

BUFF Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2009

(Prepared by Mike McCracken)

Administrative Items:

- Membership health concerns: none.
- June BOD minutes – They were approved as written.
- Banquet Status (Bob Miller & Lane Stocker were not present) – Roger reported that per conversations with Bob Miller, the time for the banquet has been locked down as well as the location, but a contract has not yet been signed and he is still working on that.
- Update on Bringing in Fly Tier for Class (Jeff McElravy & Gary Begley were not present) – Different locations were discussed for a Saturday class this fall. It is important for this to come off this year relative to our education goals. Roger C. will check with Gary B. regarding the idea he has for an instructor. Dave J. will check on the church be available for a Saturday class
- Healing Waters (Tom Scheer) – Tom discussed the program started at Walter Reed Hospital for vets which covers education on tying, knots, casting and taking the vets fishing. The model from the Healing Waters Association is to have two meetings a month with the local VA hospital to identify vets to participate (number unknown for the Cincinnati program at this point). This would be separate from the current VA outreach which Dave Jones leads for BUFF. Tom S. shared the basic contents of a Memo of Understanding from Healing Waters which would need to be signed by BUFF before the program could begin. Tom will send an electronic copy to Dick Naber to be sent out to the Board for further review. It was broadly agreed that the program is worthwhile. Two questions that came up were 1) whether we would be stretching the membership too thin (Tom S. felt not) and 2) what the signing of the Memo of Understanding would mean from a liability standpoint to the Club. Roger C. was going to contact Lou Haynes so a meeting could be set up between the insurance agent and Tom S and Lou to see what the Club's insurance policy covered relative to BUFF members participating in this program.
- Boy Scout Fly Tying Materials needed (Roger Corrado) – Jeff McElravy had indicated to Roger that we had material which Roger will send out once Jeff gets back and town and gives them to Roger
- Boy Scout Fly Tying Merit Badge Contact needed (Roger Corrado) – Steve Bailey volunteered to be the BUFF contact.
- Picnic Event on August 15 – There was discussion as to whether we wanted to or could change the menu to something other than beef. Initial response from Raffles was that it would cost \$2 more per person to add chicken to the menu. Roger C. will see if we can swap some hamburgers for chicken without increasing the cost per person. The picnic will be from 12 noon until dark with the meal at 4 PM. Lane Stocker is organizing a fly casting competition ran by the Statts, same group as last year. Tom Scheer indicated he would facilitate a fly casting golf game from 1 to 4 PM; bring your own rod.

- Breast Cancer Outing (Roger Corrado) – Roger C. was contacted by email regarding a Wellness Connection event on September 12 for breast cancer survivors. Orvis casting instructors were going to be available at a cost of \$150/person which would be donated to the Outing. It was agreed the Outing information could be entered into the Blog on our website. Roger indicated he would connect with the Hamptons making sure they got the info, giving our existing relationship with Casting for Recovery which the Hamptons lead for BUFF.
- Outdoor Meeting Possible Changes for Next Year (Roger Corrado) – The Board discussed the possibility of going back to the June meeting being an outside meeting in addition to the current July and August meetings. After some discussion, it was agreed we would not change June to an outdoor meeting.
- Printing of BUFF Flyers Needed (Jon Kennard) – Jon indicated we needed more flyers printed. The BUFER has the budget for 500-1,000 additional flyers to be printed so no motion was needed. The phone number to be put on the flyers is still in question. **Note: after the meeting Dick found 800 or so extra flyers so we will not be buying any at this time.**
- BUFF mailbox key was given to Bruce who agreed to pick up the mail again.

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 21-July.

Trips (Steve Bailey) –The Little Miami River trip on July 16th from Foster Corner to Ikes using their canoes has 16 participants.

Education – nothing to report.

Club Events – nothing to report.

Fly Tying – nothing to report.

Meeting Speakers – nothing to report.

Membership (Dick Naber) – We have 268 memberships which per Dick's more detailed report accounts for 468 members. We have 40 new members this year compared to 52 last year.

Banquet Committee – they were absent so nothing to report, except as above.

VA Outreach (Dave Jones) – next tying is on July 27th; arrive at 6:15 and start at 6:30 PM.

Fly Fishing Show – nothing to report.

Conservation (Donn Rubingh and Mike Bryant) –American Rivers has contacted Donn regarding BUFF cleaning up a section (3-4 miles) 3x/year of the Little Miami River. It was agreed that it would be good to use Ikes canoes as the fishing trip on the Little Miami will do on July 16th and

pick a stretch of the river that would allow use of the canoes (drop off upstream and float down to Ikes). Don will pursue an option and come back with a recommendation at the next Board meeting.

The Board adjourned at 7:58 PM

Board Attendees:

Steve Bailey, Jim Boude, Mike Bryant, Roger Corrado, Bruce James, Dave Jones, Jon Kennard, Bob Mackey, Mike McCracken, Dick Naber, Donn Rubingh, Jerry Schatzman, Andy Sutthoff, Bruce James.

BUFF members in attendance: Tom Scheer

Submitted by Mike McCracken 21-July-2009