

**BUFF Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2014**

Attendees:

Board (13): Tom Agin, Duane Bentley, Ken Dixon, Bob Gustafson, JR Jackson, Ed Jones, Sue Jones, Don Kail, Pete Moore, Jim Neckers, Tom Smith, Steve Walker, Tim Williamson

Absent (8): Lane Stocker, Jim Hampton, Bob Miller, Ken Foltz, Jeff McElravy, Bryan Tudor, Steve Bailey, Phil Pursley

Club Member: Hugh O'Donnell

Administrative Items/Proposals

The meeting was called to order by President Ken Dixon at 6:32 pm at the Springdale Community Center.

- Membership Health Concerns – A card will be sent to Phil Pursley.
- October BOD meeting minutes – **A motion was made by Ed Jones, seconded by Tom Smith to accept the minutes as written. The motion passed.**
- November BOD meeting minutes – **A motion was made by Ed Jones, seconded by Tom Smith to accept the minutes as written. The motion passed.**
- Treasurer – November 2014 Financial Report – Bob Gustafson
The financial reports through November 2014 were sent out in advance. Total Income through November is \$39,783 and Total Expenses are \$31,773. The Club has Total Current Assets of \$34,831.
 - **Tom Agin made a motion, seconded by Pete Moore to accept the November financial report. The motion was approved.**

Bob requested approval of Christmas gifts as follows:

- At Your Service Staff (Caterer) - \$300
- VOA Lodge Staff - fruit/cooking basket – up to \$100
- Springdale Rec Center Staff – up to \$100
- **Sue Jones made a motion, seconded by Tom Smith, to approve the gifts and amounts as proposed by Bob Gustafson. The motion passed.**

Action Items

- Slate of Officers & Directors for 2015 / January Meeting
 - Ken Dixon issued the proposed slate of candidates for Officers and Directors for 2015.
 - Tom Agin, Duane Bentley, Lane Stocker and Steve Walker will not be returning to the Board in 2015
 - Hugh O'Donnell, George Hupp, and Jim Boude will be running, respectively, for the positions of Secretary, Fixed Assets & Liaison – Library, and Membership
 - The slate will be proposed to the general membership at the December 17th meeting and, following approval, listed in the *Buffer*.
 - The vote on the new Officers and Board of Directors slate will be taken at the January Membership meeting.
- Awards Committee Update: FFOY Award, BOD Award, and Life Membership Award. Duane Bentley provided a summary of the status of the awards.
 - Fly Fisher of the Year nominations have been received (4) and a final request will be made at the December 17th Membership Meeting. Nominations close on December 31.
 - Board of Director Award nomination forms were provided to the Board. Nominations close on December 22.
 - Life Membership Award nomination forms were provided to the Board, and closed at the end of the meeting.
 - The GP-05 Life Member Award Revision date will be modified to November 2014, as shown on the BUFF web site.
- Donation in Memory of Chris Helm: In lieu of flowers, donations were requested to any of three specific charitable organizations. **Pete Moore made a motion, seconded by Tom Smith, to donate \$200 in memory of Chris Helm, to the International Federation of Fly Fishers – Youth. The motion passed**
- Request from IFFF re USDA APHIS/Asian Longhorned Beetle (ALB) Eradication Program
 - A request has been made to BUFF to provide tiers at the Cincinnati Hunting & Fishing Show - over the five days and approximately 30 hours of the show – at the Duke Energy Convention Center, and to have them tie the ALB. The request for volunteer tiers will occur at the same time that BUFF will be soliciting volunteers for our Fly Show, and other ongoing BUFF events.
 - Following discussion it was proposed that the IFFF be offered a booth at the BUFF Fly Show, supporting it with tiers tying the Asian Longhorned Beetle. They will also be referred to the NKFF for support. The proposal was approved.

Updates

- Fly Show – Bob Gustafson / Ken Dixon.
 - The 2015 brochure was distributed. The BUFF website info is up to date. Booth sales are lagging slightly, as we are awaiting confirmation of verbal commitments. A bamboo rod will be provided by Jerry Snider for raffle. An Orvis three piece rod will be also raffled. The fly tying clinics will be on the web in the near term for signup. The floor layout and vendor list was distributed.
- Ken provided information on the Indiana Fly Fishing Expo, at the Indiana State Fairgrounds, on January 10 -11.
- Banquet – Bryan Tudor / Tom Smith. An update was shared with the Board. Reservations will be taken beginning December 17. The Committee is still seeking volunteers.
- Online Purchases of Logo Items – Jeff McElravy - Not in attendance

Director Reports:

Membership – Tom Agin

No changes from last month. Tom reported a total of 278 BUFF memberships to date, 49 new to date for 2014. We have 180 current members who have not paid 2015 dues.

Communications

- BUFFER - Tom Smith.
 - The January *Buffer* articles are due by December 29.
- Website (Ken Foltz, Don Kail)
 - They have rearranged the education links on the web site. The Board made several favorable comments to the team on the outstanding BUFF website.

Trips – Steve Bailey – Not in attendance. Still need leaders for some open trips next year.

Meetings and Speakers / Screenshots – Pete Moore/ Phil Pursley

Speakers are scheduled through March 2015.

A request has been made for approval by Steve Coomer to video record his presentation to the club in January. Steve will provide a copy of the recording to the club. The request was approved.

Public Education – Ed Jones.

BUFF has been invited back to most of the venues in which we provided support or participated in last year. The next event in 2015 will be in April, in Indian Hill. Depending on the quality of the ponds, the Parky's Farm programs may begin again in March.

Club Education – Tim Williamson.

The Fly Fishing 101 room reservations for 2015 need to be placed with Springdale Community Center soon.

A “dressing for cold weather fishing” display will be presented at the December 17th Membership Meeting.

Fly Tying – Jim Neckers. BUFF still needs volunteer tiers for the Fly Show.

The Advanced Fly Tying course begins Feb 10th, and is currently planned for six classes. On line sign up is encouraged.

Library – Steve Walker. All library assets have now been accounted for, with some gone as long as three years.

There have been no further responses for a librarian volunteer.

Steve discussed using computer bar codes and a scanner to facilitate checking books in and out. A modified membership card would include a bar code to facilitate that process. It may take a couple of months to implement. The expected cost to the club should be less than \$300.

Following discussion the Board expressed their appreciation for the great idea to the team, and asked them to address implementation. **Jim Neckers made a motion, seconded by Tim**

Williamson to approve the expenditure of funds for the purchase of equipment for this proposal, of up to \$400. The motion was approved.

Conservation – Bryan Tudor - Not in attendance

Project Healing Waters - Jeff McElravy – Not in attendance

Tom Scheer (Chairman of the local group) will be retiring effective January 1. Brent Miller will assume the chairmanship. Jeff McElravy will be the liaison with the BUFF Board.

The BUFF Board wishes to invite the Project Healing Water veterans to the December Membership meeting. **Tom Smith made a motion, seconded by Steve Walker, for BUFF to pay for their meals. It is expected that five vets would be interested in attending. The motion passed.**

NOC (Not Otherwise Covered) – Nothing to report.

Tom Smith made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Sue Jones. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Duane Bentley