

BUFF Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2009

(Prepared by Mike McCracken)

Administrative Items:

The meeting was called to order by Roger Corrado at 7 PM.

- Membership health concerns: none
- October BOD minutes – approved by the Board.
- Treasurer for 2010 – Bob Gustafson has agreed to assume the duties of Treasurer of the Club in 2010 and has begun the transition with George Fraley.
- Fly tying education – It was brought up that we need to spend the monies budgeted for education by December 31 to count against this year's budget. Given the Club's tax deferred basis, it is important that we keep a watchful eye on our planned spending against educational events/activities.
- Picnic and Swap Meeting alternatives discussion (Roger Corrado) – Roger suggested we combine the picnic and swap meets in July to get better attendance. He also suggested that one or two of the directors-at-large assume the leadership of this combined meeting. No objectives or alternatives were suggested by the Board. Roger will suggest to the Calendar committee that we proceed with the combined meeting.
- Fly fishing Show progress (Mark Ringsletter) – 37 vendors are on the list with 15 having replied that they will be attending. Mark will call those who have not responded this weekend. Mark indicated that a fly fishing for muskie presentation is lined up for the show as well as a fly tying presentation by Joe Cornwall. Roger suggested that the BUFF sponsors might be a good source of presentations. Mark asked that if the Board members had any suggested speakers to let him know. The question came up as to whether we continue to not provide support for speakers, such as travel costs. It was noted that we have not in the past and will not this year. Lou Haynes indicated that Bass Pro had agreed to have BUFF members provide fly tying demos at the store the last four weekends in January as a way to advertise the Show. Lou will be contacting folks to get volunteers for the Saturdays and Sundays at Bass Pro. There will continue to be no cost for vendor booths at the Show consistent with the educational nature of the Show. Jeff McElravy indicated that he was looking for someone to work with him for planning the fly tying portion of the Show. Jim Boude indicated he would help Jeff.
- Extra rod donation discussion (Lou Haynes) – As discussed at the October Board meeting, the Club has eight rods and eight reels to be given away. Lou's discussion with Phil Pursley led to the conclusion that the Badin High School fishing club would not be the appropriate recipient of the equipment because they are more focused on spin casting. After some discussion, it was agreed that the six rods and reel combinations would be given to the Banquet committee as prizes. The other two rods and reels would be given away at upcoming BUFF monthly meetings to members.

- Changes to sending blanket emails to members and updates to the website (Roger Corrado) – Based on the need to sometimes get emails to members when Dick Naber is out of town, Roger suggested that there be a backup who would send blanket emails when needed. It was noted that the list might not be current (possibly some new members not on an updated list). After some discussion, it was agreed that although unfortunate to miss some members with important updates, it was best to hit the vast majority with such emails. Ken Foltz agreed to be Dick's backup when needed.
- Donation for the use of the church for meetings (Roger Corrado) – Roger suggest that we make a donation to the Atonement Lutheran Church where the Board holds monthly meetings. A donation of the same amount previously made to the church in 2007 was approved by the Board. George Fraley will provide Roger with the information on the amount and Roger will make the request for the donation.
- 2010 BOD Award nominations (Roger Corrado) – Please send your nominations to Roger.
- Budget request for 2010 (Roger Corrado) – Roger requested (and sent out an email after the meeting) that all chairs send to him by 25-November their proposed budgets by account number as well as any forecasted income, if applicable, for 2010. This will allow the preparation of a draft budget for review and approval at the 16-December Board meeting.
- Advance of \$1,500 to buy rods for the Banquet (Bob Miller & Lane Stocker) – The Banquet committee has the opportunity to purchase rods from Winston at 40-60% discount for use at the Banquet. The Board approved the \$1,500 advance to do so.

Chair Reports:

Treasurer (George Fraley) – No questions on the report George sent out prior to the meeting. As noted previously, Bob Gustafson will assume the role of Treasurer for 2010.

Communications (Jon Kennard)

BUFFER – articles needed by November 23rd.

Website – information for the Banquet and Fly Show are available on the website.

Trips (Steve Bailey) – Trip leaders are still needed for the Elkhorn and Natahala trips for 2010. Dates for the Little Miami River clean-up/fishing trips are needed from the Conservation committee.

Education (Lou Haynes) – All events are done for the year. Lou is preparing a report of all the activities by the committee for the BUFFER.

Club Events - nothing to report; Tom Baker not in attendance.

Fly Tying (Jeff McElravy) – The Fall beginning class has completed. Attendance this year was down possibly due to the scheduling on Friday evenings. The Advanced Fly Tying class is due to begin the first week of January and run for six weeks. Depending on space availability, the class may run on Thursdays. Dave Jones will check on space at the Springdale Recreation Center.

Meeting Speakers – no update; Randy Clark not in attendance.

Membership – no update; Dick Naber not in attendance.

Banquet Committee (Bob Miller & Lane Stocker) – 27 reservations thus far; see earlier discussion on rod purchase.

VA Outreach (Dave Jones) – First date in 2010 will be February 23rd in the evening. Dave will have additional dates available at the December Board meeting.

Fly Fishing Show – see earlier discussion.

Conservation (Donn Rubingh) – Donn indicated the committee planned to purchase BUFF-labeled cleanup bags for use by the members. He shared that he would be providing \$100 from his budget to the Little Miami Partnership .

The Board adjourned at 8:02 PM

Attendees:

Board: Steve Bailey, Jim Boude, Mike Bryant, Roger Corrado, Ken Foltz, George Fraley, Lou Haynes, Dave Jones, Jon Kennard, Mike McCracken, Jeff McElravy, Bob Miller, Donn Rubingh, Jerry Schatzman, Lane Stocker, Andy Sutthoff..

Club Member: Bob Gustafson

Submitted by Mike McCracken 24-November-2009