

B.U.F.F. Board Meeting of February 15, 2006 Minutes

The February meeting of the B.U.F.F. board of directors was held at the Church of Ascension and Holy Trinity in Wyoming, Ohio. The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 PM and adjourned at approximately 8:30 PM. The next meeting will be on March 15, 2006 at 7:00 PM.

Board members not in attendance are indicated below:

Baker, Tom <i>Education</i> ABSENT	Boude, Jim <i>At Large Hart Show</i>	Bryant, Mike <i>President</i>	Chambers, Lee <i>Programs</i> ABSENT	Corrado, Roger <i>Banquet</i>
Dressman, Tom <i>Conservation</i> ABSENT	Hampton, Debbie <i>Outreach</i> ABSENT	Hampton, Jim <i>At Large Raffles</i> ABSENT	Haynes, Lou <i>Education</i>	Hider, Pat <i>Secretary</i>
Hogue, Don <i>Treasurer</i>	Howell, Patti <i>Trips & Outreach</i>	Huber, Bill <i>At Large</i>	Jones, Dave <i>At Large</i>	Kennard, Jon <i>Buffer</i>
Lilly, Steve <i>Programs</i> ABSENT	Mackey, Bob <i>At Large Library</i>	McElravy, Jeff <i>At Large Fly Tying</i>	Miller, Bob <i>Banquet</i>	Panfalone, Joe <i>Website</i> ABSENT
Prince, Don <i>Vice-President</i>	Rohrbach, Bob <i>Membership</i>	Svarda, Charlie <i>At Large</i> ABSENT	West, Ken <i>Education & Fly Tying</i> ABSENT	

Other attendees were: Bruce James, Randy Clark and George Fraley.

Items discussed were as follows:

Administrative Items / Proposals

1. Membership Health

No update was available on Debbie Hampton.

2. Lifetime Membership Award

The board voted on the recipient of the lifetime membership award. The presentation of a certificate, made by Don Prince, will be made at the upcoming banquet.

3. Fly Fishing Show

The attendance at the recent show was 497 adults and approximately 50 children. We held a strong show. Kerry Mrusck won the children's raffle and her grandparents will be joining the club. Receptions will be raising the price for renting their facility next year and the 2007 show will be held on February 10. In regard to the fly tying contest, some flies were placed on the voting table late so may not have been considered by the voting public. Bruce James suggested that a time limit be set for the voting next year.

4. Banquet

Roger Corrado reported that 171 meals have been purchased with total revenue of \$770. Last year the revenue was \$2,800 so ticket sales are off this year. Discussion of the length of the auction took place and this year the time allotted for the auction will be reduced. Bob Rohrbach will send an email to the general membership that tickets are still available. The option of doing an electronic auction was discussed. At the banquet, the new board members will be sworn in by the outgoing President, Mike Bryant.

5. Bamboo Rod Raffle

Gerald Nelson from Columbus won the bamboo rod. Mr. Nelson is a member of Central Ohio Flyfishing and was enthusiastic about winning the rod so it appears that it will be in good hands. Seventy-five tickets were sold raising \$1,500. \$750 will be designated to education and \$750 to conservation. The chairs of the education and conservation committees are to make a recommendation to the board as to how the funds should be spent.

6. Changes in Board Membership

Mike Bryant recognized the professional contributions of outgoing board members Steve Lilly, Bob Rohrbach and Don Hogue all of whom will not be on the new board. In addition, the membership did not vote on Tim Findlay as the new membership chair so Mike Bryant made a decision using his presidential discretion and appointed Tim as membership chair for one year.

6. 2006 Budget Preparation

Mike Bryant will send to each owner the template for preparing budget requests. The requests are to be completed by the April, 2006 board meeting. Approvals of the proposals will take place in May.

7. Others Matters

January board meeting minutes were approved.

Report of Chairs / Owners

1. Treasurer

February treasurer's report, up to the fly fishing show, stated a balance of \$14,408.41. George Fraley, the incoming treasurer, was present at the meeting and explained that assets could be added to the club's balance sheet. A motion to include assets was made and passed.

A motion was made to have Don Hogue write a check to George for \$8,000 so that George could open an account, on behalf of the club, at the PNC Bank in Fairfield, a location more convenient to George's home. The motion passed.

