

B.U.F.F. Board Meeting of August 17, 2005 Minutes

The August meeting of the B.U.F.F. board of directors was held at the Church of Ascension and Holy Trinity in Wyoming, Ohio. The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:02 PM and adjourned at approximately 8:34 PM. The next meeting will be on September 21, 2005 at 7:00 PM.

Board members not in attendance are indicated below:

Baker, Tom <i>Education</i>	Boude, Jim <i>At Large Hart Show</i>	Bryant, Mike President	Chambers, Lee <i>Programs</i>	Corrado, Roger <i>Banquet</i>
Dressman, Tom <i>Conservation</i> ABSENT	Hampton, Debbie <i>Outreach</i> ABSENT	Hampton, Jim <i>At Large Raffles</i> ABSENT	Haynes, Lou <i>Education</i>	Hider, Pat Secretary
Hogue, Don Treasurer	Howell, Patti <i>Trips & Outreach</i>	Huber, Bill <i>At Large</i>	Jones, Dave <i>At Large</i>	Kennard, Jon <i>Buffer</i>
Lilly, Steve <i>Programs</i> ABSENT	Mackey, Bob <i>At Large Library</i>	McElravy, Jeff <i>At Large Fly Tying</i> ABSENT	Miller, Bob <i>Banquet</i> ABSENT	Panfalone, Joe <i>Website</i>
Prince, Don Vice-President ABSENT	Rohrbach, Bob <i>Membership</i> ABSENT	Svarda, Charlie <i>At Large</i> ABSENT	West, Ken <i>Education & Fly Tying</i> ABSENT	

Items discussed were as follows:

Administrative Items / Proposals

1. Membership Health

Ken West and Charlie Svarda both remain in the prayers of BUFF members.

2. July, 2005 BOD Minutes Approval

July board minutes were approved with the changes submitted to Pat by board members prior to the meeting.

3. August Picnic

The annual BUFF picnic will be on August 20, 2005. Bob Miller and the Hamptons were not present at the meeting to report.

4. Bamboo Rod Donation

A proposal is needed as to how the rod will be used for fundraising. Ticket sales for a raffle of the rod will begin in November and be coordinated with other BUFF raffles.

Mike Bryant suggested using the proceeds from a raffle for conservation. Lou Haynes suggested splitting the money between conservation and education. Lou

proposed that the club could purchase a portable flat screen monitor to use in fly tying demonstrations. A video camera could also be purchased for use in fly tying.

5. Conservation

a. Committee Meeting Held

A committee meeting will be held at the end of August. The kick-off of the new conservation activities will be in October. Mike Bryant will have a written outline for the board regarding conservation activities at the September meeting.

Mike Bryant informed the board that will probably join the national warm-water committee of FFF. This may be an opportunity to tie our conservation activities to FFF.

6. Casting for Recovery Update

The fundraising is nearly completed. All of the participants and alternates are lined up. The subcommittee has a meeting scheduled for August 25, 2005.

7. ByLaws – Setup Committee

Don Prince, Jon Kennard and Pat Hider comprise the Bylaws Committee. The committee will meet sometime within the next 3 months to determine the changes that may need to be made to the bylaws.

8. Fly of the Month Program

Joe Cornwall has volunteered to take over for Bob Ireton. See the web site for more details.

9. Future Leaders

Activities around identifying future leaders will begin in September. Mike Bryant has been the president for 3 years and he expressed to the board that it is time for someone else to lead the organization. Don Hogue will be succeeded by George Craley. Lou Haynes suggested that a subcommittee of the board begin contacting the membership to potential future leaders. All board members are to begin thinking of person to contact.

Lou Haynes, Patti Howell and Bob Mackey volunteered to develop an action plan for the next meeting as to how to proceed in identifying future leaders.

10. Raffel's 2005 - 2006

Debbie Hampton was not present at the meeting. The contract is ready for signature by Mike.

11. Other Matters

a. Volunteer Hours

The issue of documenting volunteer hours was raised again. It seems that the IRS sends something to the club every four years and volunteer hours may need to be verified to maintain the club's tax exempt status. Don will talk to Louise as to exactly why the hours are documented.

b. Reimbursement for Gasoline

Mike Bryant raised a suggestion that a plan be put in place for reimbursing board members for mileage when attending BUFF functions. There was much discussion and opinions as to the suitability of the suggestion were mixed. Mike offered to prepare a written proposal for consideration at a future meeting.

Report of Chairs / Owners

1. Education

The salmon fly tying session planned for September 10 is full. The cost is \$100. An advance fly tying will be taught this fall. Events coming up are:

- a. August 27, 2005 at Sycamore Park – Fly tying, stream insects, casting, equipment. There will be one class for each session and classes will run from 9AM – 3PM.
- b. September 10, 2005 Greater Miami River Days, downtown Hamilton. More details to follow.
- c. September 24-25, 2005 Great Outdoor Weekend. Many activities all over the city. Check the web site.
- d. October 8, 2005 Little Miami Inc. Sierra Club sponsoring recognition of 35 years of conservation work at Nesbitt Park.
- e. Parky's Farm fishing for the children will also begin in September.

2. Presentations

Lee Chambers reported that for the September dinner meeting, Kurt Wiemeyer, who runs a guide service in Florida, will speak on fishing Lake Okeechobee and fly fishing in the everglades. The October meeting theme will be the kick-off of BUFF's conservation efforts. The speaker will be Dennis TenWolde of the Miami River Partnership,

The identification of speakers for the November and December meetings is in process. In January, Joseph Bectolini, Park Manager at Caeser Creek will speak.

3. Membership

Bob Rohrbach was not present to report.

4. Treasurer

A report was not available but the club has approximately \$13,562 in the bank.

5. Communications

The deadline for submitting articles for the BUFFER is August 29, 2005. Glen Weisner will do a column on materials.

6. Trips

The salmon trip is full. The club has 2 cabins and the trip will be from Sunday, September 18 to Thursday, September 22. In regard to day trips, Joe Cornwall was suggested as a possible coordinator. Mike Bryant suggested that the club cancel the steelhead trip with Dustin Harley scheduled for November in N. Indiana. Interest was limited. Patti Howell suggested that the club look into a trip to Montana. Roger Lowe has organized trips out west in the past and Todd Adrien takes a group to Montana every year. Patti will research a trip to Montana and report back in an upcoming meeting.

7. Other Matters

a. Turkey Ridge Hunting and Fishing Club

BUFF has been invited to use the lake at this 22 acre facility located west of CVG. There will be no charge for a day of blue gill and bass fishing. Patti Howell will follow-up on the details but the day trip is tentatively planned for September.

b. Sponsors Attending Monthly Meetings

Roger Corrado suggested that sponsors of trips might be invited to attend the monthly meetings and set up displays during the cocktail hour. Discussion took place with no decision.

c. September Agenda

Volunteer Activities
Update on Conservation

Future Leaders
Mileage Proposal
Turkey Ridge day trip