

BUFF Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
December 18, 2013

Attendees:

Board (15): Jeff McElravy, Duane Bentley, Bob Gustafson, Tom Smith, Ken Foltz, Tom Agin, Randy Clark, Phil Pursley, Steve Walker, Ken Dixon, Bob Mackey, Pete Moore, Ed Jones, Don Kail, Jim Neckers

Absent (6): Walter Leap, Lane Stocker, Jim Hampton, Bruce James, Steve Bailey, Bob Miller

Membership: JR Jackson

Administrative Items/Proposals

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff McElravy at 6:37 pm at the Springdale Community Center.

- Membership Health Concerns – No new concerns were reported.
- November 20, 2013 BOD minutes – **A motion was made by Ken Dixon, second by Tom Smith to accept the minutes as written. The motion passed.**
- 2014 Officer and BOD Election – The list of Officer and BOD candidates was discussed, as presented by Jeff McElravy at the Membership Meeting in December. The total number of Board Members is going to be down slightly (from 21 to 20). The election will be conducted at the January 2014 Membership Meeting. Since there is only one candidate running for each position, the vote can be done by voice approval. The new Board will be sworn in at the March Meeting. The Conservation Director position is still open.
- Awards Committee – Duane Bentley provided a status update from the committee for the FFOY, and BOD Awards.
 - Fly Fisher of the Year – five nominees have been named for the ballot. The vote by the Membership will be conducted on January 8th.
 - BOD Award – Nominations were solicited from the Officers and Board of Directors at the meeting. Nominations will close on December 22nd, and voting will occur on January 15th.
 - Life Membership Award – Based on the decisions recorded in the October Board Meeting, the Board requested action to confer another Life Membership Award next year. **A motion was made by Duane Bentley, seconded by Ed Jones, to request nominations from the Board in accordance with the BUFF G&P #5, with a deadline of December 31, 2013. The motion passed.** Voting will occur at the Board Meeting on January 15th.

- **2014 Budget** – Bob Gustafson provided a proposed Budget for 2014 and conducted a line by line review of the spreadsheets. Following considerable discussion, **Ken Foltz made a motion, seconded by Pete Moore, to accept the proposal as the 2014 Budget. The motion passed.**
- Fly Show – Ken Dixon provided handouts. 84 booths are available. 63 booths have been reserved, similar to this time last year. \$1760 in deposits have been received to date.
- Banquet – Nothing to report. Still looking for someone to lead the table sponsor sales. Cecil Osborn is working that now, in addition to other responsibilities.
- BUFF Logo Sales – A request had been made to initiate the ordering and sale of products with the BUFF logo attached. Jeff stated that we need a leader to take on this task, and proposed it be initiated in March 2014. It was suggested that we should put a note in the Buffer for solicitation of that leadership.
- Ken Foltz discussed the option of BUFF purchasing a wireless lapel microphone and receiver to facilitate better communications at the monthly VOA Membership Meeting. Ken indicated that he would like to purchase one unit for trial at the next meeting, with the authorization to purchase a second if it works as expected. The cost is estimated to be in the range of \$200 per system. **Pete Moore made a motion, seconded by Steve Walker, that the Communications team be authorized to purchase up to two units. The motion passed.**

Chair Reports:

Treasurer's Report – Bob Gustafson provided BUFF financial reports through November 2013. With 92% of the year completed, BUFF has received 127% of the budgeted income and spent 86% of the budgeted expenses.

- The Balance Sheet shows \$30,798 in Current Assets and \$2,393 in Current Liabilities.
- The Jan – Nov Profit & Loss summary shows \$43,507 in Total Income and \$34,825 in Total Expense to date, with a Net Ordinary Income of \$8,682.
- Bob discussed the transfer of funds between accounts on the ledger sheets.
- Approval for travel expenses for Board members for the Ohio Council of FF meeting was requested. **A motion was made by Tom Agin, seconded by Tom Smith for the approval of \$74. The motion passed.**
- Approval for a 2013 contribution to the Ohio Council of FFF was requested. **A motion was made by Bob Gustafson for a \$200 contribution, seconded by Randy Clark. The motion passed.**

- Bob reported finding a discrepancy with Metroparks on reserved dates for our 2014 monthly Membership Meetings at the VOA facility. It would appear that with turnover in management at Metroparks, commitment dates to BUFF for February, September, and December 2014 were dropped off their calendar. Bob was able to get the February and September dates restored. The December date (12/10/14) is a problem although they have 12/8 or 12/17 open. A new agreement has been made:
 - The 50% prepayment to reserve the lodge has been waived
 - Dates for 2014 and 2015 have been blocked out for BUFF
 - BUFF will contact Metroparks in Oct each year to confirm the next year.
 - The monthly rental has also been increased by \$35 to \$210 per month.
- Bob will continue working the December 2014 date issue.
- The Board expressed appreciation for the work Bob has done and his diligence with Metroparks.
- **A motion was made by Tom Smith, seconded by Steve Walker to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed.**

Membership – Tom Agin

- 3 new members were received at the last Membership Meeting. That brings BUFF to a total of 294 memberships, combined across Individual and Family Memberships.

Communications – Tom Smith

The Buffer January issue deadline is 12/23.

Website – Ken Foltz, Don Kail

Our “tech team” discussed upcoming major improvements to the web site, adding pages, and including on line trip signups. They will also move to a one calendar database. Several members also commented on other possible enhancements.

Trips – Steve Bailey (not in attendance) The list for 2014 trips was provided at the Aug. meeting.

Meetings and Speakers – Pete Moore/ Phil Pursley/Walter Leap

- The Programs Team has speakers scheduled through May 2014. Pete indicated the need to address the logistics and planning for the joint meeting with NKFF (midsummer); who has the responsibility for the speaker, location for the meeting, etc. Jeff McElravy will initiate contact with the NKFF Club.

- The President of the Derby City FF Club (Louisville) will speak at the BUFF Membership Meeting in February. They would like a return speaker from BUFF, looking for a Small Mouth fishing expert. Two names were suggested by our BOD.

Education – Ed Jones deferred his report to next month due to the lateness of the meeting,

Fly Tying – Ken Dixon

- Beginner fly tying is finished. There were approximately eight attendees per class on the average, not including the instructor and helpers.
- Advanced Fly Tying begins on February 4th. Currently, the class signup sheet is half full.

Library – Bob Mackey

Nothing to report

Conservation –

No report

Project Healing Waters - Jeff McElravy

Working with a number of the Vets.

Good of the Club – Bob Mackey made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ed Jones. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Duane Bentley