

BUFF BOD Minutes

8/16/2017

Springdale Rec. Center / Springdale Room
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Present (16): Paul Juszczuk, Jeff McElravy, Bob Gustafson, L James Boude, Hugh O'Donnell, Cari Vota, Jim Vota, Bryan Tudor, Phil Pursley, Don Kail, Ken Speicher, Tom Abbruzzese, Jim Neckers, Tim Williamson, Mike Redmond and Jim Klosterman

Absent (5): Jim Hampton, Tim Minton, Bob Miller, Mike Rubush and Steve Bailey,

Other (1): Bill Schroeder

Administrative Items:

Membership health concerns? Is there anyone we need to send a card to? None

July BOD meeting minutes approval. A motion to accept the July minutes was proposed by Jeff McElravy and seconded by Jim Boude. The motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report (Bob G.)

- Financial reports for July sent to BOD via e-mail.
- Caterer was informed that we ran out of salad at the August Meeting.
- Metroparks was informed that the room setup for August was incorrect.
- For the general meeting, there were reservation system issues including the following:
 - A Number of people are calling to request late additions to the general meeting. These calls are after close out of web site feature. The admittance of these people is causing communication issues with the food vendor orders.
 - Some people showing up w/o using the reservation system
- Resolution of some of these issues may be possible through education. Accordingly, more emails, Buffer splash, and training at general meetings will be planned.
- This same reservation system will be used for 40th Anniversary celebration (October Meeting). Additional concerns are that previous members do not know about our reservation system. Accordingly, Bob will add a reservation card to the invitational notice mail.

Action Items:

Liability issues for LMRC volunteers: (Ken Speicher)

- Ken contacted LMRC leader and BUFF member Bill Schroeder to inform us about liability issues in helping the LMRC outings. Bill covered the following points and the contract should be attached to Minutes email.
 - Chubb insurance covers bodily injury for volunteer and no one is charged for service
 - While there are exclusions for large vessels. This does not apply for the small inflatable craft that will be used.

- Recommendation is for every volunteer to sign insurance form for both BUFF and LMRC
- Bob Gustafson motioned that every volunteer sign both BUFF and LCRC forms for joint trips with LMRC. The motion passed

OSU Extension 4-H Camp request for help (Bob Gustafson)

- A request for BUFF to help with the July 8th 4-H shooting education camp was made. This is a busy time for the club.
- A second request for help at 4-H event in January was made. This event is immediately prior to the Fly Show.
- Recommendation to was made to thank them but decline

Updates:

BUFF 40th Anniversary (Jeff M)

- Committee meeting was last night.
- The committee decided on several 'Give-aways'.
- Don Prince has been retained as MC.
- BUFF history will be on display.
- The committee is discussing the creation of a trophy room.
- To date, 4000 pictures of BUFF events and members are on a memory stick.

Fly Fishing Show 2018 Update (Bob G)

- Over \$1700 in sales are received to date with \$3700 expected by the start of the show.
- The committee is setting up the schedule for speakers, presentations and gifts.
- The committee is investigating obtaining electronic credit card readers versus mechanical embosser. The embossed credit cards is starting to be eliminated in the industry and this will force the conversion to electronic readers by BUFF.
- August 29th is next committee meeting.

Banquet - (Bryan T)

- Next general meeting will be an opportunity to discuss what do people want for the banquet. Help may be needed as Bryan may be traveling.
 - Multiple choice questionnaire to be created and returned at the meeting for choice with highest interest.
- Bryan has donated his time for the past twelve years to the banquet management. He is looking for a leader in training to replace him in future years.

Director Reports:

Membership Retention (Cari Vota)

The committee to strengthen membership met and a number of changes and improvements may be possible to recruit and retain members. The following list provides examples:

- Increase warm water opportunity for new members.
- Directors to include warm water activities in their areas of responsibilities.
- Include warm water speakers for local water.
- Offer a specialized fly class for warm water fishing.

- A new member survey should be placed to ensure alignment of interest with BUFF benefits.
- Offer different level trips from beginner to advanced fisher for members.
- Since most new members join at the show, there should be a six month calendar of trips /activities provided with membership so that the new members can put it on their calendar and immediately become involved with BUFF.
- Membership badges for new members could have a sticker for identifying them. This would let experienced members welcome the people and make new connections.
- At the general meeting, the president's table could reserve two seats for new members.

Membership (Jim Boude)

- 273 members
- 4 new members in July and 1 in August
- Lost 57 members at beginning of year; 37 added

BUFFER (Tom Abbruzzese) Articles for April Buffer due by the 20th

- Enough material exists through October for the Buffer.
- A motion to remove seldom used information on the BUFFER including the map and back-sheet information while retaining blank space for mailing addresses was proposed by Cari Vota. The motion carried.

Website (Don Kail)

- Road runner issues still exist but work around is being used.

Trips (Steve Bailey)

- Paul to talk with Steve about increasing local trips.

Meetings and Speakers / Screenshots (Phil Pursley / Mike Rubush)

- Neil Ramsey will speak on September 13th
- Need a November speaker and March speaker. Although, it is possible that the March general meeting could be the banquet night. If this occurs then no speaker will be necessary.
- Todd McGarvey is another potential speaker to cover the Brookville tailwater.

Screenshots to Jim Vota by the end of the month

Public Education (J.Vota)

- Great outdoor weekend is September 23rd. Will post on-line.

Club Education (Tim Williamson)

- Parker will do a Mad River talk.

Fly Tying (Jim Neckers)

Assets and Library (Mike Redmond)

- Traveling in September. Bob Cregge will lead the library effort but he needs a truck for moving equipment.

Conservation (Bryan Tudor)

- This Saturday is LMR. People should meet at Morrow.

Project Healing Waters (Jeff McElravy)

- Bob White Club was the site for casting and fishing.
- The women's involvement is growing. Eight women attended.

Women's Fly Fishing (C. Vota)

- Six people needed for Hocking Hills' trip. Only four have signed up.

Not otherwise covered items?

- Jeff McElravy – Jeff is volunteering to head up elected awards but need a BOD and non-BOD member to be on the committee. There is a need for more recognition for volunteers.
- Lynda Farnhill has prior Fisher of Year plaque to make additional plaques. Looking to purchase six more at a part cost of ~ \$130
- Facebook page (Bob Gustafson) – Bob mentioned the growing interest in the BUFF page. He related that Bill Schroeder provided pictures for our Facebook. Then, FFI shared the pictures on their site resulting in 1500 ‘likes’ of these pages. The BUFF has 498 who like our page. More pictures are now available as Alex Bell posted pictures from our meeting. Facebook may be a good way for BUFF to create awareness in our community.

Adjourn

- Bob G motioned to adjourn. The motion passed and the BOD adjourned at 8:07pm.