

## **BUFF BOD Minutes**

April 29, 2020

Online ZOOM meeting

7:00pm

**Present** (15): Jim Vota, Jeff McElravy, Bob Gustafson, Jim Neckers, Cari Vota, Bryan Tudor, Jack Gormley, Patrick Goddard, Harry Pass, Ken Mandel, Tom Britton, Tom Bachey, Jim Hunt, Adolph Greenberg and Hugh O'Donnell

**Absent** (4): Don Kail, Tim Williamson, Bob Miller, Jim Hampton.

### **Administrative Items:**

- **Membership health concerns**
  - Jim Boude's wife, Nancy, is convalescing
  - Jim Hampton has back issues
  - Ken Dixon's recovery is progressing
- **Treasurer's Report (Bob G.)**
  - March financial reports emailed on April 1
  - Financial reports through April will be emailed this weekend
  - 2019 financial audit completed on March 12 by Steve Alexander and Cari Vota
  - 2019 tax filings – IRS and Ohio completed; \$50 Charitable Registration Fee sent to Ohio
  - A motion to approve was proposed by Jeff McElravy and seconded by Ken Mandel. The motion was approved by the Board.

### **New Business**

- **No May General meeting** – VOA is Closed
  - A motion to suspend general meetings for the month of May was proposed by Steve Bailey. The motion was approved by the Board.
- **Audit results**
- **Update of BUFF COVID relief program – status (Bob G.)**
  - All BUFF checks were mailed except for Hog Creek Furl leaders. They have not responded to Tom Britton's attempts at contacting them. We will likely stop trying.
  - 32 vendors accepted our financial support.
  - 17 checks were cashed
  - 13 of those checks provided certificates to BUFF already.
  - 7 vendors thanked us but declined our offer of help--doing okay or suggested aid go to fly shops (their customers)
  - Float Master Product has provided an email "letter of credit" which is not adequate for use by our members; Bob Miller will request a useable certificate.
- **Discussion – when to begin holding general meetings, BOD meetings in person (need to know when VOA and Springdale facilities will reopen – will Gov allow large groups to get together – how do we feel about this – large part of membership is in the high impact group)pl**
  - Jeff McElravy proposed stopping all group meetings until Ohio government relaxes the quarantine does not discourage group meetings. Ken Mandel seconded the motion and this motion was passed by the Board.
  - The Board discussed staying active with membership in other ways than in-person meetings. A suggestion was to invite a speaker to present via application like ZOOM. Jack will investigate the options for a guest speaker on our normal general meeting date.

- A potential speaker is Don Dean at OSU. He has presented on Zoom to other groups.
- **Outdoor, small group instruction or local trips, do we do some and when?**
  - Cari is planning a womens fishing event. Hugh will try to initiate the Newcomers Plus group. Both groups will be small to maintain social distance recommendations.
- **Club dues for 2021 – do we wave? What would the criteria be to do that?**
  - The Board believed that maintaining dues was the best option. The \$25 fee is one of the lowest in the area. It is not a hardship to individuals. It can be a financial hardship to BUFF.
- **Online presentations for club members – what type and how often and when? Do we do or is there enough on line already? Doing something by the club is good club relations – there’s a great FFI online presentation on fish behavior – member interaction is a social thing that members could miss**
- **Should we call club members to check up on them? NKFF has called all of their 300+ members twice – not saying we should – just putting it out there**
  - The Board believe that Zoom-like presentations & small group local fishing would be the best path forward.
- **Next BOD mtg 5/20 online**

**Updates:**

Forgo updates

**Director Reports: Does anyone have anything to add?**

- **Membership (Harry Pass) – sent out membership update – quick discussion**
  - Total Active Memberships 331 (includes 54 unpaid)
  - Single 225 including 4 Comp 5 Life
  - Family 101 including 0 Comp 7 Life
  - Student 5
  - Information on member’s health issue should be sent to Harry.
- **BUFFER (Ken Mandel)**
  - This month should be a good issue.
  - Articles are needed for next month’s issue.
- **Website (Don Kail)**
- **Trips (Steve Bailey)**
- **Meetings and Speakers (Jack Gormley)**
- **Public Education (Tom Bachey)**
- **Club Education (Tim Williamson)**
- **Fly Tying (Jim Neckers)**
- **Assets and Library (Mike Redmond)**
- **Conservation (Tom Britton)**
  - June 6<sup>th</sup> will be the first date for SQM
  - Rebecca stated that the DNR recommend no SQM till after 5/15
- **Project Healing Waters (Jeff McElravy)**
  - On hold
  - On-line activity
- **Women’s Fly Fishing (Cari Vota)**
  - May have local pond fishing

Adjourn

- 8:05pm adjourn