

BUFF BOD Minutes

February 15, 2017

Springdale Rec. Center / Springdale Room

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Present (16): Paul Juszczuk, Bob Gustafson, L James Boude, Jeff McElravy, Hugh O'Donnell, Bob Miller, Cari Vota, Jim Vota, Jim Neckers, Bryan Tudor, Mike Redmond, Mike Rubush, Tom Abbruzzese, Tim Williamson, Jim Klosterman, and Phil Pursley

Absent (9): Jim Hampton, Joe Panfalone, Tim Minton JR Jackson, Don Kail, Ed Jones, Sue Jones, Ken Speicher, and Steve Bailey

Administrative Items:

- Membership health concerns? Is there anyone we need to send a card to?
 - Don Kail
- December BOD meeting minutes approval
 - A motion to approve the minutes was made by Bob Gustafson and seconded by Jeff McElravy. The motion passed and the Minutes were accepted.
- Treasurer's Report (Bob G.)
 - 2016 year-end report was sent out in email. There was a very slight loss for the year which is acceptable for the non-profit status of BUFF.
 - An audit committee was formed with George Fraley and Jim Boude.
 - An item was returned to Best Buy from the Fly Show because it was defective. A gift certificate of \$199.99 was issued by Best Buy for BUFF. The certificate can be used for various BUFF purposes.
 - The Board discussed providing funds to Mill Creek Water Council (MCWC). This is a year to year donation that BUFF typically funds. A request from MCWC for \$500 donation was made. The Board tabled discussion for later.
 - Pine Lake Trout Club issued a member's card to BUFF for the first time. Typically, there is no card. Just a phone call to the Trout Club suffices. Since the Trout Club is used occasionally for the steelhead trip, the card will be held by Hugh O'Donnell (trip leader).

Banquet

- Donations up to a \$6000 value in guide trips have been received. This is a very good position for the banquet. (Mike Rubush)
- A new and very special trip was donated. An African safari trip for two people will be auctioned. This is a first for BUFF and the trip should receive high interest at the auction. This single trip has a face value of \$6000.
- The banquet site accommodates a maximum of 110 people.

Action Items:

- 2017 BOD Elections to occur at February meeting (JR)
- Fly boxes and DVD inventory for new members are low. BUFF needs to purchase additional units. Steve Bailey knows the source for boxes and a bulk purchase will be required. The cost will be provided at the next meeting.

Updates:

- Fly Show Update (Bob G.)
 - This year's Show attendance was high (809 total and 738 paid attendees). There was a profit of \$3700 for the show.
 - The Show committee had discussions about changing next year's date to avoid the conflict with the large Atlanta fly Show. Considering the high turnout at our show, the committee agreed to continue with the same date.
 - Next year's fly show will be the first Saturday in February, 2/3/18
- Award Committee Updates (Jeff M)
 - Two plaques remain in inventory. More plaques need to be ordered. The expense is about \$700 for a bulk order. This expense can be delayed one year as we are only presenting one award this year and one plaque will be available for next year.
- Elections Committee Updates (Paul J)
- BUFF 40th Anniversary (Jeff M)
 - BUFF's 40th anniversary will be celebrated in the October meeting. This meeting may overlap the first day of the fall Smoky Mountain trip.

Director Reports:

- Membership (Jim Boude)
 - 3 family membership and 13 individual memberships signed up in February
 - There are 315 active members including 198 renewed members and 78 unpaid members from 2016. One member past away last year.
- BUFFER (Tom Abbruzzese)
 - Articles for February Buffer due by January 20
- Website (Don Kail)
 - Roadrunner issues still exist but Don is using a workaround for now.
- Trips (Steve Bailey)
 - The North Carolina Smokey Mountain trip will be scheduled for May 3rd – 7th. A cleaning service will be included in the fee this year to simplify checkout. The cost with this new service will be about \$145 per person for the trip.
 - The Steelhead trip will be April 6-9th.
- Meetings and Speakers / Screenshots (Phil Pursley / Mike Rubush)
 - Screenshots should be send to Jim Vota by the end of the month
 - A list of program speakers was handed out. The schedule is full through August.

- The board discussed the growing interest of women in the sport and the need for women speakers. Phil talked with Charity Rudder about coming up to provide a casting clinic and speaking at the membership meeting. This type of trip will require two days and her guiding income is typically \$900. Phil said the cost to have her present the clinic and the program will be about \$900 in fees and \$465 for transportation (mileage). A motion to invite Charity Rudder to host a clinic and provide the program for a general membership meeting for a total of \$1500 was proposed by Jim Boude and seconded by Bob Miller. The motion passed.
- Public Education (Ed Jones)
- Club Education (Tim Williamson)
 - Tim will coordinate reserving Fairfield Community building for next month's class.
 - Tim is creating an advanced two handed casting class with Matt Parker. The class will cost about \$350 per day or \$250 for half day for Matt's time. The format of the class is actual fishing with three people per guide. This will be a river trip with two handed rod while fishing the Whitewater River. There was a discussion about Tim being a paid guide for the trip. The Board considered the subject and no issues were raised as long as this situation was clearly stated in the trip information.
- Fly Tying (Jim Neckers)
 - The advanced fly tying class will start next Tuesday
- Assets and Library (Mike Redmond)
 - Mike is verifying inventory for BUFF
- Conservation (Bryan Tudor)
- Project Healing Waters (Jeff McElravy)
 - The PHW group is getting larger and this is a good sign of success. The group is tying flies on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. Dates for fishing at Parky's farm may be affected by other activities at the farm. Some of the trips will be moved to VOA park.
- Women's Fly Fishing (Sue Jones)
 - Cari discussed starting a women's only "Project Healing Water" that would include women instructors. Paula Smith at Dayton was recommended as a good addition to this group.
- Not otherwise covered items?
 - Jeff McElravy needs a table at our next general meeting for Ohio Council International Association of Fly Fishers (OCIAFF). There is a raffle of 100 tickets for two days of fishing at Sunnybrook Trout Club. The proceeds will go to the OCIAFF general funds.
 - Sugar Creek Fly Shop (SCFS) donated luggage to the club for one of the big raffles at the Fly Show. This raffle raised \$1000 for BUFF. Members noted their experience with SCFS was always positive and SCFS were very proactive in outfitting women. This company ordered equipment as needed so that women could be properly accommodated with supplies that otherwise were not in stores in the Cincinnati / Dayton area.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Jim Boude and seconded by Mike Rubush. The motion passed.