

**BUFF Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**April 16, 2014**

**Attendees:**

**Board (17):** Tom Agin, Steve Bailey, Duane Bentley, Ken Dixon, Ken Foltz, Bob Gustafson, JR Jackson, Ed Jones, Don Kail, Jeff McElravy, Pete Moore, Jim Neckers, Phil Pursley, Tom Smith, Bryan Tudor, Steve Walker, Tim Williamson

**Absent (3):** Lane Stocker, Jim Hampton, Bob Miller

**Administrative Items/Proposals**

The meeting was called to order by President Ken Dixon at 6:32 pm at the Springdale Community Center.

- Membership Health Concerns – A card will be sent to Jim Hampton who is rehabilitating from a knee injury.
- March 19, 2014 BOD meeting minutes – **A motion was made by Bob Gustafson, seconded by Tom Smith to accept the minutes as written. The motion passed.**
- March 21, 2014 BOD vote – An email was sent to the Board on 3/20/14 requesting approval for a donation of \$100 to the Clermont Soil and Water Conservation District for supplies for the 2014 Spring Litter Clean-up to be held May 3<sup>rd</sup>. That request was voted on via email, and passed on 3/21/14.
- Fly Show – No report this month.
- Change to Article III of the Bylaws – The membership vote on the change will be undertaken at the May 14 Membership Meeting. Per the Bylaws, there will need to be a quorum of at least 60 members (two different Club Trips are scheduled for the same time). Duane Bentley will provide ballots.
- Banquet Committee Update – Jeff McElravy  
A meeting has been held and summary notes recorded. Jeff reviewed the notes with the Board. Jeff will have another meeting with the team before the next BOD Meeting and provide the committee's recommendation to the Board.
- Screen Shots & Announcements – Pete Moore / Duane Bentley  
Pete provided material to the Board prior to the meeting and he and Duane reviewed the objectives and proposals. A discussion followed by the entire Board with many suggestions and positive inputs. Ken Foltz also recommended putting each month's announcements on the BUFF Web Site for reference after the monthly meeting. Duane Bentley will release an email to a larger group of potential announcement creators, providing the template and instructions. All

announcements for the May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting must be received by Pete and Duane by the end of April.

- BugFest 2014 – Bryan Tudor / Ed Jones / Jim Neckers  
An email had been sent to the BOD prior to the meeting. BUFF has been invited to attend and provide fly fishing information. The event will occur on June 7 from 10 am to 3 pm at the Cincinnati Museum, at the Union Terminal. Bryan provided a handout listing 10 BUFF volunteers and the assigned areas of their support.

### **Chair Reports:**

#### **Treasurer's Report** – Bob Gustafson

- The financial reports through March were sent out in advance. Total Income through 3/31 is \$35,453 and Total Expenses are \$24,574. The Club has Total Current Assets of \$38,480. There has been \$220 received as donations from the Fischer Memorial. **Jeff McElravy made a motion, seconded by Steve Walker to approve the March financial report. The motion was approved.**
- The 2013 audit of the books was conducted on 3/31 by Steve Bailey and Steve Alexander. A report was provided to the BOD by email and discussed by Steve Bailey. The Audit Committee found no material errors or omissions and stated that the 2013 financial statements fairly represent the financial position of the Club. There was one recommendation that the BOD review and consider additional measures for cash deposits. The Board discussed the recommendation and expressed its appreciation to both the Audit Committee and to Bob Gustafson for their service. **Tom Agin made a motion, seconded by Tom Smith to approve the Audit Committee's Report. The motion was approved.**
- Discussion ensued on sharing the Club's financial records at a Membership Meeting. Bob Gustafson will develop slides for review with membership.
- Bob reviewed the 2013 year-end excess cash worksheet for use in determining the extent of contributions to appropriate organizations this year. No action was taken at this time. The May Board Meeting will be targeted for further review and approval.

#### **Membership** – Tom Agin

Tom reported a total of 270 BUFF memberships to date, 182 single and 88 family. A total of 63 did not renew this year and have been dropped from the membership role. There have been 38 new members received through the first four months of 2014.

### **Communications** – Tom Smith

The April **Buffer** is out. The May **Buffer** articles are due by Monday April 21.

Bob Fischer's fly fishing equipment is to be donated by Bob's widow to the club for auction. An article will be placed in the **Buffer** and on the BUFF Web Site for next two months. Bob Jones is close to the Fischer family and is the focal point with the Club for that exchange. Bob proposed the auction be undertaken at the BUFF Meeting in June. Bob Gustafson will investigate the amount and kinds of equipment through Bob Jones.

### **Website** – Ken Foltz, Don Kail

- Don outlined the new capability through the web site for the Board of Directors to provide an email blast.
- Online purchases of logo items – Jeff McElravy; nothing new to report at this time.

### **Trips** – Steve Bailey

Steve indicated that he is looking for a leader for the Elkhorn Creek trip.

### **Meetings and Speakers** – Pete Moore/ Phil Pursley

Planning is in process for the remaining of the year. Glen Weisner will be the speaker for the May Meeting. July is the joint meeting with NKFF. The August meeting with Road, Rivers, and Trails will move to September.

### **Public Education** – Ed Jones

Ed provided a set of notes summarizing Public Education through the summer. Further discussion ensued relative to Parky's Farm and the limited use of the Program Pond.

### **Club Education** – Tim Williamson

- Tim provided a handout summary of the survey results – great job.
  - Steve Bailey will lead an entomology class.
  - Jeff McElravy will organize and lead a trout specific class.
- Update on Fly Fishing 101 Class – there was an average of 12 attendees each week for 4 weeks. It was well received.
- The Spring Casting Warm-up Class had 6-7 people and went well.

### **Fly Tying** – Jim Neckers, nothing new to report

### **Library** – Steve Walker, nothing new to report

**Conservation** –Bryan Tudor

- Discussed the committee update and activities.
- Bryan provided a hand out on the Batavia Low-Head dam removal. An article will be provided to Don Kail for a blast to the membership.
- Bryan discussed the donation to the Clermont Soil & Water Conservation District
- An East Fork Cleanup is being planned.
- The Ohio Council has made a request for information on conservation activities of our Club. Bryan will provide.

**Project Healing Waters** - Jeff McElravy

Jeff is leading the group on a fishing trip for White Bass on Saturday.

**NOC (Not Otherwise Covered)** –

Ken Dixon discussed the Mohican Fly Fishers Bamboo Bash on May 3rd and the Ohio Council of IFF Warm Water Conclave on June 14th. Ken will provide e-mail blasts on these two items.

Steve Bailey made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Tom Smith. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Duane Bentley