

BUFF BOD Minutes

April 19, 2017

Springdale Rec. Center / Springdale Room

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Present (11): Paul Juszczuk, Bob Gustafson, L James Boude, Hugh O'Donnell, Cari Vota, Jim Vota, Jim Neckers, Mike Redmond, Mike Rubush, Phil Pursley, and Don Kail

Absent (11): Jeff McElravy, Jim Hampton, Joe Panfalone, Tim Minton, Ken Speicher, Steve Bailey, Bob Miller, Tom Abbruzzese, Tim Williamson, Jim Klosterman, and Bryan Tudor

Administrative Items:

- Membership health concerns? Is there anyone we need to send a card to?
 - Bob Jones
- March BOD meeting minutes approval
 - A motion to accept the March 2017 Minutes with one amendment was proposed by Jim Boude and second by Jim Vota. The motion passed.
- Treasurer's Report (Bob G.)
 - Financial reports through March were emailed to the BOD.
 - May report will convert meal income and expense as a "pass thru" account to accurately reflect the clubs real income. The meal income is immediately passed to the caterer and hence is not income/expense for BUFF.
 - Banquet results were very good based on historical reporting: \$6629.
 - Club tax filings for 2016 were submitted to IR and State of Ohio.
 - A check request link on the website is available to the BOD
 - Motion to approve treasurer report was proposed by Don Kail and seconded by Jim Boude. The motion passed.
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Action Items:

- 2018 BUFF Banquet
 - Changes to expand banquet attendance were discussed. These changes included both day of the week and venue. In consideration is a shift to a Wednesday night general meeting at VOA.
 - Discussion of ensuring a smooth 2018 banquet included the need to establish a chairman by August 1st. This would enable a better management of the process than late planning.
- BUFF Gifts / Philanthropy (Bob Gustafson)

- An initial list of 'contributions and grants' for 2017 was provided to the BOD. The total for contributions and gifts totaled to \$5650. This is a conservative level of donations and adjustments may be made throughout the year.
- The proposal to accept the list of 'contributions and grants' totaling \$5650 was made by Bob Gustafson and seconded by Don Kail. The motion passed.

Updates:

- 2018 Fly Show
 - The date is set on Feb 3rd, 2018.
 - Kickoff meeting was held last night with new members Jim Vota, Cari Vota and Ken Mandel.
 - Ed Engle will be the speaker / headliner for next year's Show (see <http://edengleflyfishing.com/about/>).
 - The Show will consider tying clinics on both Thursday and Friday with demos at the show.
 - The entry fee will remain at \$10 pp.
 - The booth fees may be raised to cover increasing expenses. For instance, while PayPal has been very successfully used at last year's show, it does charge a 2.5% fee.
 - Some changes for next year include using
 - Fly tying projector versus large screen TV. This eliminates the need to auction the large TV at the show.
 - The show will need another projector.
 - Investment in a pump for casting pond setup and breakdown.
 - 2017 BUFF Banquet Debriefing (Bryan T) was tabled for future meeting
- Retention and recruitment (C. Vota)
 - A committee for retention was discussed based on prior month's discussion on high turnover membership rates. The committee's goals would be to understand the high turnover in membership in BUFF and determine an action plan to retain more members.
 - Discussion of changes include a focus on what would benefit new members such as learning tables at general meetings and casting clinics prior to meetings.
 - Cari Vota will create a membership retention committee. Jim Boude will be a member. Cari Vota will chair the committee that will report back to the BOD.
- BUFF 40th Anniversary (Jeff M) - tabled

Director Reports:

- Membership (Jim Boude)
 - 257 active 176 single 81 family
 - 238 paid up
- BUFFER (Tom Abbruzzese) Articles for April Buffer due by the 20th
- Website (Don Kail)
 - Don thanked the BOD for the BOD award that he received at the banquet.

- Some improvement on the blocked email situation have occurred. Yahoo servers are now accepting email blasts from the BUFF server. However, Roadrunner still is not accepting email.
- Trips (Steve Bailey)
 - The May NC trip has 3 opening available. The price may rise to \$168 if all the spots are not filled.
 - Three white bass trips coming up. The ‘new comer’ trip still has openings.
 - June 8th – 11th will be the Elkhorn KY camping trip.
- Meetings and Speakers / Screenshots (Phil Pursley / Mike Rubush)
 - Fishing Mill Creek is the upcoming general meeting presentation.
 - Mill Creek trip will be on the on-line auction
 - Charity Rutter will be here in June
 - Alex Bell will present in July on “Fishing the Tuckaseegee”
- Screenshots are due to Jim Vota by the end of the month
- Public Education (J. Vota)
 - A women’s July event will be in Clermont county
 - No Bugfest this year
- Club Education (Tim Williamson)
- Fly Tying (Jim Neckers)
 - Introduction tying session date needs to be set
 - Fly of the month
- Assets and Library (Mike Redmond)
 - Internet failed at club meeting.
- Conservation (Bryan Tudor)
 - April 22nd East Fork river cleanup
 - Tree planting April 29th in Orgonia
- Project Healing Waters (Jeff McElravy)
- Women’s Fly Fishing (Cari Vota)
 - One new member showed up to casting clinic
 - Fishing once a month is planned and will be on the calendar
- Volunteered non-Fishing Training (Jim V)
 - A member volunteered to educate members on retirement related issues of Medicare
 - After discussion, the recommendation was that he can offer his volunteer service on the forum
- Not otherwise covered items?

Adjourn

The BOD meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm.