

**BUFF Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**September 18, 2013**

**Attendees:**

**Board (12):** Jeff McElravy, Duane Bentley, Bob Gustafson, Tom Smith, Ken Foltz, Tom Agin, Randy Clark, Phil Pursley, Steve Walker, Ken Dixon, Bob Mackey, Bob Miller

**Absent (9):** Don Kail, Walter Leap, Lane Stocker, Jim Hampton, Bruce James, Jim Neckers, Pete Moore, Ed Jones, Steve Bailey

**Administrative Items/Proposals**

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff McElravy at 6:35 pm at the Springdale Community Center.

- Membership Health Concerns – None reported. Paul Feldman is expected to have knee replacement on 9/26. Tom will send a card next week.
- August 21 BOD minutes – **A motion was made by Ken Dixon, second by Bob Gustafson to accept the minutes as written. The motion passed.**
- Charitable Giving 2013 – Bob Gustafson provided an updated chart of the BUFF Contributions & Grants, which included his recommendations for the 2013 Budget Review. A check for \$1200 has already been sent to Casting For Recovery, consistent with the BOD decision in August. Discussion:
  - It had been proposed in August that the Board reconsider the 12-14 individual recipient list, reduce it to a fewer number, but increase the individual grant amount. No proposal was made.
  - Little Miami, Inc. was discussed. It was proposed that the gift amount be reduced from \$500 to \$250.
  - The non-earmarked funds remaining (~\$400) against a Budget line item of \$3800, could be reserved for consideration of future charitable giving requests from the membership, in conjunction with the recently approved Charitable Giving Guidelines.
  - **Following discussion, a motion was made by Duane Bentley, seconded by Tom Smith to approve the 2013 list as recommended by the Treasurer, with the reduction to \$250 for Little Miami, Inc. The motion was approved.**

- 2014 Officer and BOD Election – President Jeff McElravy restated the position he made at previous BOD meetings and the Membership Meeting last week. After three years, he would not seek or accept reelection to the BUFF BOD as President, and that Randy Clark indicated that he would not be running for Vice President or President.
  - Jeff stated that he is willing to serve on the Board next year as a Director if elected.
  - Bob Mackey indicated that he will no longer run for a Director’s position in 2014, but will remain another year as Librarian.
  - Ken Dixon stated that he would like to step aside from his responsibilities leading the Fly Tying program, but would be willing to run again for the Board, in a different capacity.
  - No other requests were made by Officers or Directors in attendance.
  - Elections will be held in January 2014 and a slate of candidates needs to be finalized in the next three months.
- Awards Committee – Fly Fisher of the Year, Board Of Directors, and President’s Award
  - Jeff McElravy recommended instituting a committee to take leadership of the FFOY, BOD, and Lifetime Membership Award, instead of having the President lead that task each year.
  - The President’s Award will remain the responsibility of the BUFF President.
  - The Awards Committee responsibility, as proposed, would include preparing the list of nominees, producing the ballots, presenting the ballots to the membership (or BOD as appropriate), overseeing the elections, counting the results, preparing the awards, and presenting the awards at the Spring Banquet.
  - Jeff suggested that the committee be kept to 3-5 members and include the immediate past FFOY award winner, the BUFF Membership Chairman, and 1-2 additional Board Members.
  - The BUFF Guidelines and Policies, GP05, 18, and 20 will need to be reviewed and modified as appropriate.
  - Duane Bentley offered to lead this year’s Awards Committee. Steve Walker, Bob Gustafson, and Tom Agin volunteered to be on the committee. All were accepted.
- Lifetime Membership Award – Jeff requested a review with Tom Agin as to the BUFF membership statistics that affect the number of Lifetime Membership Awards. The Awards Committee will add this to their task.