It was also decided that effective immediately, all checks over \$1,500 will require a second signatures of either the President, Vice President and/or Treasurer. These incoming officers were asked to give George a copy of their driver's license.

Roger Corrado requested that Don Hogue email him the amount of donations that have been received for the banquet.

2. Communications

The deadline for submitting articles for the BUFFER is February 20, 2006. The calendar of events and a list of the new officers will be included.

3. Trips

Michigan - Patti Howell reported that 34 salmon fishers have signed up for the trip to Michigan in September. The deposits for that trip will start to be collected in March.

Montana – Six members signed up as interested in a trip to Montana. Patti Howell is seeking 2 trip coordinators to get this trip off the ground.

Ohio – The steelhead trip will be the second week in April to the Rocky River or the Chagrin River. More to come.

North Carolina – Randy Clark reported that 37 members have signed up for the trip to the Nantahala River to fish trout.

Day Trips – Joe Cronwall will head up day trips this year. More to come.

2. Education

Beginner Fly Tying – Starts March 3 at Springdale school.

Fly Fishing 101 – Starts March 9

Spring Tune-Up – March 22 in Springdale.

Hooked on Fishing – A program in West Chester for children that is planned.

3. Presentations

March 8 – Randy Clark will speak on the Nantahala River trout fishing trip.

April 12 – Tom Herr with speak on fishing for trout on the Brookville tail waters.

May 10 – Indigo Guide Service will speak on salmon fishing in Michigan with a spey rod.

June 14 – Professor Cris Lorentz, Ph.D., biology professor at Thomas Moore College will speak on the environmental condition (chemical, biological and physical) of the Ohio River.

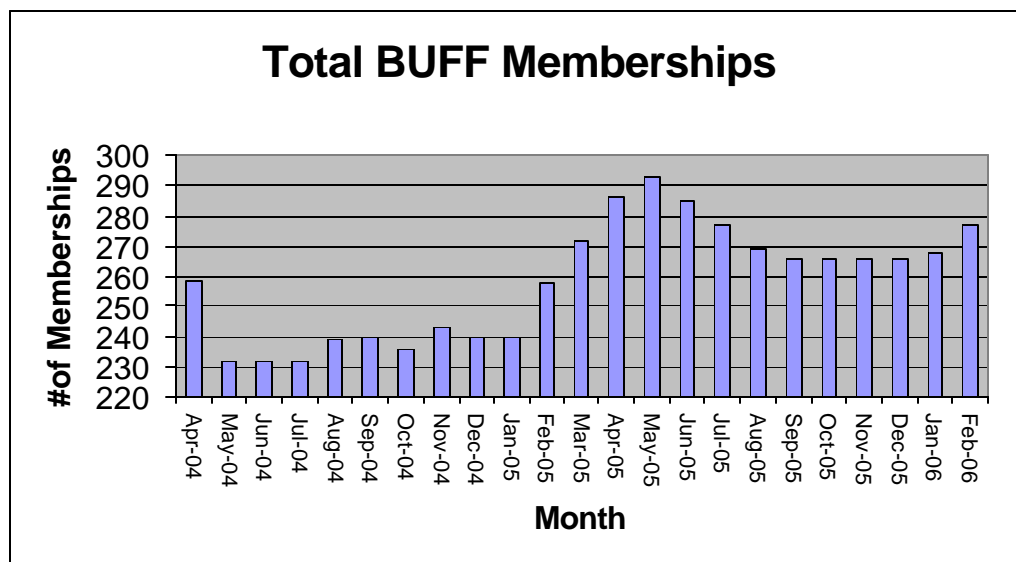
July – swap meet outdoors

August – club picnic outdoors

4. Membership

Membership total for the month is 277, up 9 over last month. At the recent show, 14 new members joined the club and 1 old member rejoined. Six members were dropped this month for nonpayment of dues. Membership has shown a steady trend upward over the past two years (see graph below).

Seventy five new member packets are needed with a cost of \$393. The membership chair reported that paying for the packets will take the chair \$93 over budget. A motion, which passed, was made to authorize an additional \$100 for cover the packets.



4. Outreach

Nothing to report. The award of a grant that was applied for has not been made yet. If the club is awarded the grant, the entire cost of the 2007 retreat would be covered.

By: Patricia A. Hider, Secretary
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