

BUFF BOD MEETING MINUTES

September 24, 2008

(Prepared by Lou Haynes)

Administrative Items:

- ✓ The meeting was called to order at 7 PM.
- ✓ Membership health issues: It was noted that Ted Grossman's father passed away recently. A card from the club will be sent to the family.
- ✓ The August minutes were approved without change.
- ✓ Gary Begley represented the Casting Instructors in requesting funds to purchase a "Casting Analyzer Unit" for the club. The instrument is used to quantitatively, by graph, analyze the casting stroke. The BOD agreed that this unit would be useful in assisting the instructors in correctly analyzing student casting issues. The BOD approved up to \$750 it be used for the purchase of a unit. Gary Begley will purchase one for the club.
- ✓ A new, meal contract from Raffel's was briefly discussed. The new contract covers the dates from September, 2008 to June, 2009. There is no increase in price. The BOD approved the contract. It was signed by Lou Haynes and Jim Hampton. Lou will deliver a copy of the approved contract to Raffel's this week.
- ✓ Lou reported that 41 "Monomasters" are being ordered from Grasshopper Outdoor Products. 31 were pre-paid orders by members and 10 were ordered by our Banquet Committee to be used in the table raffles.
- ✓ The BOD approved a BUFF Logo tee-shirt sale with members pre-paying for shirts. Carol Barton will organize the sale starting at the October general meeting. The minimum order is 24 which the BOD felt was easily within reach.
- ✓ Dick Naber proposed a free, fly fishing magazine subscription program (\$2 first-year rate paid by the club) to be given to new members. After discussion the BOD decided against free subscriptions for new members; however, the BOD agreed that an offer of a \$2 first-year rate to all members would be acceptable. Dick will work with the magazine company to come-up with a coupon and letter that any BUFF member can use to send in to the magazine company to get the \$2 offer on one of three possible fly fishing magazines. Dick will circulate the coupon and letter to the BOD for comment and approval prior to offering the program to the membership.
- ✓ A new meal reservation/cancellation system was approved by the BOD. George Fraley will start receiving phone reservations beginning with the November general meeting. Members will be able to reserve meals on-line as currently done. Meal cancellations (starting in November) can be done one of two ways: 1) by calling the meal reservation phone number and requesting a cancellation or 2) by going to the website where they will find a cancellation procedure on the meal reservation page. The cancellation procedure will provide a means of sending an e-mail to George requesting the meal cancellation. In all cases (except for the Annual Club Picnic) the deadline for reservations and cancellations will be the Sunday prior to the monthly meeting. Reservations or cancellations for the picnic will be at midnight on the Wednesday prior to the picnic. The membership will be notified of the changes at the October meeting, by the club e-mail system shortly after the October meeting and in the November BUFFER.

- ✓ The BOD approved a \$250 donation to NKFF for their annual banquet. Lou will send in the check request for the money and send the donation to NKFF.
- ✓ There was a brief discussion regarding the use of the club excess money. The decision on the amount and where the money will be allocated will be made at the November BOD meeting. In preparation for that discussion Lou will send out an e-mail to the BOD requesting their input on where the money might be spent. Lou will summarize the input and send to the BOD prior to the November BOD meeting. George will provide the BOD a list of the recipients who received donations in 2006.

Chair Reports:

- ✓ George reported he has sent the 2007 Schedule A to the IRS as they requested. This 7-page form asked for club income for the past 4 years. George commented that it appears, based on the income for these 4 years, we might have been required to file tax returns prior to 2007. George has also agreed to be treasurer next year with the help of an assistant treasurer. Cathy LaDow has agreed to be his assistant. Cathy will collect all meal money at dinners, entry fees at the “Fly Fishing Show”, banquet money and membership dues, make the deposits and provide a report to George. George will manage the budget, check writing, treasurer reports and IRS tax returns.
- ✓ BUFFER articles were due 9/22, prior to the BOD meeting. Ken Foltz mentioned that he needs some brief write-ups on some of the educational areas to post on the web. Those responsible for these areas are requested to provide Ken with appropriate, brief write-ups for posting on the web.
- ✓ Donn Rubingh reported that all is set for the BUFF “Great Outdoors Weekend” program at the Ikes near Loveland on Saturday 27th. It was also noted that there is a bad algae/weed problem at Parky’s Farm that currently limits fishing to the dock area. There was some concern that the Parky’s Farm program might be in jeopardy if the Park doesn’t clean up the pond.
- ✓ Ken West reported that Beginner’s Fly Tying classes start on Friday nights in October at the Springdale Community Center. Jeff McElravy is in charge of the program.
- ✓ Ken West agreed to spend the \$242.19 remaining from the Jerry Snider rod sale that was set-aside specifically for education. George would like to clear out this account.
- ✓ Randy Clark reported that speakers are in place through the remainder of 2008. He circulated a list of potential speakers for next year and asked for input from the BOD. Joe Guenther and Dave French will be the speakers at the October meeting, reviewing the Michigan salmon trip.
- ✓ Dick Naber reported that the club currently has 287 memberships.
- ✓ Dave Jones reported that the VA Hospital Outreach Program is going well and he has sufficient tiers for the program tomorrow night,
- ✓ Debbie Hampton briefly reported on the recent (5th) CFR Retreat that went well. She requested a donation to CFR for \$500 to cover expenses for a fall CFR Alumni Reunion in Columbus, October 18th. The BOD approved her request for

- \$500. Debbie has also invited some CFR participants to the October meeting to tell the membership about their recent CFR Retreat experience.
- ✓ Mike Bryant will canvas the club members to find out who has been involved in conservation activities this year.

Attendees:

Lou Haynes, Jon Kennard, Jim Hampton, Debbie Hampton, Lane Stocker, Ken Foltz, George Fraley, Randy Clark, Lee Chambers, Dave Jones, Gary Begley, Dick Naber, Ken West, Bob Mackey, Bruce James, Mike Bryant, Donn Rubingh, Tom Baker