

**BUFF Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
August 20, 2014**

**Attendees:**

**Board (16):** Tom Agin, Duane Bentley, Ken Dixon, Ken Foltz, Bob Gustafson, JR Jackson, Ed Jones, Sue Jones, Don Kail, Pete Moore, Jim Neckers, Phil Pursley, Tom Smith, Bryan Tudor, Steve Walker, Tim Williamson

**Absent (5):** Lane Stocker, Jim Hampton, Steve Bailey, Bob Miller, Jeff McElravy,

**Administrative Items/Proposals**

The meeting was called to order by President Ken Dixon at 6:36 pm at the Springdale Community Center.

- Membership Health Concerns – A brief update was given on Jon Kennard’s physical condition. A card will be sent to him.
- Jul 17, 2014 BOD meeting minutes – **A motion was made by Tim Williamson, seconded by Ed Jones to accept the minutes as revised. The motion passed.**
- Treasurer – July 2014 Financial Report – Bob Gustafson  
The financial reports through July were sent out in advance. Total Income through 7/31 is \$33,059 and Total Expenses are \$26,585. The Club has Total Current Assets of \$33,920. To date, BUFF has received \$700 in memorials in memory of Lou Haynes **Pete Moore made a motion, seconded by Tom Smith to approve the July financial report. The motion passed.**

**Action Items**

- Letter regarding removal of Batavia Low-Head Dam – (B. Tudor). Bryan had prepared a letter addressed to the Mayor of Batavia outlining BUFF support for the removal of the low-head dam on the East Fork Little Miami River. The letter is to be co-signed by the BUFF President and the BUFF Conservation Director. **Ed Jones made a motion, seconded by Tim Williamson, to accept the letter as written and send it to the Mayor. The motion passed.**
- Liability Agreements and GP-22 – (B. Gustafson) Bob provided copies of the proposed liability agreements, previously approved by BUFF legal counsel, and emailed to the Board. Following discussion, it was recommended that a change be incorporated to Paragraph 3.b. of GP-22, as follows:
  - “The signed event sponsor agreement will be given to the BUFF Webmaster for scanning and record retention.”
  - **Bob Gustafson made a motion, seconded by Tom Smith, to accept GP-22 with changes as noted. The motion passed.**

- BUFF Liability Insurance Coverage Update – (B. Gustafson). Bob reviewed the general liability insurance coverage of \$1M that is currently in place for BUFF. Bill Schroeder has reviewed the terms and the coverage of the policy and has indicated that in his professional opinion, it is appropriate for the Club’s needs. Further discussion ensued of investigating the cost for increasing the coverage from \$1M to \$3M - \$5M. **Bob Gustafson will follow up.**
- BUFF Storage Locker Insurance – (B. Gustafson). Storage insurance is available from the proprietor of our storage locker, for \$10.95 per month, for a \$5000 maximum contents coverage. The Board discussed the value of this proposed insurance. A question was raised relative to other insurance coverage through the BUFF liability insurance carrier. **Bob Gustafson will follow up. The item was tabled until further evaluation is completed.**
- Donation of books, “Little Miami River” – (K. Dixon). Bill Schroeder has donated a box (28 copies) of the book “Little Miami River”, by Steve Coomer, to the Club in memory of Lou Haynes. **The Secretary will send a letter to Bill thanking him for the donation. In addition a Book Plate noting that they were donated in memory of Lou will be prepared and placed inside each book. (Duane Bentley) Ken Foltz will add a link on the web page to the review of the book.**
- Proposal to create “The Lou Haynes Educational & Conservation Fund” – (K. Dixon). A proposal had been made to the President to establish an education and conservation fund in memory of Lou. The Board discussed the logistics and the complexity of establishing a special fund and the need to manage that fund individually from the rest of the charitable giving. No action was taken by the Board.
- Ladies Event – (S. Jones). Sue Jones discussed her thoughts regarding increasing participation and attendance at the Club’s annual Banquet by many of the member’s spouses who aren’t currently involved. She proposed getting some of the spouses together who don’t fly fish, to build friendships. She asked that the Board Members discuss her proposal to our respective wives’ and return next month with feedback on the interest.

### Updates

- Fly Show – (B. Gustafson). There is a conflict between the BUFF 2015 Fly Show date and the Winston-Salem fly fishing show date. Following a discussion with southern guides, it appears that most still intend on participating at the BUFF show due to the lower BUFF booth charges and opportunity of greater exposure in a market that is less likely to be knowledgeable of their services. Bob discussed other logistical details being undertaken for the show. The show headliner will be Tom Rosenbauer from Orvis. Bob Miller is lining up the remaining speakers for the show.

- Banquet – (B. Tudor). The venue will be Mill Race, at Winton Woods.
- Screen Shots & Announcements – (P. Moore / D. Bentley). General discussion followed. New announcements for the September meeting are due to Pete and Duane by August 31.
- Andrea Ballinger Survey – (K. Dixon). Ken reviewed a thorough written evaluation of the survey questions provided by Bob Miller. Several other suggestions were made. Feedback will be given to Andrea.
- BUFF August Meeting coincidental with the concert outside– No issues reported.
- Monitoring of Mad River on 8/17/14 – (B. Tudor). Bryan provided a brief review. Another event is scheduled for Oct 19.
- Mad River Outing with other Clubs' Board of Directors – (JR Jackson). JR reviewed the last event. Another similar event is being proposed in September. The following dates are under consideration: 9/7, 9/14, or 9/28. A Mad River clean up on 9/20 is also being planned for those who may be interested.
- Benchmark Outfitters– (K. Dixon). Benchmark Outfitters in Blue Ash has reopened under new management.

### Director Reports:

#### **Membership** – (T. Agin)

Two more memberships were received in August. Tom reported a total of 277 BUFF memberships to date.

#### **Communications**

- BUFFER – (T. Smith). The September **Buffer** articles are due by August 28th. There continues to be a need for articles.
- Website – (K. Foltz, D. Kail). Adjustments were made to the website for inclusion of the waiver requirements for upcoming BUFF fishing trips. Don and Ken will provide a **Buffer** article and a screen shot for next month.

**Trips** – Steve Bailey – Not in attendance

**Meetings and Speakers** – (P. Moore/ P. Pursley). Speakers are scheduled through early next year. Pete will send out another reminder on the registration requirement for kayak use for the September Membership Meeting.

**Public Education** – (E. Jones).

- VOA Regatta, BUFF input went well. Suggestions on improvements were made. There was difficulty in getting adult participation in casting or tying. The back casting roped off area needs improvement.
- Eastern Hills Rod and Gun Club event went well.
- Mason Boy Scout event was discussed. It is not clear that BUFF's mission of promoting fly fishing is a good fit for this event.
- Parky's fishing will be conducted on the three middle Fridays in October.
- Great Outdoor Weekend is scheduled for Sept 27 from 10-3. Standard fly tying and casting demonstrations will be provided and 6-8 BUFF volunteers will be required at any one time. Ed Jones will not be available and needs a substitute leader.

**Club Education** – (T. Williamson). The mending clinic was well attended.

**Fly Tying** – (J. Neckers). The Beginner's fly tying class dates have been reserved. Jim will provide a screen shot and web sign up will be noted.

**Library** – (S. Walker). Nothing new to report. Steve continues to look for a replacement for Bob Mackey.

**Conservation** – (B. Tudor). As previously noted, the next clean up with the Mad Men is scheduled for 9/20.

**NOC (Not Otherwise Covered)** – Nothing to report.

Ed Jones made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bryan Tudor. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Duane Bentley