

**BUFF Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**February 18, 2015**

**Attendees:**

**Board (14):** Tom Agin, Steve Bailey, Duane Bentley, Ken Dixon, Ken Foltz, JR Jackson, Don Kail, Jeff McElravy, Bob Miller, Jim Neckers, Phil Pursley, Tom Smith, Bryan Tudor, Tim Williamson

**Absent (7):** Lane Stocker, Jim Hampton, Pete Moore, Bob Gustafson, Ed Jones, Sue Jones, Steve Walker,

**Club Members:** Hugh O'Donnell, Jim Boude

**Administrative Items/Proposals**

The meeting was called to order by President Ken Dixon at 6:30 pm at the Springdale Community Center.

- Membership Health Concerns – Bob Gustafson's surgery recovery is going well.
- January BOD meeting minutes – **A motion was made by Steve Bailey, seconded by Jeff McElravy to accept the minutes as written. The motion passed.**
- Treasurer Reports – Postponed until March

**Action Items**

- Update by the Awards Committee – Duane Bentley.
  - The Fly Fisher of the Year and Board of Director Awards have been finished and picked up by Duane.
  - None of the three nominees for Life Member Award received at least 51% of the vote at last month's Board Meeting. Therefore, there will be no Life Member Award for 2014.
- Joint Meeting for July 8 – Ken Dixon. Pre-planning needs to begin. The conflicting concert at the VOA facility is being addressed. The presenter scheduled by BUFF will be Ray Schmidt, representing TFO Fly Rods, who will discuss how blanks for fly rods are made. He will donate a rod to the club for BUFF to raffle, donate, or use in its programs. Ken also suggested that the Board consider a swap meet.
- Complimentary BUFF Membership for NKFF/MVFF Presidents – Ken Dixon. Both the NKFF and MVFF clubs provide a complimentary membership to the BUFF President. **Steve Bailey made a motion, seconded by Don Kail, that BUFF provide a complimentary membership to the presidents of the NKFF and MVFF clubs. The motion passed.**

## Updates

- Board Meeting Room Reservations at Springdale Community Center – Ken Dixon. The room has now been reserved through the end of the year. No additional action needed.
- Fly Show – Bob Miller. Early results show the financial numbers to be up approximately 7% – 8% over last year. The Committee will send out a survey to assess overall responses from both vendors and attendees.
- Banquet – Bryan Tudor. There are currently 60 reservations received, less than what they had hoped for (100 or more) at this point in the process. The Committee will continue marketing the event to BUFF members via an email blast and announcements at next month's Membership meeting. They will need a final headcount 10 days before the banquet for placement of the food order.
- Online Purchases of Logo Items – Jeff McElravy. Nothing new to report.
- NKFF Dues Increase – Ken Dixon. For information only, the NKFF Club has increased their annual dues from \$25 to \$30. This is the first increase for them in many years.

## Director Reports:

### **Membership** – Tom Agin

Tom reported a total of 306 BUFF memberships to date, 15 new members received at the show. A total of 61 current members have not paid their 2015 dues and will be dropped if not paid by the Membership Meeting in March.

### **Communications**

- BUFFER - Tom Smith.
  - The February *Buffer* articles are due by Thursday, Feb 26
  - Additional articles are needed. Steve Coomer has agreed to send articles to be incorporated into the Buffer.
- Website – Ken Foltz, Don Kail
  - Wireless hand-held mic for use at VOA. There continue to be problems with the VOA equipment. They have told BUFF that the technology upgrade is still “on the books”. Following further discussion, **Bob Miller made a motion, seconded by Tom Smith, that BUFF purchase a wireless hand held mic that will work with BUFF's lapel mic receiver, at a cost not to exceed \$170. The motion passed.**
  - Budget line item for “Technology”. BUFF currently has a number of pieces of electronic equipment that need to be managed and maintained. These include three PCs, two microphones, and a portable PA system. Instead of charging the costs for maintaining these to the Library Budget, it was proposed that a line item be added to the General Budget exclusively for Technology.

- The Communications Team was requested to assess the level of expense required, coordinate with Bob Gustafson, and return to the Board next month with recommendations.
- Investigate potential video conference option for Board Meeting in the event of inclement weather – Ken Dixon. Discussion ensued regarding various technological resources available if needed for a BOD meeting where many members may be unable to attend. The Ohio IFFF Council are using Google Hangout for that capability. The Technology Team was asked to research the various options and return to the Board with a recommendation
- Don Kail discussed adding colored background to some of the link buttons on the BUFF web site. He requested feedback on the appearance.
- Rain dates are now available for choice on line for some trip registrations.
- VOA internet connectivity issue. Don Kail will contact the VOA regarding a needed improvement in their connectivity to the internet. The new BUFF library depends on the internet working at a reasonable speed.

**Trips** – Steve Bailey. Cecil Osborn is the trip leader for the fall trout quest. The trip is scheduled for 10/14 – 10/18.

**Meetings and Speakers / Screenshots** - Phil Pursley, Duane Bentley.

- Phil reported that most of the 2015 calendar has speakers planned for the Membership Meetings.
- Screenshots for the March meeting are due to Duane Bentley by 2/28.

**Public Education** – Ed Jones

- Lake Isabella Fishing Camp – The children’s fishing instructor asked if BUFF would be willing to support two of their fishing camps. Ed will work with him for further information.

**Club Education** – Tim Williamson. Work is continuing on updating the rod and reel information for Fly Fishing 101.

**Fly Tying** – Jim Neckers. The introduction to fly tying class will be scheduled for release to the membership to see if there sufficient interest to continue.

**Assets & Library** – Steve Walker (Not in attendance)

- Online member reviews are now available for our library resources.

- The team is deciding on limits to the number of assets that can be checked out at one time. It was also recommended that if a member has overdue assets, no additional assets can be checked out of the library until the delinquent materials have been returned. The Board was in agreement.

**Conservation** – Bryan Tudor.

- A letter from the Clermont S.W.C.D addressed to Bryan was distributed to the Board. The letter requested a donation from BUFF for the Spring Litter Clean-up, to be held on April 18<sup>th</sup>. BUFF donated \$100 last year (Approved in March 2014 - Reference BOD Minutes 4/16/14). Following further discussion, the Contributions and Grants Budget for 2015 will need to address this new request.
- State of Ohio conservation grants – Bryan has been investing an inquiry from the State of Ohio DNR, with regard to monies available from the State for conservation grants. What things would the Board be interested in doing that may be submitted for consideration? The Board needs further information on what kinds of projects the DNR are willing to fund. The next application period is in September 2015. Bryan will further research the process, with assistance from Steve Bailey, and return to the Board.

**Project Healing Waters** - Jeff McElravy. The vets are continuing fly tying. The last meeting was at Parky's Farm but they will be returning to the auditorium. The number of participants are growing.

**NOC (Not Otherwise Covered)** – Nothing to report.

Steve Bailey made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jeff McElravy. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Duane Bentley