Mill Creek Yacht Club on a Mill Creek Cleanup Day on April 21st. Also, Charlie Nash has put together a Mill Creek page to be added to the 'Waters' section of the BUFF website.
- Good of the club: Roger Corrado, Jerry Schatzman, Jim Boude, Steve Lilly, Mike Bryant, Lou Haynes, and Mike McCracken are all leaving the board after many years of service to the club. Jeff McElravy, speaking on behalf of the board, offered thanks and gratitude for their many hours of service, and wished them tight lines for many years to come.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Attendees:

Board(17): Steve Alexander, Steve Bailey, Roger Corrado, Randy Clark, Ken Dixon, Ken Foltz, Bob Gustafson, Lou Haynes, Steve Horgan, Dave Jones, Jon Kennard, Walter Leap, Bob Mackey, Jeff McElravy, Bob Miller, Donn Rubingh, Lane Stocker, Steve Walker

Members: J.R. Jackson, Ed Jones

Submitted by J.R. Jackson, February 20, 2012