

BUFF Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2009

(Prepared by Mike McCracken)

Administrative Items:

- Membership health concerns: Lee Chamber's wife. Roger will take care of sending a card on behalf of BUFF.
- April BOD minutes – They were approved as written.
- FFF Five Rivers Sweepstakes (Mike Bryant) – 30 tickets for the sweepstakes were sold at the May club meeting which included 10 new memberships to FFF. Tickets will be sold at the June meeting and then the money and information sent to FFF
- Fishing Shirt Purchase Update – Nothing reported.
- Banquet Contract Status – The time for the banquet has been locked down; contract negotiations continue.
- Update on Bringing in Fly Tier for Class (Jeff McElravy) – A fall festival is being formulated with fly tying session. The Miami Valley club is leading this effort. Jeff will continue to keep us informed. There is \$2,000 in the education part of the budget to pay for one or two big names to come in and bolster the education aspect of the club.

Chair Reports:

Treasurer (George Fraley) – We continue to be on track relative to the budget. There is approximately a combined \$30,000 in cash and savings account.

Communications (Jon Kennard)

BUFFER – could use articles

Trips (Steve Bailey) – The West Virginia trip was the week of the BOD's meeting. An outstanding question is whether the club was reimbursed for the two advances provided to this trip totaling \$627.20. The Elkhorn trip is two weeks out. Lou Haynes shared that he was working on a day trip for mid-August (Tues, Wed, or Thurs) on the Little Miami River from Foster Corner to Ikes using their canoes. There would be free transportation for up to 15 canoes with a \$10/person or \$20/canoe donation given directly to Ikes. The Cumberland trip had to be cancelled due to the high water flow. It has been shifted to October.

Education (Lou Haynes) – Fishing with kids at Parky's Farm has been completed for the Spring. Lou is optimistic that the addition of two aerators at the pond will keep the algae growth down so we can resume with the kids in September. The Fly Fishing 101 class has a lab class on June 26 at the Eastern Hills Rod and Gun Club. There is a casting, fishing, and fly tying event being planned for the same location in July. The Great Outdoors event is scheduled for Sept. 26 at Ikes

Club Events (Tom Baker) - nothing to report.

Fly Tying (Jeff McElravy) – The Fall beginning class may have a reasonable cost introduced for participants this year.

Meeting Speakers (Randy Clark) – upcoming speakers include the fish management representative from the Dept. of Natural Resources in our district, Mad River Outfitters, a presentation on stream restoration, a presentation on the history of fly fishing, and a presentation on fly fishing in Montana.

Membership (Dick Naber) – We have 248 memberships which per Dick’s more detailed report accounts for 462 members.

Banquet Committee – nothing to report beyond earlier update on page 1.

VA Outreach (Dave Jones) – Tuesday, May 26th time is 6 to 8 pm. The Friday, June 26th event will be from 9:30 to 2:00 at Lake Isabella (fishing with the vets).

Fly Fishing Show – nothing to report.

Conservation (Donn Rubingh and Mike Bryant) – The next “Walkabout” has been scheduled for the Little Miami River with Steve Waak at 10 AM. There were two items “in the works” by this committee which were shared. Bill Schroeder is identifying places down the Little Miami which need to be cleaned up. We may want to discuss doing something associated with this as a club. Also, the Friends of the Greater Miami are looking for participants to “adopt” parts of the stream with clean-ups 3x during the year. A representative from this group may speak at the next BOD meeting.

Other Discussions:

1. The Audit Report has been completed with a clean report. Bob Mackey sat in on the audit. The only suggestion was a reminder that large checks require two signatures.
2. Roger took input on several ways to make the announcement part of the monthly meeting shorter so we have more time to focus on the speaker session of the meeting.
3. The meal plans are needed for July and August meetings. There were different opinions as to whether members pay at the June meeting for July and August meals. It was suggested that we look at the minutes from last year to determine how this was handled.

The Board adjourned at 8:40 PM

Attendees:

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

Submitted by Mike McCracken 27-May-2009