

BUFF Board Of Directors Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2013

Attendees:

Board (13): Jeff McElravy, Duane Bentley, Randy Clark, Lane Stocker, Jon Kennard, Phil Pursley, Bruce James, Bob Gustafson, Pete Moore, Ed Jones, Tom Agin, Ken Foltz, Ken Dixon.
Club Member – George Fraley

Administrative Items/Proposals

The meeting was called to order by Jeff McElravy at 6:34 pm at the Springdale Community Center.

- Membership Health Concerns
 - It was noted that the Fritz Backscheider funeral was well attended by BUFF members. It was Wanda's desire that contributions be made to BUFF en lieu of flowers.
- February BOD minutes were approved.
- The BOD e-mail vote of March 3, 2013, was read into minutes:
 1. Ken Dixon made a motion via e-mail, seconded by Jon Kennard that **BUFF host a two-day Fly Tying Workshop** by Glenn Weisner on March 16 & 17. The cost per attendee would be \$500/day, spread over the members attending the session.
 2. Further, the **motion authorized a subsidy of \$300 to Glenn Weisner**, reducing the cost to the BUFF attendees.
 - The **motion was approved** by e-mail on March 5, with 13 Board members voting; 12 affirmative votes for Item 1, 11 affirmative votes for Item 2. There was one abstention on each. Jeff McElravy noted that 11 votes is a majority.
- Banquet Committee Report – George Fraley
 - George provided a spreadsheet summary of the banquet results, most notable:
 - Net income was \$7358, up \$1178 over the previous year although slightly fewer in paid attendance, 137 vs. 144 in 2012.
 - (\$1086) raffle prize income compared to 2012
 - \$950 in new money from table sponsors this year
 - A survey has been sent to membership for both those who did and did not attend.
 - The Banquet Committee had their close out review on March 18. Notable conclusions:
 - Need better selection of items for auction

- Pre bundle tickets for the event
- Reduce lag time during the event
- Need more volunteers to tally the silent and live raffle
- Food choice - consider picking from a menu
- Look for Corporate donations
- Ladies only table
- Earlier e-mail notification of silent auction items being offered.
- Hopefully we will have survey results by next BOD Meeting. (B. Miller)
- Brian Tudor will be chairman, C. Osborn associate chairman for next year.

Chair Reports:

Treasurer's Report – Bob Gustafson

- The Balance Sheet as of February 28, 2013 shows Total Assets (Current and Fixed) of \$33,808 and Total Liabilities of \$4437. Net Income through February is \$5796.
- A \$100 Conservation Gift was sent on February 20th to the Clermont County Soil and Water Conservation per standard practice, and is a part of the Conservation Budget. As a matter of record a **motion was made and seconded to provide that expenditure after the fact. Approved.**
- Income from banquet has improved the cash statement. Checking is now at \$12,277 and Savings at \$22,908.
- The audit committee has been identified and the audit is expected to be complete this month.
- The Fritz Backscheider memorial donations are coming in, currently at \$525.
- Now up to 3 keys for the BUFF PO box – Bob Gustafson, Tom Agin, and Bob Miller

Membership – Tom Agin

- Total membership is currently at 318 but will subtract 48 for those not paying dues by the March meeting. That will result in 270 recorded members as of the end of March 2013.
- New Members Folders – procured and provided to Dave Jones

Communications – Jon Kennard

- Discussion was held on reducing the number of mailed BUFFER news letter; specifically mailing just to those who do not have e-mail/website access. The cost of printing and mailing (~\$1.50 per person per month) as well as volunteer time to collate and stuff into envelopes is mounting. Several counter proposals were discussed.
- **Motion:** Randy Clark, with a second from Bob Gustafson - **Provide an electronic notification to the membership of the BUFFER availability each month, and discontinue mailing the monthly BUFFER to those members with e-mail addresses.**

- Discussion:
 - What will be done with money that is saved? It will be used in a number of education classes and conservation efforts.
 - Time spent on BUFFER – 2+ hours just preparation for mailing.
- **The Motion was Tabled** with the following action:
 - R. Clark will word a notification to the membership, to be reviewed electronically by other members of the BOD. The intent is to make this proposal to the Membership at the April Dinner Meeting, obtain feedback, and obtain final Motion decision at the April BOD meeting.
- Need inputs for the BUFFER by 3/24.

