

Buckeye United Fly Fishers

Minutes of the September 21, 2011 Meeting

President Jeff McElravy called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. at the Springdale Community Center.

Attendance:

Jeff McElravy	Lane Stocker	Randy Clark	Steve Bailey
Jon Kennard	Ken Foltz	Don Rubingh	Jerry Schatzman
Bob Mackey	Steve Horgan	Steve Walker	Jim Boude
Bruce James	Dave Jones		

Quorum – Initially, attendance was one person short of a quorum. At 6:09 p.m. Bruce James entered the meeting creating a quorum of Board Members.

No **Health Concerns** were reported.

Minutes of the August 17, 2011 Meeting – Don Rubingh moved, Jim Boude seconded and the minutes were approved by voice vote.

Raffels Contract – President McElravy has met with the management of Raffels and is waiting their reply to a proposal made by BUFF. To date member feedback on the increased costs has not been favorable. Attendance at the September meeting was down to 67, compared to about 80 or more at a typical meeting. President McElravy is hopeful that we will have anew contract based on the BUFF proposal of \$15 per meal and \$200 for room rental. Raffels is also seeking an 18% gratuity charge. This has not been well received by BUFF members. In 2010 we paid \$12 per meal and \$150 room rental. Next year we should expect an additional increase in food costs. If we move to another location, we should expect to pay a higher rent charge and not have room available to store our library items.

Inquiry by Overland North – President McElravy has been contacted by Overland North, an outdoor film company, to ask if BUFF members would mind being filmed while fishing at various locations. It is not clear what they want this for so it was asked that Jeff get more information from the company. Because they are more of a high adventure focused company, we probably don't have the kind of information they are seeking. Jeff will follow up with the company.

U.S. Sports Alliance (Hunting Club) – President McElravy was contacted by Chad Lehman who wants an opportunity to address the club at a meeting. Because the focus of the Alliance is hunting, the consensus of the Board was that this was probably not a topic of interest to the membership. Jeff will follow up to decline the request.

Treasurer Report – Bob Gustafson was absent from this meeting. Receptions is looking for the deposit for our events in 2012. Jeff will tell the Treasurer to send the check.

Communications –

- BUFFER – Articles are due by September 26 per Jon Kennard
- Web Site – We need program information for the October meeting, Ken Foltz request to Randy Clark

Trips – I am developing the 2012 schedule, Steve Bailey

Education –

- Public Events – Lou Haynes is absent from this meeting.
- Randy Clark moved, John Kennard seconded to authorize expenditure of funds for payment of lunch costs for the ODNR – DOW class to be held in Xenia on October 21, approved by voice vote of the Board.
- Spey Casting Class – Jim Boude reported that he has lined up Lou Uecker of Mad River Outfitters to present this class. The limit on participation is six persons. The total cost of \$350. Presently four are signed up and Jim would like to see two more register to allow an equitable distribution of the cost. He may cancel the class if they don't get all six. However, they can take up to eight people if there is interest. It was suggested that the class be rescheduled to spring 2012. It was asked if the club should subsidize the cost. Lane Stocker moved, Bob Mackey seconded to authorize expenditure of \$120 to subsidize the cost of the class, approved by voice vote of the Board.
- Fly Tying – Ken Dixon was absent from this meeting. Jeff said they will begin advertising the class soon since it starts at the end of October 2011.

Program – Absent

Library – Bob Mackey reported that we need more books and DVDs turned back in to the library. He may ask for some help contacting people to remind them to do this. He will probably

start doing this in January 2012. Bruce James will fill in as librarian at the October 2011 general Membership Meeting.

Membership – Steve Horgan reported that we have received three new memberships since the last meeting and now have 259 paid memberships. At the same time in 2010 we had 260 memberships.

Banquet Committee – Bob Miller was absent from this meeting due to a business trip. Jeff led a discussion about the need to get more persons involved in the Banquet Committee. Since the September meeting he has heard from three persons expressing interest to help with this. More help is needed particularly with making contacts with vendors/donors long before the Banquet date. Jeff would like to see the committee made up of persons who are not already serving the club in some other capacity. A prime task for this recruiting effort is to have a C-Chair for the committee so that there can be a line of succession the future. The Banquet will be held on March 3, 2012. The Fly Show will be held on February 5, 2012. Members should understand that if we don't get help for the Banquet Committee, it may be necessary to cancel the Banquet. That would be a critical move since that is our primary fund-raiser for the club. Cancelling would cost the club money because we are already committed to the cost of the room. Jim Boude offered to create a diagram showing the preferred make-up of the committee with sub-committees and responsibilities. Jeff will describe the need and responsibilities in an article for the next BUFFER newsletter. Steve Horgan suggested that the information be put on the web site. Jim Boude asked if we should begin thinking about alternative fundraiser for 2013 and beyond. Jeff said we need to have a "growth" committee that will be structured to allow for co-chairs, succession and growth. This concept should be applied to all committees. Steve Horgan suggested that it should be a two-year commitment. Jeff said that if we want to explore a different Fundraiser we could possibly look at applying this to the Fly Show. However, that can be risky because of the problems with weather, and that we might also lose the education value of the event.

Veterans Administration Outreach – The next tying event will be on Thursday November 10, 2011, per Dave Jones.

Project Healing Waters – The next outing for this group will be at Park's Farm, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Tuesday September 27, 2011.

The Castilia trip was dampened by rainy weather. However, the fishing was good and the large fish were plentiful. Expenses for that trip were approved at an earlier Board meeting.

Conservation – Don Rubingh reported on the Little Miami River Clean Up Trip. He said five people participated. They covered about seven miles in five hours. On the next trip, he will plan to allow for more fishing time. During this trip they saw blue heron and a bald eagle.

Good of the Club –

Jon Kennard reported on work being done to remove the low head dam on the Little Miami River at Batavia. The Village and others have requested that we sign on with them for application for a grant to make this project come to fruition. This will improve the watershed. Jon Kennard moved, Don Rubingh Seconded to support the grant application, and this was approved by voice vote of the Board.

Jeff discussed the password protected information on the website.

Adjournment at 7:28 p.m., Moved by Steve Walker, second by Jim Boude, approved by voice vote of the Board.

Minutes prepared by Steve Bailey, October 19, 2011