

BUFF Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2009

(Prepared by Mike McCracken)

Administrative Items:

- Membership health concerns
Penny Fraley and Bruce James. Roger will take care of sending cards on behalf of BUFF.
- February BOD minutes – They were approved as written.
- Recognition of Mike Bryant for 10 years leading the Fly Show – The Board approved up to \$50 to be spent to purchase a plaque for Mike. Jerry Schatzman will get one made.
- Two ideas in the concept phase from Miami Valley Club (Dayton) for 1) Expert Fly Tying Sessions and 2) a Fly Tying Festival (11/14/09) – Jeff McElravy shared that he had been approached by the above club regarding their two fly tying concepts. The Dayton club would be looking to BUFF for potential advertising, attendance, finances, and/or tying instructors. Jeff will be BUFF's contact and keep the Board updated as the Dayton club further develops their two events.
- Veterans Program (Tom Scheer suggestion) – in Tom's absence, it was shared by Lou Haynes that Tom is looking in to the Healing Waters program put on by FFF nationally as an activity for the club to become involved with. Tom is in the exploratory phase at this point and will keep the Board informed as he learns more.
- Disposal of Misc. BUFF items (Lou Haynes) – the Board agreed to donation of the below items which Lou had been holding for the club, but had not been used for several years. Lou will work with Lane Stocker to get a fix asset transfer document for the below items to George Fraley.
 - TV/VHS and slide projector donated to a charity by Dick Naber
 - Vices (17 old style): 4 to Veterans by Dave Jones and remaining 13 to the 2010 banquet for use as raffle prizes (Bob Miller)
- Should the Board adopt a formal policy about advancing money for BUFF trip reservations. The Board discussed the idea and agreed that they did not want a policy and would rather handle this on a case-by-case basis as was done in the January 2009 meeting.
- Springdale Recreation Center usage (Dave Jones) – Dave reminded the Board that the use of the recreation center required a member of the community to sign for the use of the facility. Dave agreed to continue doing so for the club. Requests for reservation of rooms should be directed to Dave, who will have to go in and sign the request as he is a member there.
- Banquet and Fly Show Contracts for 2010 (Bob Miller and Mike Bryant (for Mark Ringlsetter) – Receptions is looking for a \$900 deposit for both (\$1,800 total) the Banquet (1st Saturday in March) and the Fly Show (1st Saturday in February). George reminded us that we lose all deposit moneys if we move an event after the deposit has been made to Receptions. As a reminder, we need meet a \$4,000 minimum for the Banquet (~\$25/person) to cover the meal and dessert w/o service charge or taxes. This translates to 160 people needed for the

Banquet. Lou brought up that Raffles has a new place in Blue Ash. It was not known if booking only the Fly Show at Receptions would cause the Banquet costs to increase from Receptions. Given the complexity and time investment in moving either event, the Board agreed to commit to Receptions for both events in 2009. Bob Miller was asked to check with Receptions to see if there was any room to negotiate given the current state of the economy regarding the \$4,000 minimum. A longer term objective is to understand what the cost and suitability would be of Raffles new facility in Blue Ash.

- BUFFER mailing to one member (Dick Naber) – one member in 2008 (didn't pay for 2009 due to illness and financial problems) is still receiving the BUFFER per his request. The Board agreed to continue sending it to this individual for 2009, but to drop his mailing if he does not submit his dues for 2010.
- Suggestion of paying for the guides' dinners on the Pere Marquette Trip (Bob Mackey). In the past, the guides have taken their own time to provide spey casting classes and fly tying classes. The question was whether the club should pay for their dinners for 3 nights (\$12/meal). The Board agreed that the club should not pay for the meals and referred payment for the meals to the trip organizers to determine with the attendees how to handle meals for the guides.
- Donation for the East Fork River Sweep (Don Rubingh and Jon Kennard) – In the past the club has donated \$100 to this clean-up effort. George F. indicated that the Conservation committee had \$500 in their budget so the Conservation committee could decide and the Board did not need to vote on the donation.
- BUFF Refunds
Gary Cummins (Steve Walker) purchased a trip for \$176 in 2008 for a trip led by the Pine Lake guide. The Board voted to reimburse Gary and Steve Walker would take care of the check request.
Linda Roederer purchased a trip to NC with Roger Lowe in 2005 for \$600. She had to put off taking the trip due to father's illness. Deep Creek lodge has been sold and the new owner will not honor the lodging portion of the trip. She is requesting funds for staying at a similar location. The Board discussed the fact that 4 years had passed since she purchased the trip and the uncertainty associated with the costs of the lodging. The Board agreed to reimburse her \$200. Roger will submit the check request. The Board also suggested that trip descriptions have a time limit duration included and that they would consider reimbursements on a case-by-case basis.
- Stamp prices are going up. Given that we will need stamps in the next year and that we get little from our savings account interest, the Board agreed that we should purchase 24-months worth of stamps. George pointed out that buying the stamps has a better rate of return than we are currently getting from the bank.

Chair Reports:

Treasurer (George Fraley) – members need to get check requests in by Tuesdays if they want checks by monthly club meetings or Board meetings on Wednesdays. Also, members need to get reimbursement requests in within 60 days of the expense occurring.

Communications (Jon Kennard and Ken Foltz)

BUFFER – articles by 22nd for BUFFER

Website – will put photos in of new Board members. Pictures will be taken at the next Board meeting for those wanting to change their pictures and for new Board members.

Trips (Steve Bailey) – Ladies trip for this Spring was cancelled as only 4 had signed up. A West Virginia trip is being planned for the Fall

Education (Lou Haynes) – Parky's Farm will start on Fridays from April 3 and go to May 15. Lou will be contacting those that have expressed interest in helping on Wednesdays by phone to get the necessary number of helpers depending on the number of kids expected. Fly fishing 101 has had 22-25 attendees for the first 3 classes. Lou and volunteers will be discussing fly tying and casting at Indian Hill High School on April 8.

Club Events (Tom Baker) - nothing to report.

Fly Tying (Jeff McElravy) – nothing to report

Meeting Speakers (Randy Clark) – April Speaker will focus on the Great Miami River and low level dams.

Membership (Dick Naber) – 58 members on the roster as of Dec have not paid the 2009 dues. There were 34 new members in 2009.

Banquet Committee – (Jim Boude) A \$6,033 profit was reported versus a forecast of \$4,850 in the budget; however they are not sure that all the expenses have been reported at this time. One change for next year would be a separate ticket for the Grand Raffle.

VA Outreach (Dave Jones) – March 19 tying from 6 – 8 PM at the VA Hospital.

Fly Fishing Show (Mark Ringlstetter) – See earlier discussion

Conservation (Donn Rubingh and Mike Bryant) – The funds approved for donations in February have been sent out. A walk-about is being planned for April 18 at 10 AM to see the conservation effort associated with the Mill Creek clean-up.

Casting for Recovery (Jim Hampton) – A fish-a-thon is being planned for June 6th for the river helpers (14 teams of 2/team) with a goal of pledged funds to result in \$1,000 to help fund the CFR weekend. If 14 teams aren't generated, Jim may ask members to form teams.

Adjourned at 8:40 PM

Attendees:

Steve Bailey, Jim Boude, Mike Bryant, Roger Corrado, Randy Clark, George Fraley, Jim Hampton, Lou Haynes, Dave Jones, Jon Kennard, Bob Mackey, Mike McCracken, Jeff McElravy, Bob Miller, Dick Naber, Donn Rubingh, Jerry Schatzman, Andy Sutthoff, Steve Walker.

Submitted by Mike McCracken 31-March, 2009