

BUFF BOD MINUTES

Dec. 16, 2015

Springdale Recreation Center / Springdale Room

6:30 to 8:30 PM

Attendees:

Present (14): Ken Dixon, JR Jackson, Hugh O'Donnell, Pete Moore, Ed Jones, Sue Jones, L James Boude, Bob Gustafson, Steve Bailey, Bryan Tudor, Bob Miller, Don Kail, Phil Pursley and Jim Neckers

Absent (6): Jeff McElravy, Tim Williamson, George Hupp, Jim Hampton, Tom Smith, and Ken Foltz,

2016 Board Members: Ken Speicher Paul Juszczuk, Cari Vota, and Jim Vota

12 Board members called to order at 6:32 pm.

Administration Items:

- Membership health concerns? Is there anyone to whom we need to send a BUFF card?
 - Jeff McElravy is improving; Ken Foltz' Wife; Bob Goldsberry (deceased); Maurice Docton's wife is battling cancer
- November BOD Meeting Minutes approval – Proposal to accept November 2015 minutes was motioned by Pete Hamilton and seconded by JR Jackson. The motion passed.
- Treasurer Reports – The expenses are tracking the 2015 budget. A new 2016 operating budget was presented that included a banquet. A negative balance is forecasted but it is minor ~\$1,000 and typically the conservative budget enables positive cash position at the end of the year. Acceptance of the proposed 2016 budget was motioned by Jim Neckers and seconded by Ed Jones. The motion passed.
- The audits are typically performed in March &/or April. A volunteer from the BOD will be required to complete the audit.

Action Items:

- Project Healing Waters (K. Dixon) – A suggestion to offer reduced fees to members of PHW (not already BUFF members) for a period of 2 years was discussed. This offer would promote new members from PHW. NKFF is offering this option to PHW members.
- BUFF Proposal: Veteran participating in Northern Kentucky and Cincinnati area Project Healing Waters as qualified by VA can take advantage of reduced membership fee for membership in BUFF including waiver of initiation fee and reduced annual membership fee of \$10. This program can be reconsidered at any time. The above proposal was motioned by Jim Boude and seconded by Don Kail. The motion was passed.
- Ann Furthmiller Donation Pickup – Dixon
 - Ann will drop off items to Ken Dixon. Equipment assessment will be the next step for acceptance of this gift.
- January Meetings Notifications to Membership
 - Post on Buffer that General Meeting is second week in January 2016.

Updates:

- 2016 Board Meeting Room Reservations Update – Dixon
 - David Jones made arrangement with Rec Center for all 2016 BOD meetings including the second Wednesday in January versus the third week for all other months.
- 2016 Banquet Update – JR Jackson, Todd McGarvey
 - A eMail vote was conducted with the result to quickly focus on signing Winton Woods Banquet Center for the 2016 event.

- March 19th is the scheduled date.
- Announce the banquet on Buffer – Bryan Tudor will write an article.
- Saltery Lake Lodge On-Line Auction Update – Don Kail, Mike Rubush
 - No bids yet
 - Add notice for members to share interest in the trip using the website.
- 2016 Fly Show – Bob Gustafson & Bob Miller
 - Fly tying sessions will be held on 2/4 & 2/5.
 - Committee meets Monday.
 - Started raffle sales.
 - Volunteers for information sessions at Bass Pro & Cabelas are needed. Volunteers should see JR.
- BUFF Logo On-Line Clothing: 1st Month's Update – Sue Jones
 - Sold \$300 of merchandise in first month.
 - People are asking for vests. Sue is searching for suitable items.
 - There are to design options for the BUFF logo.
 - The relationship with the store has been excellent.
- Awards Committee – Sue Jones
 - Committee will meet after BOD meeting.
 - Only one nomination for Life Member (12/16)
 - Only one for BOD Award (12/22)
 - Fly fisher of the Year is due by (12/31)
 - We now have two openings for Life Membership – total of nine positions.
- 2016 Officers & Directors Nominations Committee – JR Jackson, Pete Moore, Hugh O'Donnell
 - The slate is nearly complete.
- VOA Caterers Update – Bob Gustafson
 - Janet's Delicacy is the selected vendor.
 - The taste testing proved that the food quality is quite good.
 - Meal cost will stay at \$15.
 - One meal for all – no special selections.
 - Article for the BUFFER will be added to the January publication.

Director Reports:

- **Membership (Jim Boude)**
 - Total Active Memberships 283 (includes 0 unpaid)
 - Single 194 including 8 Comp 3 Life
 - Family 89 including 0 Comp 5 Life
 - Renewals 218
 - New Members 49
- **BUFFER (Tom Smith)**
 - January BUFFER articles due 12/28/15.
 - Articles Needed
- **Website (Ken Foltz, Don Kail)**
 - Updated the meal options for the new vendor
- **Trips (Steve Bailey)**
 - Update on 2016 Trips – schedule

- New leaders are needed because the long term leaders are stepping down.
- Steve will help with trip planning for anyone interested in leading.
- Sue is setting up three women's day trip
- **Meetings and Speakers / Screenshots (Pete Moore / Phil Pursley)**
 - Ron Lewis scheduled for January
 - Dustin Harly scheduled for February
 - Joe Cornwall scheduled for March
 - Kevin Howe (DRO) scheduled for April
 - Joe Humpfrey from State College, PA may be able to come and offer extended trip and training of members. These training days will cost the club more funds than normal.
 - MVFF would like to have combined meeting with BUFF. This could be with Joe Humpfrey and provide the opportunity for cost sharing.
 - Members could be charged for any trips with Joe.
 - In December, send screen shots to Pete Moore by end of month
 - For February and March, send screen shots to Duane Bentley by the end of each month
- **Public Education (Ed Jones)**
 - Kids Fest 2016 – Ed Jones discussed issues with participation in Kids Fest 2016.
 - Craig Tresher of NYFF has led this effort between clubs. They will not participate this year because of changes by leadership.
 - The history includes venue changes to Lake Como.
 - There are safety concerns with too many kids in too little space.
 - The activity is not fly fishing.
 - 'Green Umbrellas' and Hamilton County Park are pushing for changes that include a fishing venue at Winton Woods.
 - A motion to stop participating in Kids Fest was proposed by Ed Jones and seconded by Steve Bailey. The motion passed.
- **Club Education (Tim Williamson)**
- **Fly Tying (Jim Neckers)**
 - Advanced class is scheduled in February and March
 - The dates will be published on the website and in the Buffer
- **Assets & Library (George Hupp)**
 - The value of library items is being consider for entry on the books
- **Conservation (Bryan Tudor)**
 - There was a request for BUFF to monitor and cleanup spills on the MADD River. The monitoring was requested on a frequent basis. The distance may be too great for us to participate.
- **Project Healing Waters (Jeff McElravy)**
- **Women's Fly Fishing (Sue Jones)**
 - Woman's casting class is being planned for the April meeting.
 - A trip to the Madd River is being planned for September.
 - Sue will send email to women and family members to solicit interest in women's trip
- **NOC (Not Otherwise Covered) Items**
 - Good to see new potential members

Adjourn

- Don Kail moved to adjourn the BOD meeting. Jim Boude seconded the proposal. The motion passed at 8:21.