

## **BUFF BOD Minutes**

**August 17, 2022**

**Springdale Rec. Center / Springdale Room (& Zoom)**

**6:30 to 8:30 pm**

**Present (14):** Hugh O'Donnell, Tom Bache, Jim Vota, Cari Vota, Tom Britton, Patrick Goddard, Bob Gustafson, Harry Pass, Bryan Tudor, Jim Hunt, Jim Neckers, Ken Mandel, Jeff McElravy, Dolph Greenberg

**Absent (6):** Jim Hampton, Steve Bailey, Blaine Smith, Dave Smith, Don Kail, David Fraley

### **Administrative Items**

- **Call to Order**
- **Membership health concerns**
  - Harry Pass having a biopsy next week.
  - Jack Gormley had health issues preventing him to go to Wyoming. He had some tests done but seems to be doing OK now.
  - Jim Boude having some issues regarding his mouth
- **Reading of July 2022 BOD Minute Action Items**
  - Jim V motioned to approved, Jim H seconded, motion carries, no opposition
- **Next BOD meeting 9/21/22**

### **Officers Reports**

- **President's Report (Hugh O.)**
  - Membership graph attached to agenda. Membership will be a priority moving forward
- **Treasurer's Report (Bob G.)**
  - July reports mailed out 8/1, \$850 checking, \$29550 savings
  - Cash deposit from Wednesday's dinner hasn't been deposited yet
  - Jim V Motion to approve, Ken M seconded. Motion carries, no opposition.

### **Director Reports**

- **Membership (Harry Pass)**
  - All members have paid
  - Gary Cummings younger brother died on 8/16. Sent a card
  - 247 active members 29 new member YTD
  - 53 have dropped YTD
  - Have new members sit at the speakers table during meetings
  - Email new members to come to next meeting for fly box and nametags
- **BUFFER (Ken Mandel)**
  - Items in by 8/25
  - Add reminder for library
- **Website (Don Kail)**
  - NA
- **Trips (Steve Bailey)**
  - 14 signed up for fall NC so far
- **Meetings and Speakers (Dolph Greenberg – Blayne Smith)**
  - Steve Maywell of Great Lake Metroparks for September. Will talk about steelhead

- **Public Education (Tom Bachey)**
  - Need 3 volunteers for 8/27 Isaac Walton league women event
  - 9/16-9/17 at Houston woods
  - Great outdoor weekend 9/24
- **Club Education (Jim Vota)**
  - Weekly casting still occurring
- **Fly Tying (Jim Neckers)**
  - NA
- **Assets and Library (Dave Smith)**
  - Will start bringing boxes in periodically to the meetings again to renew interest and remind people
- **Conservation (Tom Britton)**
  - Caught up on bass island SQM finally
  - Make up for 7-mile creek 8/18
- **FFI & Project Healing Waters (Jeff McElravy)**
  - NA
- **Women's Fly Fishing (Cari Vota)**
  - Club coed outing this week at lake Isabella
  - Womens NC trip posted, 5 currently signed up
  - Womens get together before October meeting
- **Mayfly Project (Cari Vota)**
  - Meeting at Landen Lake this month
  - Multiple groups have put in for ODNr grant and haven't gotten a response yet.
- **Raffles & Door Prizes (Jimbo Hunt)**
  - Continuing to get items but always open to suggestions
  - Received used fly tying desk we could auction off
  - Did not receive discount from Bass pro last time we tried to buy raffle items
  - Get a case of frog's fanny from Jerry Yates

### Committee Reports

- **Fly show (Bob G.)**
  - Confirming presentations/demonstrations
    - George Daniels, Katie Johnstone, Ripple Guides
  - Early bird booth sales starting soon
  - Save the date notices are in buffer and on Facebook
  - Meeting 8/29
- **Banquets (Bryan)**
  - Reaching out to past co-chairs to help with 2023
- **Picnic – include annual picnic funding / date (Bryan)**
  - Will add to budget which we will approve next year

### Unfinished Business

- **Attendance: Meeting, Trip, Picnic attendance (Hugh, Dave, & Ken)**
  - Reasons people aren't coming: covid, driving at night, liked VOA since close to the highway, other obligations
  - Most people spoken to were still positive about BUFF

- Should we look at doing outdoor meetings in summer?
  - Just have summer social meetings with no speaker?
- **New Member Committee**
  - Cari Vota, Jim Hunt, Ken Mandel, Bryan Tudor, Harry Pass, Hugh O or Bryan Tudor will lead
  - Help keep in contact with new member and encourage them to get involved
- **Wulf shadowbox fly auction or hold (Jeff)**
  - Spoke to one of FFI heads, Montana state doesn't have space for any more materials
  - Likely not much appraisal value
    - Ken spoke to an appraiser
    - Advised that unless it's a large portion of the club's value then it is not worth it to get appraised
    - Museums likely won't have interest in lending it from us
  - Keep as memorabilia for the club, bring to the fly show and banquet
  - Award to fly fisher of the year each year?
  - Tabled to next month
- **BUFF Ultimate Fly Box auction or hold (Hugh)**
  - Tabled
- **Zoom – continue at membership meetings or not? (Dolph & Blaine)**
  - Older demographic and covid is still around
  - Makes sense to continue with Zoom
- **Dan Beard Council connection (Hugh / Tom)**
  - Very interested but very busy right now so we're on hold.

### New Business

- **Membership Annual Fee (Bob)**
  - Won't go broke but expenses are up and revenue from various sources is down post covid
  - Would be prudent to raise our dues? Decide by October meeting.
  - Bob G motioned to increase individual dues to \$30, family to \$35, student remains \$10. Dolph G seconded.
    - Motion tabled until next meeting

### NOC

### Adjourn

Hugh O motioned to adjourn, Jim V seconded. Adjourn at 8:20pm

### Membership Longevity Histogram

