

BUFF BOD Minutes
February 19, 2020
Springdale Rec. Center / Springdale Room
6:30 p.m.

Attendance

Present (16): Jim Vota, Tom Britton, Bob Gustafson, Mike Redmond, Tom Bachey, Cari Vota, Hugh O'Donnell, Jeff McElravy, Don Kail, Ken Mandel, Bryan Tudor, Patrick Goddard, Steve Bailey, Jim Boude, Mike Rubush, and Tim Williamson,

Absent (4): Bob Miller, Jim Hampton, Jim Neckers, and Jack Gormley,

Other (2): James (Jimbo) Hunt and Harry Pass (2020 Incoming Directors)

Administrative Items:

- Membership health concerns? Is there anyone we need to send a card to?
 - Ken Dixon will have knee operation
 - Gary Cumming will have shoulder operation
 - Frank Capone is recovering from rotator cuff surgery
 - Upcoming operations for Joe Beckman
- Previous month's meeting minutes approval
 - Ken Mandel motioned to accept January 2020 Minutes. This motion was seconded by Tom Britton and approved by the Board.
- Treasurer's Report (Bob G.)
 - January financial report was emailed prior to meeting
 - Steve Alexander and Cari Vota will be the audit team

New Business

- Pay pal for dinner sign ups – (Jim V)
 - It was suggested to use PayPal on BUFF website for general meeting meal plan signup. This method would ensure all meals are paid. However, this method would create more work for administrators. In addition, catering expenses are balancing because there is an equal number of no-show signed up people and unexpected walk-in meals. The motion was withdrawn.
- New member book – moved to Member Services – no longer hand out discs – download or paper – change the welcome letter to reflect the location change – (Jim V)
 - CD players are not part of current computer hardware. Therefore, it doesn't make sense to handout CDs to new members. A link for new members can be found in the Members Services section of the website.
- Potential club donation – Nichole Watson – Grayling reintroduction in Michigan – (Jim V)
 - Ph.D. student from Michigan State is reintroducing graylings into Michigan¹
 - Started into five creeks that don't have brown trout predators. This protects Grayling fry (originally native species) from non-native trout such as the brown trout.
- Club email address payments – (Don K)
 - Our email on Google will now require \$10/month to handle three necessary inboxes. No other options were found for a lower cost email that will work for BUFF.

¹ Research studies the re-introduction of Arctic Grayling in Michigan, SWMTU, July 10, 2018: <https://swmtu.org/conservation/research-studies-toward-the-re-introduction-of-arctic-grayling-in-michigan>

- Tim Williamson proposed accepting this on-going email expense. Jeff McElravy seconded the proposal and the Board approved the proposal.
- Old club maps – (Cari V)
 - Sometime ago, BUFF and NKFF created maps of local fishing spots.² NKFF is now hosting these maps on their website. However, the maps are not good quality as they were copies of the original maps. Jim & Cari Vota will work on updated maps that can be added to our website.
- Club swap night – (Cari V)
 - We will add an equipment swap night to one of our general meetings. The June monthly meeting was discussed as a logical month for the meeting.
 - Ken Mandel will add the event to the Buffer.
 - Extra tables will be ordered for the event.
- FF101 at a couple local libraries – for general public – (Jim V)
 - Will schedule sessions at the library to provide information to communities on fly fishing and BUFF.
- Newcomer fishing group – (Hugh)
 - The intent of the proposed Newcomer group is to introduce new members to local fishing and a means to meet more BUFF members. This group should also be a good way to retain people in BUFF.
 - A committee will meet to setup the group: Hugh O'Donnell, Ken Mandel, Tom Bachey, Tim Williamson, Bryan Tudor, Tom Britton and Jim Vota.

Updates:

- Fly show report (Bob G.)
 - 896 people – new record
 - Net profit \$2377.96
 - Tying workshops – 76% filled
 - All booths sold even including some booth bookings that were cancelled. The wait list was valuable for quickly confirming new vendors into the canceled booth slots.
 - 83 volunteers
- BUFF Banquet update – (Team)
 - Raffles for silent auction are at the same point as they were last year at this time.
- 2020 BOD Award (Jeff M)
 - A ballet was voted upon by members present at the meeting. The results will be announced at the Banquet.
- New life member vote (Jeff M)
 - Two people nominated and voted upon. The results will be announced at the Banquet.
- Potential dues change – need to reschedule the review from April – (Bob G)
 - Discussion on membership fees included dropping the initiation fee and raising the annual fee.
 - Bob also raised the need to update the bylaws because the old prorated membership system was still listed.
 - Bob proposed eliminating the initiation fee and keeping the current annual fee (no raised fee). This motion was seconded by Jim Boude and passed by the Board.

Director Reports:

- Membership (Jim Boude)
 - Total Active Memberships 328 (includes 69 unpaid)
 - Single 221 including 4 Comp 5 Life
 - Family 102 including 0 Comp 6 Life
 - Student 5
- BUFFER (Ken Mandel)
 - Any articles for the BUFFER should be received by Monday 24th of February.
- Website (Don Kail)
- Trips (Steve Bailey)

² <https://nkff.org/where-to-fish/>

- New Mexico trip was scheduled (overlap fall Bryson city)
- New York trip coming
- Musky trip coming
- Wyoming Boy Scout Camp is offering a trip to clubs. NKFF and MVFF members are going on this trip. BUFF will get feedback from NKFF and MVFF before offering this as a BUFF trip.
- Meetings and Speakers (Jack Gormley / Mike Rubush)
- Public Education (Tom Bachey)
- Club Education (Tim Williamson)
 - Fourteen people signed up for the Fly Fishing 101 course.
 - On March 16, there will be a knot tying course. Helpers will be needed.
- Fly Tying (Jim Neckers)
- Assets and Library (Mike Redmond)
 - Four (4) Gary Boger books now in library
- Conservation (Tom Britton)
 - Cleanup SQM events are listed on website
 - Green Acres is a conservation association. BUFF does not sponsor the organization, but we are listing their events for the benefit of conservation minded members.
- Project Healing Waters (Jeff McElravy)
 - PHW changed to two meetings a month: Tuesday and Saturday. There was good turn-out for Saturday.
- Women's Fly Fishing (Cari Vota)
 - Spring trip is full
 - Gear maintenance session will be held: 5 ladies are signed up
- Screenshots to Jim Vota before the next monthly mtg
 - Pictures for the banquet
 - Screen shots will be on web site
- Not otherwise covered items?
 - Thank you to BOD members that are leaving the Board this year: Jim Boude & Mike Rubush (who will still be around for programs until we find a replacement 😊)

Adjourn

- Steve Bailey motioned to adjourn. This motion was seconded by Tom Bachey and approved by the Board at 7:28pm. A safety committee meeting immediately followed.