

**BUFF BOD Minutes**  
**12/20/2017**  
**Springdale Rec. Center / Springdale Room**  
**6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

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**Present** (15): Jeff McElravy, L James Boude, Bob Gustafson, Don Kail, Tim Williamson, Mike Rubush, Tim Minton, Hugh O'Donnell, Bryan Tudor, Ken Speicher, Jim Neckers, Jim Klosterman, Cari Vota, Jim Vota, and Phil Pursley

**Absent** (6): Jim Hampton, Bob Miller, Steve Bailey, Mike Redmond, Paul Juszczuk and Tom Abbruzzese

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The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

**Administrative Items:**

- **Membership health concerns? Is there anyone we need to send a card to?**
  - Steve Bailey's wife had surgery
  - Mike Redmond had surgery last week
- **November BOD meeting minutes approval**
  - A proposal to accept November Minutes by Jim Klosterman was seconded by Don Kail. The motion passed.
- **Treasurer's Report (Bob G.)**
  - Financial report through November was sent via email to BOD
  - Significant payments made in November:
    - Club liability insurance renewal (\$265)
    - Fly Show air ticket reimbursement for Ed Engle (\$209)
    - FFI Affiliate Club dues for 2018 (\$500)
    - Storage Locker rental renewal (\$855)
    - FFI Ohio Council annual donation (\$200)
    - Pass thru of Harry Ludlow Memorial gifts to Project Healing Waters (\$1105)
    - December Meeting speaker fee - Rocky Cox (\$400)
    - Fly Show Yeti Bag for raffle (\$248.87)
    - Fly Show brochures (\$407.61)
    - December expenses: Christmas gifts for Jeanette's Delicacies servers (\$350), VOA Lodge staff (\$32.01). Dave Jones will present gift to Springdale Community Center personnel in January
  - Plan to send one December financial report, reflecting year end closing entries to set the books for 2018.
  - Because Fly Fishing show is easy with new systems, the year-end report should be coming within a few weeks versus a longer time period
- A proposal to accept the Treasurer's report by Jim Boude was seconded by Mike Rubush. The proposal was accepted.

**Action Items**

- **2018 Proposed Budget** has net positive not deficit.

- The budget for VOA general meetings will be lower in 2018 because only 10 months are budgeted: Banquet is separate expense and NKFF joint meeting is in KY.
- Women's program budget was request by Cari: \$240 line item will be added.
- Website expense is higher under the new contract. Don stated that the GoDaddy bill is \$180 vs \$150 in prior contract.
- A proposal to accept the 2018 Proposed Budget was made by Tim Williamson and seconded by Ken Speicher. The proposal passed.
- **General Membership Signup:** Catering expense is higher than receipts because more people sign up than come and pay. A notice will be added to the reservation page to let people know that *the request for food is also an obligation to pay for the food regardless of attendance.*
- **BOD Meeting Location:** Davy Jones reserved BOD meeting at Springdale for 2018 set
- **Nominations and Elections**
  - President, VP and BUFFER editor are open positions. Other positions may open.
  - The Board discussion requiring the VP to assume the presidents roll after a term at VP. There was pros and cons associated with this requirement: pro – VP acquires knowledge; con – i) obligation to two years may be detriment to drawing people into the position, ii) the president may run for multiple years to accomplish the desired program changes. No changes were recommended.
- **Fly Fisher of the 2017 Year**
  - Nominations will occur in January followed by a vote in February. The presentation will be in March.
- **BOD Award**
  - Nominated by BOD
  - Nominee does not have to be on the board
  - Voting by Board at February meeting.
- **FFI Meeting**
  - Tim Willison is now the VP of the Ohio Council of FFI

## Director's Reports

- **Membership (Jim B)**
  - 4 New in November
  - 134 renewals for 2018 already
  - 59 dropped & 48 gained during the year
- **BUFFER articles due today**
- **Website Report (Don)**
  - Don is closer to resolving the Roadrunner email issue. RR is actually blocking our members.
  - Apprentice identified for website help. The person is an IT professional.
  - Local fishing section on website is not progressing as expected. People on the board voiced that they expect to contribute to this information.
  - Feedback is positive for changing to the new 'Member services' hot link on web site.
- **Meetings and Speakers (Mike & Phil)**

- D-Loop head guide is presenting in January (Manistee MI area)
- Josh Greenberg, Ausable MI is presenting in February
- Wanda Taylor, will present casting in March
- Robert Dumont, Ohio University will talk in May
- Jeff George, New Zealand, will speak in August
- **Screen Shots (Jim V)**
  - Needed by end of month, if possible
  - Take pictures of new members and add to website and/or screenshots
- **Public Education**
  - Need to replace backing and fly lines
- **Club education (Tim)**
  - Two handed casting class was successful with six people in attendance
  - Another item that could benefit members is to hold an education program one hour prior to general meetings. Tim will evaluate this option.
- **Fly Tying (Jim)**
  - Finished the beginner's class and starting to prepare for advanced class
- **PHW (Jeff Mc)**
  - Brent Miller took job as Regional Director for Ohio KY PHW
- **Women's Fly Fishing (Cari)**
  - Need calendar entries as people are interested in scheduling and attending
  - Desire six months of activities available on calendar
- **Fly Show (Bob G)**
  - Selling remaining booths is proceeding ahead of schedule
    - 7 booths remain and may sell out by end of year – a first
  - Signing up volunteers
  - Signup started for fly tying
  - Guidelines for rent booths: i) Established outfitters with a storefront presence; ii) business is related to fly fishing; iii) sufficient merchandise will be available at the show

### **Not Otherwise Covered**

- **Banquet (Bryan)**
  - Q: If someone shows up that night, should they be required to buy a meal ticket?
  - A: Reco to require everyone to buy a meal.
  - Reco add more tables and chairs
  - Communicate on website and screen shots (in Jan / Feb)
  - This is a fun raise. Do not expect drop in.
- **ODNR Competitive Grant Discussion (Education and Outdoor Discovery) Opportunity**
  - March deadline to propose fishing outdoor activity that is enabled by state funds.
  - Bill Schroeder is suggesting the potential of joining benefit to both LMRC and BUFF by using this fund.
  - Fund can be used for equipment, activity or training that encourages others to enjoy the outdoors.
  - Suggested uses are fly rods / reels, casting pond, women's training activity, etc...
  - Will discuss in more detail at January BOD

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21pm