

BUFF Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2011

(Prepared by Mike McCracken)

Administrative Items:

The meeting was called to order by Jeff McElravy at 7 PM.

- Membership health concerns – cards sent out by Steve Horgan.
- April BOD minutes – minutes approved. Jeff will send out June minutes to the Board for reviewed at the August meeting along with these minutes.
- Board Vacancies (Jeff McElravy) – Dave LaDow Has agreed to take over New Member Greeting for Dave Jones who is stepping down from this role.
- Joint Club Meeting with NKFF – 30 BUFF members were present on July 7th. The event was full of activities (kayaking, fishing, good food, swap meet, and casting competition which Jeff McElravy won).
- Summer Club Outing (Pete Moore) – A notice of an August float trip as our monthly meeting will be communicated to the Club members next week via the website email.
- The Outdoor Writers of Ohio 2012 Conference (Jeff McElravy) – BUFF has been asked to take some of the writers fishing who will be attending the conference. Don Rubingh will check with the organizer of the conference to gain an understanding of what the expectations are from the individuals that volunteer to “guide” a writer.
- Healing Waters Budget Increase – The Board approved an increase of \$500 for Healing Waters to help cover costs for a group of veterans and volunteers attending the Patriots Day at DNR Castalia Trout Hatchery on September 10th.
- Joint Elkhorn Trip with NKFF (Jeff McElravy) – Jeff shared that NKFF was open to our members going on trips with their club like their Elkhorn Trip as well as attending their monthly meetings.
- Fly Tying Budget Increase (Ken Dixon) – The Board approved an increase in the Fly Tying budget of \$500. Ken shared that with extra classes, the need to purchase materials (previously materials provided by fly shops), and the handouts he is providing to class attendees, he anticipated needing \$500 additional funds. He has currently spent \$800 of a \$1,200 budget. The new budget will be \$1,700. Jeff has materials from previous donations which he will give to Ken. At some point in the fall, Ken will request from Club members donations of specific materials for classes which Club members may have and be willing to donate for class use.

Chair Reports:

Treasurer (Bob Gustafson) – Bob sent out the report through June by email to the Board prior to the BOD meeting.

Communications

BUFFER (Jon Kennard) – The deadline for information for the August BUFFER is 25-July.

Website (Ken Foltz) – Ken will check to see that the revised check policy approved earlier this year is captured on the website.

Trips (Steve Bailey) – Trips are captured in the BUFFER calendar and the web site to the extent Steve has information from trip leaders.

Education (Lou Haynes) – BUFF provided the fly casting instructions at the recent Western Hills Rod and Gun Club event for women. The first of two fly fishing camps for kids was completed on July 19th with Greenacres. The second one is on August 2. The kids (8) at the first camp enjoyed the activities/instruction (fly rod basics, fly casting, introduction to fish diets, fly tying, knot tying, seining for and identifying critters in the Little Miami River, actual fishing, and fish printing).

Club Special Events (Jim Boude) – An instructional class on spey casting had been suggested as a possible educational event for the Club. Jim is looking at a possibly a Saturday event in the fall. It was agreed that the event needs to be conducted on water to be of value.

Fly Tying (Ken Dixon) – Classes for the Fall Beginners Fly Tying Classes are scheduled from 6 to 7:30 starting on October 18th and running through December 13th. Classes will be at the Springdale Community Center.

Meeting Speakers (Pete Moore) – Programs for September through November have been finalized.

Membership (Steve Horgan) – 257 memberships have been paid for 2011. There were a total of 260 memberships at the end of 2010.

Banquet Committee (Bob Miller) – Bob still is in search of a co-chair for this committee. Bob agreed to provide a committee structure at the next Board meeting. The banquet date is set (March 3rd). The date for the Fly Show in February has not been confirmed with Receptions. Bob agreed to call Receptions on July 21st to get the date set for the first Saturday in February.

Library (Bob Mackey) – nothing new to report.

VA Outreach (Dave Jones) – Upcoming dates are captured on the website as are Healing Waters plans.

Conservation (Donn Rubingh, Mike Bryant, Steve Lilly) – Donn shared that the July Little Miami River cleanup with Rivers Unlimited was a big success with 16 BUFF members present. Materials pulled from the river included car tires, bikes, and a washing machine. Donn also shared that the Mill Creek Campout was a success. The final cleanup outing will be September 15th from Lake Isabella to Milford.

Good of the Club

- May have August and future Board meetings at Springdale Recreation Center
- Send speaker suggestions for the Fly Show to Roger
- Jeff will contact Raffles regarding the 2011/2012 contract

- The idea of having pictures of members of the Club on the website was held for a future meeting.
- Board members were asked to RSVP to Jeff's draft agenda he will send out regarding their attendance at the Board meeting.

The Board adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Attendees:

Board (19): Steve Alexander, Steve Bailey, Jim Boude, Roger Corrado, Randy Clark, Ken Dixon, Ken Foltz, Lou Haynes, Steve Horgan, Dave Jones, Jon Kennard, Bob Mackey, Mike McCracken, Jeff McElravy, Bob Miller, Pete Moore, Donn Rubingh, Lane Stocker, Steve Walker

Submitted by Mike McCracken 9-August-2011