- Fly Show – Bob Gustafson stated that he had created a contract with AK Best, signed by the BUFF President, and sent it out. Bob is waiting on its return.
  - Bob Miller has begun sending out booth invitations and has received acceptances already. Bob Gustafson and Ken Dixon provided handouts of the room layout.
  - The Friday Tying Workshop will also be at the Oasis. There will be 10 tiers and 40 observers.
- Banquet – No report

### Chair Reports:

#### Treasurer's Report – Bob Gustafson

- A check for \$1200 was sent to Casting for Recovery.
- With 2/3rds of the year over, BUFF has received 99% of the budgeted income and spent 66% against budgeted expenses.
- The Balance Sheet shows \$31,663 in Current Assets and \$4,437 in Current Liabilities.
- The Jan – Aug Profit & Loss summary shows \$34,156 in Total Income and \$26, 728 in Total Expense to date, with a Net Ordinary Income of \$7,428.
- **A motion was made to by Duane Bentley, seconded by Steve Walker to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed.**

#### Membership – Tom Agin

- Four new members were received at the last Membership Meeting. That brings BUFF to a total of 289 memberships, combined across Individual and Family Memberships.
  - Of the total number, six are complimentary and 12 are life memberships.
- Tom will announce dues for the 2014 year, at the October Membership Meeting.
- He needs support to take in the cash at the November and December meetings.
- Tom indicated that he has over 50 badges made up and waiting for people to pick up. It was suggested that he prepare a listing of names of available badges, and provide that on a memory stick for continuous display on the screen during dinner at the next Membership Meeting.
- It was also recommended that future badges be prepared if possible at the dinner meeting when the new member is introduced, so that he or she leaves with the badge in addition to the other new member material.

## Communications – Tom Smith

Tom provided a handout for review.

- Monthly costs of printing and mailing the **Buffer** have increased from \$40 to \$80 a month at FedEx.
- Mailing costs are \$6 to \$7 per month in addition.
- The annual cost for the 14 mailed copies will be in excess of \$1000 a year, and Tom questioned the benefit for this expenditure.
- Following additional discussion, it was suggested that Tom evaluate **A to Z Printing**, on Reading Road in Evendale for lower pricing. Other suggestions included reducing the scope and content of the mailed **Buffer**.
  - Bob Gustafson stated that Wendy Gustafson had graciously offered her assistance and personal equipment for printing the remaining 14 copies.
- Two of the 14 mailed copies are to new members who joined in 2013, and another two who joined in 2012.
- **A motion was made by Duane Bentley, seconded by Tom Smith that mailed copies of the Buffer will not be provided to any new BUFF member joining after April 2013 (the date of the switch to e-mail Buffer distribution). The motion was approved.**

## Website – Ken Foltz

Ken will provide a link to the Fly Show on the BUFF Web site.

## Trips – Steve Bailey was not in attendance.

- Salmon trip is coming up. The previously reported issue relative to the liability of the open rooms at the lodge has been resolved.
- Sunny Brook trip is also coming up.

## Meetings and Speakers – Pete Moore/ Phil Pursley

Phil reported that they have not received any response recently from the individual who is supposed to be the October meeting speaker. A replacement has been contacted but is in question. Some alternatives were discussed:

- Describe how veteran fly fishers pack up for a trip and what to bring in a vest or pouch.
- Dutch oven cooking
- Roads, Rivers, and Trails review of fishing products.
- Orvis Kenwood store presentation, providing they talk about the various products as opposed to selling exclusively their product.
- Consider the list of local vendors who participated at the Fly Show, again under the same guidelines as proposed for Orvis.

**Education** – Ed Jones was not in attendance.

Bob Gustafson provided input:

- Great Outdoor Weekend at the IWLA Lodge is September 28. Steve Walker will lead the casting demonstration. Bob indicated that he could use additional casters and tiers. The hours are from 10 am – 3 pm

**Fly Tying** – Ken Dixon

- Beginner Fly Tying classes start on October 22, with the first of five sessions.
- October 26 will be fly tying at Bass Pro with Mike Schmidt. The room can hold only 10, and Ken currently has 8 signed up. Further discussion was had on a potential change of venue.

**Library** – Bob Mackey

Nothing new to report

**Conservation** –

Jeff indicated that an individual has expressed interest in taking on this leadership role.

**Project Healing Waters** - Jeff McElravy

Parky's back pond is unfishable. The front pond is fishable and PHW will be using that.

**Good of the Club** –

Jeff shared a letter from an Assistant Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences at Northern Kentucky University, sent to BUFF as well as a number of other 501(c)(3) organizations in the area. The letter outlined an RFP process for consideration of a grant of \$1000 - \$2000 in the area of "Protecting Water Resources". The RFP must be returned to NKU by September 23, 2013 with a detailed description of the proposed project and its benefits. Following further discussion, the Board chose not to take any action on this request

Ken Dixon made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Tom Smith. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Duane Bentley