Website – Ken Foltz

Nothing to report

Trips – Steve Bailey (no report)

- Pete Moore.... Steelhead trip started today. Working to have both a spring and fall Steelhead trip
- NC trip – need to know who is committing and their \$100 deposit received by the next club meeting in order to release excess housing reservations without loss.
- Ken Dixon - Sunnybrook trips are only half full for June right now.
 - May trip has the minimum reservations.

Meetings and Speakers – Pete Moore

- Programs and speakers are currently scheduled through May 2013. Need to fill remaining months of this year and he is open to any suggestions.
- Need to decide on programs through the summer.
 - Last July we hosted two other clubs, Miami Valley and Northern Kentucky. Assume that we will rotate to the N KY club responsibility for July this year. Miami Valley is also part of the summer group, but attendance last year was low. BUFF will consider holding the VOA facility reservation for July if both of these clubs are still interested. In the past we have also had a family picnic and fishing in July and August in place of a formal program.
 - Regular meetings continued through the summer help keep people's interest in the Club. Jeff will contact the two clubs and propose a joint meeting for July at the VOA facility.
 - We will hold our standard meeting for June and August.
 - Pete is asking for inputs for meeting speakers

Education – Ed Jones

- Indian Hill HS – still need volunteers for April 17
 - Bob Mackey has club rods and reel assets which can be used

- Ken Dixon has club vises which can be used
- Parky's Farm - May
 - Locked closet available for fishing equipment, May & October.
 - Still need a leader for this event, May 3rd, Friday, 10 am to 2 pm.
 - Similar arrangement for October 22
- Miami Univ., ILR – March 20 through April 17
 - Started today, 8 people registered
 - April 3rd, 10th, 17th, 1 - 2:30 pm. Need one more person each day to assist.
- Fly Fishing 101
 - Jeff – Reserved Room B at the Springdale Community Center, every Tues in April for the class. Expect to use the four part course that Lou developed (on the web site - Education). Have 10 signed up now, can support a max of 18. Tom Agin recommended A to Z Printing, in Evendale, for copying at reduced prices.
 - For the fifth (and last) class, Jeff proposed canceling the classroom and take them fishing at one of the small lakes in the area. Jeff will ask the Fly Casting instructors in the Club to help out on the 4th class. Team and assignments are not completed yet.
 - Jeff will need someone else to cover the class on April 16th, since he is out of town.
- Other Classes: NKFF Kids Fest (6/20); Youth Fly Fishing Class (6/26); Easter Hills Rod and Gun Club Sporting Women (7/13); VOA Regatta (7/20); Great Outdoor Weekend – IWLA Lodge (9/28)

Fly Tying – Ken Dixon

- Advanced Fly Tying completed on March 12th. A total of 18 people attended one or more sessions. Average attendance was 9 per class.
- Spring Workshop with Glenn Weisner
 - Nine (9) on Saturday and eight (8) on Sunday.
 - Income was \$765, which reduced the BUFF subsidy to \$235 from the \$300 approved.
- Proposal - Consider another Workshop in October 2013 and March 2014 with other professional fly tiers
 - Saturday / Sunday normally.
 - If enough interest (retirees / vacation) could consider a Friday.
 - Board is willing to support the planning proposal, to be brought back to the Board for formal approval.

Library – Bob Mackey (no report)

VA Outreach – Dave Jones (no report)

- Dave will continue to serve in that discipline but is no longer a member on the board

Conservation – Jon Kennard

- Jon Kennard has accepted this assignment on the board. East Fork appreciated the donation towards the clean up.

Project Healing Waters - Jeff McElravy

- Fly tying at VA Hospital Auditorium - good attendance by the Vets. Last session taught by Paul Feldman.
- Parky's Farm next Tuesday, is being planned pending on transportation availability.
- TU group is conducting the Mad River survey April 7th, a fish count, followed by lunch. Please let Jeff or Don Boysel know if you can attend. Jeff will send out contact information.

Good of the Club

- **Motion:** Lane Stocker made a motion, seconded by Bob Gustafson –
 - **To award a 2013 complimentary one year BUFF membership to Jerry Snyder / Otter Creek in recognition of his significant bamboo rod contributions to the club raffles. The motion was unanimously approved.**
 - Duane Bentley will meet with and inform Jerry.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Duane Bentley