

BUFF Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2011

(Prepared by Mike McCracken)

Administrative Items:

The meeting was called to order by Jeff McElravy at 7 PM at the Springdale Community Center.

- Membership health concerns – card sent by Steve Horgan.
- October BOD minutes – approved.
- General Meeting Place Status – All comments received concerning the new meeting place (Voice of America) were positive; food was good and location was also. Traffic was an issue, but not a big problem. There was some discussion about having all meetings (i.e. the summer outings) at this location as well, with fishing options. (No decision was made, just comments) The procedures for the Club storage area were discussed and approved. Ken Foltz will capture the procedures document on the website. Ken Dixon had set up the key log and sign in/out sheet. The OPR for the storage area will be Steve Walker, BUFF asset manager. He will control the access.
- Reporting of Financial Status to Membership (Jeff McElravy) – The Board discussed how we can best address questions the general membership might have regarding our finances. Jeff shared in his comments as president at the November general meeting that the general membership is always welcome to attend the Board meeting to raise any questions or concerns. The Board decided to place a note in the BUFFER that members can contact the treasurer to get a hardcopy of the budget details. Also, it was agreed that after the annual audit of the books, the treasurer will make a report at the general membership meeting regarding the Club's finances.
- 2012 Officers and BOD (Jeff McElravy) – Jeff McElravy, Randy Clark, and Bob Gustafson indicated they were open to continuing their current roles on the Board. Mike Bryant, Steve Lilly, Mike McCracken and Lou Haynes have indicated they will not be on the Board next year. Jeff will send out nomination forms for Board members to the general membership. Nominations are due by December 31st. The Board currently consists of 25 members. The question was raised as to whether we should expand or contract the size of the group. Mike McCracken agreed to provide Jeff with a 2011 attendance summary for the current Board members for use in further discussions on this topic at a later meeting.
- FFY and BOD Awards – Fly Fisher of the Year (general membership votes) and the BOD award (Board votes) will be voted on in January.
- Calendar of Events for 2012 (Jeff McElravy) – Jeff indicated he would organize a small meeting to finalize the calendar for next year. Jon Kennard indicated he would put together a draft calendar for this meeting to the extent that he has information on events.

Chair Reports:

Treasurer (Bob Gustafson) – Bob sent to the Board the updated 2011 budget information by email. The gifts/grants for 2011 were discussed. Bob shared that based on the approach used in previous years:

12/31 Cash on hand – depreciation reserve – liabilities - \$5000 contingency reserve = “excess cash” and figuring we could gift ~ 50% of “excess cash”,

he estimated we could gift \$5,000 to \$6,000 this year. The following recipients and amounts were approved by a show of hands by the Board.

- Greenacres Water Quality Program **\$250**
- Rivers Unlimited **\$500**
- Casting for Recovery **\$1,000**
- Ohio Council FFF **\$200**
- Fishing Has No Boundaries **\$500**
- Friends of the Greater Miami **\$500**
- Izaak Walton League **\$500**
- Little Miami, Inc. **\$500**
- Madmen TU **\$500**

2012 Budget Discussion – Bob shared a draft of a 2012 budget based on the input he had received and his best estimates where no input was received. The Board agreed to review the draft budget from Bob and finalize it at the December Board meeting.

Communications:

BUFFER (Jon Kennard) – The deadline for information for the December BUFFER is 21-November. Jon raised the question as to when we should generate new BUFF brochures with the new monthly meeting location. It was agreed that Jon would get 2,000 brochures printed at a cost of ~\$150 which would come out of the Membership budget line.

Website (Ken Foltz) – Ken shared that he was revising the home page of the web site.

Trips (Steve Bailey) – no update.

Education:

Public Events (Lou Haynes) – Lou shared that there were 17 students at Indian Hills High School which attended the fly tying and fly casting instructions this week. The Knot Tying class will be held in January. The handouts for the class are on the web site. Weekend advertising for the Fly Show will begin in December at BassPro.

Special Club Events (Jim Boude) – The Spey Casting class was held at East Fork Lake due to the high river water. The participants found it useful.

Fly Tying (Ken Dixon) – There have been 8 to 10 people at the Introduction to Fly Tying classes thus far. 4 of the 8 classes are completed. Ken shared that there were problems with the Club's camera in keeping focus during fly tying instructions. The Board asked Ken to come back with a recommendation on a new camera for use in fly tying instructions. Jeff McElravy indicated he would work with Ken to contact other groups to determine the type of cameras they use.

Meeting Speakers (Pete Moore, Walter Leap) – Pete shared that the program for December is set although there had been some problems in contacting the speaker of late.

Membership (Steve Horgan) – 260 paid members in 2011 which equals the number we had for 2010. Steve reminded the Board that the voting on the award for Life Time membership would be voted upon in December.

Banquet Committee (Bob Miller) – 22 members are now on the banquet committee with Bob leading the group. Randy Clark will forward to Bob the list of the banquet committee volunteers with phone numbers. Bob agreed to organize a meeting of this group. Jeff McElravy asked to be included in the meeting. Bob shared that the letters to shops and manufacturers requesting donations have been sent out. Currently there is no speaker for the Banquet.

Fly Fishing Show (Roger Corrado) – Roger shared that one of the three presenters committed for the show has withdrawn (smallmouth speaker) so he will be looking to fill that slot.

Library (Bob Mackey) – no update.

VA Outreach (Dave Jones) – The tying with the veterans dates for 2012 have been set and are on the web site.

Conservation (Donn Rubingh, Mike Bryant, Steve Lilly) – nothing new to report.

Good-of-the-Club

Jeff shared that the Healing Waters fishing trip was a big success.

The Board adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Attendees:

Board (17): Jim Boude, Roger Corrado, Randy Clark, Ken Dixon, Ken Foltz, Bob Gustafson, Lou Haynes, Steve Horgan, Dave Jones, Jon Kennard, Mike McCracken, Jeff McElravy, Bob Miller, Pete Moore, Donn Rubingh, Lane Stocker, Steve Walker

Submitted by Mike McCracken 19-November-2011