

BUFF BOD Agenda
April 21, 2021
Online ZOOM meeting
7:00pm

Present (16): Jim Vota, Cari Vota, Bob Gustafson, Ken Mandel, Tom Bachey, Steve Baily, Harry Pass, Patrick Goddard, Jim Hunt, Dolph Greenberg, Jeff McElravy, Don Kail, Tom Britton, Mike Redmond, Bryan Tudor, Jim Neckers, Jack Gormley and Hugh O'Donnell

Absent (5): Jim Hunt, Mike Redmond, Jim Hampton, Bob Miller, and Tim Williamson

Administrative Items

- **Membership health concerns**
 - Jim Agin has ALS
- **Approval or Correction of February 2021 meeting Minutes**
 - Jeff M. motioned to approve; Ken M. seconded. Motion passed
- **Next BOD mtg 5/19/2021**

Officers Reports

- **President's Report (Hugh O.)**
 - The club size and meeting attendance are shrinking, likely due to COVID
 - Start thinking of ideas on how to retain membership
 - Tim Williamson is likely stepping down from Director of Education
 - Don Kail may also be moving out of town and possibly stepping down
 - Keep an eye out for prospective BOD members
 - Local fishing
 - Anyone can put together a trip to local counties that aren't in the red
 - Idea of flash fishing, or using the forum to coordinate fishing
 - There is a new member who is active with social media, thinking about utilizing to expand the club's reach.
- **Treasurer's Report (Bob G.)**
 - Current balance: Checking \$5,845.11; Savings \$31,544.65
 - New owner of the BUFF storage locker: Public Storage
 - Bob met with the new owners to prove we paid through October and get new access code
 - Need to update check signatories since the BOD updated
 - Jeff M. is a signatory in place of Bryan T.
 - Hugh and Bob need to meet with the bank to change signatories
 - Tax statements are due soon
 - Steve B motioned to approve the budget: Jeff M seconded, Motion passed

Director Reports

- **Membership (Harry Pass)**
 - 234 members, 60 dropped unpaid, 4 new members
 - Emails sent out to non-renewals
- **BUFFER (Ken Mandel)**
 - Get articles and photos in soon
 - Will add blurb in buffer about local fishing in orange counties
- **Website (Don Kail)**
 - Announcements are now posted, first time in awhile
 - 2020 sponsors are still up on the site, leave them on there for 2021
- **Trips (Steve Bailey)**
 - Good white bass report from Bob G.
 - Jack G reports a double-digit white bass count
- **Meetings and Speakers (Jack Gormley and Dolph Greenberg)**
 - Dolph has Nicole Watson lined up for August
 - Fisheries and wildlife PhD from Michigan State
 - Prominent in the move to restore Grayling to Michigan
 - Bob Clouser for May, Skip Morris for June, Jerry Regan is possible for July
- **Public Education (Tom Bachey)**
 - No Parky's farm this summer
 - Aerator failed and they had a large fish kill
 - Need to find a replacement contact since Eric King, the main contact, is retiring
- **Club Education (Tim Williamson)**
 - Tim will be stepping down, need to find a replacement
- **Fly Tying (Jim Neckers)**
 - Tie and lie had 12 attendees for the first one and 5 or 6 for the second
 - Add a note to the BUFFER for tie and lie
 - Don to send out and email blast as well
- **Assets and Library (Mike Redmond)**
 - Don K noted that Josh Greenberg has a new book and would be a good add to the library
- **Conservation (Tom Britton)**
 - Would like to try and do SQM this year but the county is still in the red
 - Decided to take SQM off calendar until the county is out of the red
 - BUFF contacted by CO from TU Madmen about Adopt a bridge idea for the Mad River
 - Asked if BUFF would be interested in adopting the bridge near SR 29 and 296 to clean up trash
 - Discussed if this is a worthwhile commitment
 - Cari noted this area is essentially a dumping ground for locals

- May not be worth the time commitment since it's too far away for BUFF, likely better for BUFF to just have a cleanup day
 - Clermont county soil and water spring liter cleanup is doing small groups this year
 - If BUFF is interested, we could do section of East Fork cleanup
 - TU Madmen is doing honeysuckle cleanup April 24th
 - Ron Lewis (Ohio Trophy Trout Hunters) trout group doing a cleanup on May 22nd
- **FFI & Project Healing Waters (Jeff McElravy)**
 - PHW new project lead is getting trained
 - Nov 5, 6, 7 online conclave, still working on presentations
 - Need presenters for fly tying, etc....
- **Women's Fly Fishing (Cari Vota)**
 - Ohio women on the fly dates are Cincinnati - June 12th, Columbus June – 19th, Cleveland June 26th
 - Registration opens May 1st on the Ohio women on the fly site
 - Not opening the tentative local women's fishing dates yet

Committee Reports

- **VOA Meeting Status (Bob G.)**
 - No updates, will check again in June
 - Main contact for the Metroparks has retired
- **In-person Meeting Criteria (Bryan T.)**
 - Springdale will allow BUFF to use the space under social distancing guidelines
 - The building is under construction, but we can use it in the evening
 - The logistics of having club meetings outside makes it infeasible
 - Presentation equipment, recording, etc....
 - Gary Begley reports it would be difficult to teach fly casting to new fly fishers under social distancing guidelines.
 - Overnight trips are not a good idea currently
- **Fly show (Bob G.)**
 - Team had a meeting on Feb 5th
 - Focusing on nailing down a headliner
 - Save the date notifications are in place on the website
 - Assuming things will improve enough to have a show
- **Virtual events (Jim V.)**
 - Need ideas for speakers
 - Mayfly project is getting mentors together at a local church.
 - Gary Begley will be there to instruct fly casting to mentors

Unfinished Business

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New Business

- **2021 charitable contributions (Bob G.)**
 - Proposing same amount of spending as last year
 - Shifted \$100 from Isaac Walton League to Anglers of the Au Sable
 - Isaac Walton takes forever to cash the checks; appears they aren't exactly looking for extra funds
 - Contributions are low because of no income from 2020 Fly Show
 - All organizations being donated to have active projects
 - Reel Recovery will have a full retreat
 - Added \$125 for Reel Recovery
 - Jeff M motioned to approve, Don K seconded. Motion passes
- **Local Fishing Information Proposal (Cari V)**
 - Proposes limiting specific trip info to people who are fully registered, so we don't get others who aren't signed up
 - Steve B notes that only one occasion has this happened
 - Proposal withdrawn

Adjourn

- Steve B motioned to adjourn; Dolph G seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm