

**BUFF Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**February 19, 2014**

**Attendees:**

**Board (13):** Tom Agin, Duane Bentley, Randy Clark, Ken Dixon, Ken Foltz, Bob Gustafson, Ed Jones, Don Kail, Bob Mackey, Jeff McElravy, Bob Miller, Jim Neckers, Phil Pursley,

**Absent (8):** Walter Leap, Lane Stocker, Jim Hampton, Bruce James, Steve Walker, Tom Smith, Pete Moore, Steve Bailey

**Membership:** Tim Williamson, Bryan Tudor, JR Jackson

**Administrative Items/Proposals**

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff McElravy at 6:34 pm at the Springdale Community Center.

- Membership Health Concerns – Paul Feldman will have knee replacement next week.
- January 15, 2014 BOD minutes – **A motion was made by Ken Dixon, second Bob Gustafson to accept the minutes as written. The motion passed.**
- Awards Committee – (T. Agin, D. Bentley, S. Walker)
  - Fly Fisher of the Year & BOD – awards are being completed at the engraver.
  - Life Membership Award – With five nominees on the ballot in January, no one nominee received 51% of the vote. Per GP05, the nominee slate was reduced to the top three, ballots were distributed, and a vote was taken.
- Fly Show – Bob Gustafson provided a handout of the financial results. It is expected that the fly show will clear over \$2600 net profit, with the final numbers to come once the book sales are accounted for.
  - Vendor Contracts – The Fly Show requires a number of contracts to be signed for equipment rental, guest speaker fees, hall rental, and booth rentals. The current By-Laws, Article III – Section 5, specify that all contracts and legal documents must be signed by the President and one additional Officer. It was proposed to have a committee draft wording to modify the By-Laws and Guidelines as appropriate for the Fly Show, to improve the efficiency of accomplishing business obligations for this endeavor.
    - **Bob Gustafson made a motion, seconded by Ed Jones to authorize the Fly Show Committee to draft modified By-Laws and Guidelines for the efficient management of booth rentals, to provide those modification for Board review, and, if required, at a BUFF Membership meeting. The motion was approved.**

- Bob Miller and Bob Gustafson have agreed to serve as the Co-Chairs of the Fly Show for 2015
- Banquet – Bryan Tudor. There are currently 101 confirmed reservations for this year’s Banquet compared to over 130 received last year at this time. Donations and trips continue to come in for fund raisers. There will need to be further discussion about the Banquet with respect to the trend of decreasing attendance observed over the last several years. The question was raised as to what alternatives the Club should consider for 2015 fund raising if there is declining Membership interest in supporting this venue.
- Conservation Committee – Jeff discussed the Club’s lack of involvement in Conservation. There has been an open director’s position on the Board. Until recently, no one has shown interest in leading this Committee. Jeff reported that Bryan Tudor has now offered to accept the responsibility.
  - **Ed Jones made a motion, seconded by Randy Clark to approve Bryan Tudor as the Conservation Director. The motion passed.**
- At the March Membership meeting, the 2014 Board of Directors and Officers will be sworn in, including Bryan.
- Dayton Outdoor Show – A friend of Bob Gustafson is promoting an outdoor hunting and fishing show in Vandalia, March 6-9, and offered a free booth to BUFF. Miami Valley FF club is also represented in that geographic area and Bob has talked to them. Bob also talked to NKFF, who are expected to decline the offer since that area of Ohio is most likely beyond the boundaries of a majority of their membership. Bob proposed BUFF support the Dayton Outdoor Show, manning a booth, and requested the use of our casting pond for the three days. There was agreement from the Board. No motion was deemed necessary and several people agreed to support.

### **Chair Reports:**

#### **Treasurer’s Report** – Bob Gustafson

There was no Treasurer’s report for January. Bob is working a minor accounting posting error and will provide a report for both year end and January 2014, once the corrections are completed. Bob has requested help from George Fraley. The Board expressed appreciation for the significant work done by Bob.

- Bob discussed GP 04 – Club Check Signatories. Modification of this Guideline and Policy is needed for ease of check writing and distribution, and to provide consistency with other GPs.

- A motion was made by Bob Gustafson, seconded by Bob Miller to modify GP04 as follows:
  - For purchases greater than \$1500:  
Effective February 19, 2014, all check requests over \$1500 must be approved by written authorization (email being acceptable) by an Officer of the Board (President, Vice-President, or Secretary) prior to the check being written. The check will require the signatures of two Officers (Treasurer, President, or Vice President) prior to being issued. The motion was approved.
- At the January BOD meeting, the financial audit for 2013 was discussed. Steve Bailey had volunteered as the Board Member for the audit team and Jeff McElravy offered to find a non-Board member volunteer. Jeff reported that Steve Alexander has volunteered for that responsibility.

#### **Membership** – Tom Agin

There are currently a total of 321 active memberships (single and family). There were 24 new members received at the Fly Show, four more than at the 2013 Fly Show. There were 318 last year at this point, which was then reduced by 48 when dues payments were not received by March 2013. Tom reported that there are 80 people currently on the BUFF membership role who haven't paid for 2014, and they are considered past due. If delinquent dues are not paid by the March Membership Meeting, the names will be removed from active membership and the individual must pay the annual dues and initiation fee to be reinstated. Overall, the club has been averaging 291 total memberships for the last three years.

#### **Communications** – Tom Smith was ill and not in attendance.

The February **BUFFER** has been issued. Articles are due for the March issue by February 24th.

#### **Website** – Ken Foltz, Don Kail

- At the December 18, 2013 BOD meeting, approval had been given to purchase up to two lapel microphones, at a cost estimated to be in the range of \$200 per system. Don and Ken reported that to get a quality unit that would best meet the needs of the Club, the cost is expected to be closer to \$300 per unit. Following a discussion, a motion was made by Ken Foltz, seconded by Bob Miller to increase the allowed expenditure to \$350 per system. The motion was approved.
- The BOD expressed their appreciation for the great job on programming the new trip registrations onto the BUFF website.

- Online purchases of Logo Items (Jeff McElravy). Jeff has been working with an individual to facilitate procurement of BUFF logo items for individual membership purchase. The system will work through a third person, online, with a block order once a month. There will be no minimum quantity, and delivery will be to the buyer's home or to Jeff for the Membership Meeting. No funds will be going through the Club. Information will be provided to Ken / Don for a link from the BUFF Website.

**Trips** – Steve Bailey not in attendance.

No report.

**Meetings and Speakers** – Pete Moore/ Phil Pursley/Walter Leap

Appreciation was expressed to those people who stepped up and provided presentations at the February Membership Meeting. This was required on short notice to fill the gap when the scheduled speaker suffered a death in his family. A request for the notes presented was made and those will be made available on the BUFF website. The March speaker will be Matt Parker. The Fly Girls of Michigan ([www.flygirls.ws](http://www.flygirls.ws)) have responded positively to a request for a presentation at a future BUFF meeting. The date has not confirmed.

**Education** – Ed Jones

Ed provided an extensive report.

- Fly Fishing 101 has not been scheduled yet. Outlines and materials are available. It is typically done in March or April, and Jeff led the class in 2013. Tim Williamson volunteered to lead it for 2014.
- Discussion was had regarding the two ponds at Parky's Farm and their current fishing restrictions. Concern was expressed regarding sufficient quantities of fish in the main pond for the planned programs.
- Tim Williamson will be taking over Inside Education and will speak to those issues next month.

**Fly Tying** – Ken Dixon

Advanced Fly tying is underway, with two classes completed. They are currently averaging 12 people per class and several assistants. The AK Best class went well.

**Library** – Bob Mackey

There are a lot of new members using the library, which is good. Overdue books and DVDs are being mailed in, with some better returns than experienced at the end of last year. Bob will be leaving the Board but will retain the library management. Appreciation was expressed to Bob for the work he has done over the last several years.

**Conservation** –Bryan Tudor discussed some of his ideas in the new role.

**Project Healing Waters** - Jeff McElravy

Jeff also talked about ponds being used at Parky's Farm. Since they will not be allowed to fish the front pond, it may require moving PHW to another location. Jeff has a number of different things on the calendar and stated that he was pleased on how it's going.

**Good of the Club** –

- The storage locker is nearly full. Bob Gustafson is checking on the availability of a larger locker, as well as other storage locations. Bob will discuss his findings at the next meeting.
- Jeff expressed appreciation to the entire BOD for the support provided to him over the last three years, as he leaves the President's position.

Ken Foltz made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ken Dixon. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Duane Bentley