

BUFF Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2011

(Prepared by Mike McCracken)

Administrative Items:

The meeting was called to order by Jeff McElravy at 6 PM at the Springdale Community Center.

- Membership health concerns – none
- July BOD minutes – minutes approved. June minutes yet to be approved.
- Board Vacancies (Jeff McElravy) – Jeff is going to push to get a volunteer to be a Co-Leader with Bob Miller for the Banquet. He is disappointed in the lack of volunteers in the Club and will make a special effort to get this vacancy filled as it is the only money making event for our Club. He is especially looking for someone who will be willing to take over the event the next year.
- August Float Trip Mtg. – This trip is set to go Saturday, August 20th with about 12 people signed up.
- The Outdoor Writers of Ohio 2012 Conference (Don Rubingh) – There appears to be a problem with the person running this event and little information has been provided. At this time we are not planning on supporting this event.
- Raffles Contract (Jeff McElravy) – The Board rejected the proposed new contract with Raffles. Jeff and Randy will determine if we can get an agreement for the cost of the September meeting and then sit down with Raffles to determine a longer contract based on their income from the September meeting.
- Low level dam on the East Fork at Batavia (Jon Kennard) – Jon shared that he had attended a meeting of the Clermont Soil and Water Conservation Committee where BUFF's support for the removal of the dam had been brought up. Based on one of BUFF's core interests being conservation, the Board asked Jon to continue in discussions with the group to determine what support BUFF might provide.

Chair Reports:

Treasurer (Bob Gustafson) – Bob sent out the report through July by email to the Board prior to the BOD meeting. There was no further discussion.

Communications

BUFFER (Jon Kennard) – The deadline for information for the September BUFFER is 22-Aug.

Website (Ken Foltz) – Ken reported that the revised check policy approved earlier this year is captured on the website.

Trips (Steve Bailey) – In Steve's absence, it was reported that Don Prince will lead the N.C. trip and Jerry Schatzman will manage the administrative aspects of the trip.

Education

Public Events (Lou Haynes) – The second of two fly fishing camps for kids with Greenacres was completed on August 2. The kids (6) at the camp enjoyed the activities/instruction (fly rod basics, fly casting, introduction to fish diets, fly tying, knot tying, seining for and identifying critters in the Little Miami River, actual fishing, and fish printing). BUFF will again participate (fly casting and fly tying instructions) at the Great Outdoors Weekend event on 24-Sept.

Special Club Events (Jim Boude) – An instructional class on spey casting with a Mad River Outfitter instructor is being investigated. There could be a maximum of ten participants in the river-based class. A next step is to identify a date in October for the event in Morrow.

Fly Tying (Ken Dixon) – Bass Pro asked BUFF to instruct the introductory fly tying class they conduct at their facility. The Board approved Ken to lead this effort.

Meeting Speakers (Pete Moore) – Programs and speakers for September through November have been finalized.

Membership (Steve Horgan) – The Ultimate Fly Box continues to grow. Steve is going to put together a sample of each fly in a box to be auctioned at the March banquet.

Banquet Committee (Bob Miller) – The date for the banquet has been set with Receptions for the first Saturday in March.

Library (Bob Mackey) – Bob will be absent from the meetings for Sept. through Nov. with Bruce James managing the library. There are a number of library items that are long overdue. Bob will compile a list of the items and send to the Board so each Board member can contact one or two of the borrowers.

VA Outreach (Dave Jones) – Upcoming dates are captured on the website as are Healing Waters plans.

Conservation (Donn Rubingh, Mike Bryant, Steve Lilly) – Donn shared that the final Little Miami River cleanup outing will be September 14th from Lake Isabella to Milford.

Good- of-the-Club

- The dates for the Fly Show and the Banquet at Receptions have been finalized.

The Board adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Attendees:

Board (15): Jim Boude, Roger Corrado, Randy Clark, Ken Foltz, Lou Haynes, Steve Horgan, Bruce James, Jon Kennard, Bob Mackey, Mike McCracken, Jeff McElravy, Pete Moore, Donn Rubingh, Jerry Schatzman, Lane Stocker

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