

**BUFF BOD Minutes**  
**December 16, 2020**  
**Online ZOOM meeting**  
**7:00pm**

**Attendees** (17): Jim Vota, Cari Vota, Harry Pass, Tom Bachey, Jim Neckers, Tom Britton, Jeff McElravy, Don Kail, Ken Mandell, Bob Gustafson, Dolph Greenberg, Steve Bailey, Hugh O'Donnell, Jack Gormley, Patrick Goddard, Jim Hunt, and Mike Redmond

**Absent** (4): Bob Miller, Jim Hampton, Tim Williamson, and Bryan Tudor,

**Administrative Items:**

- Membership health concerns
  - Ken Speicher - Wife passed away in September (Lymphoma)
  - Jim Boude fell in shower
  - Card sent to JR and family
- Approve November meeting minutes
  - Dolph Greenburg proposed accepting November 2020 Minutes. This motion was seconded by Harry Pass and it was approved by the BOD.
- Treasurer's Report (Bob G.)
  - Financial reports was emailed to BOD on December 1st
  - Current Bank Balances: checking \$4207.24; savings \$31,543.60
  - BUFF has received \$3680.77 in 2021 membership renewals to-date. This is a good pace.
  - Only significant remaining 2020 bill is \$500 for FFI Affiliate Club dues
  - Tom Britton proposed accepting the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded and approved by the BOD.

**New Business**

- Board members for 2020 audit (Bob G)
  - One BOD member is needed for audit preparation. A person different from last year to ensure audit robustness was recommended. Tom Bachey volunteered for the role. One general member is also needed for audit preparation. Bob will solicit members for this role.
- Next BOD mtg 1/20/2021

**Updates:**

- Buffalo Bill trip discussion
  - Confirmed trip for first week in August. Individuals may schedule with the camp to be there when other BUFF members are present. Ken's eblast note is erroneous.
  - A followup eblast would be wise to avoid additional confusion.
  - When scheduling and paying for the week, let Buffalo Bill Basecamp know that you are a BUFF member.
  - While the week is independent of BUFF's endorsement, Jack will be the contact person to provide consistent communications with those members who have scheduled a trip.
- 2021 budget review/approval
  - Bob proposed a base budget for 2021 based on six months of in-person meetings. This motion was seconded by Tom Bachey and approved by the BOD.

- Comments about Zoom meetings - None
- Fly show update – anything new about Rick Hafele presentation?
  - The Zoom presentation is scheduled in lieu of the Fly Show. The February 6th agenda is below:
    - ◆ 12PM-1PM Hafele - "Anatomy of a Trout Stream"
    - ◆ 1PM - 1:30PM BREAK
    - ◆ 1:30PM - 2:30PM Jeff McElravy tying
    - ◆ 2:30PM - 3:00PM BREAK
    - ◆ 3PM - 4PM Hafele - "Seasonal Hatches and Patterns"
- Online fly tying classes – update (Jeff / Don K)
  - First planning session occurred
  - First topic will be vices
  - Tom Bachey will talk on water (H<sub>2</sub>O)
- Additional virtual events – Tom Bachey H<sub>2</sub>O, Musky & Pike Pat Kelley
  - Pat will do presentation for small fee. Pat is recovering from health issues so the date is not set.
- Update of BUFF COVID relief program – final statement (Bob G.)
  - All 34 certificate auctions have completed
  - Auctions have recovered 70% of COVID Relief program gift certificate expenses to date
  - Auctions have recovered 72% of purchased item to date (e.g. some items were donated)
- 2021 elections – update for officer nominees (JimV)
  - Hugh O'Donnell is slated for President
  - Patrick Goddard is slated for Secretary
  - Tim may be able to stay. Jim will check.
- 2021 Life membership award – vote (Cari)
  - Vote completed. The person will be announced at a later date.

### **Director Reports:**

- Membership (Harry Pass)
  - Total Active Memberships 280 (includes 0 unpaid)
  - Single 188 including 4 Comp 5 Life
  - Family 91 including 0 Comp 7 Life
  - Student 1
- BUFFER (Ken Mandel)
  - Need articles by beginning of next week
- Website (Don Kail)
  - Basic security coverage has worked well. Subscription renewal is due: \$85.
- Trips (Steve Bailey) - none
- Meetings and Speakers (Jack Gormley)
  - Booked through March
  - Provide gift for speakers. Yeti mug or hat is one size fits all.
- Public Education (Tom Bachey) - none
- Club Education (Tim Williamson) - none
- Fly Tying (Jim Neckers) – at PM with MR? - none
- Assets and Library (Mike Redmond) - none
- Conservation (Tom Britton)
  - Williamsburg Wetland restoration asked for BUFF assistance sometime in the future. This restoration is funded broadly: \$30K from Duke; \$40k from US OHIO EPA funds. At the appropriate time in the future, BUFF can demo SQM and casting. Date tbd.
- FFI & Project Healing Waters (Jeff McElravy)

- Seminars from FFI are on-line
- PHW website was hacked and in process of getting back up
- Women's Fly Fishing (Cari Vota)
  - Agenda to be started in March

### **NOC**

- Web Page
  - Update the web page to include the virtual presentation (in lieu of Fly Show), ie. Rick Hafle presentation
  - Where possible, create positive messages on the home page.

### **Adjourn**

- Steve Bailey proposed adjournment. This motion was seconded by Dolph Greenberg and accepted by the board at 8:20pm