

BUFF BOD MEETING MINUTES

January 21, 2009

(Prepared by Mike McCracken)

Administrative Items:

- Dennis TenWolde from the Little Miami River Partnership (member that sponsored him: Donn Rubingh). Dennis discussed the mission of the LMRP: *Promote a healthy Little Miami River watershed through collaboration, planning, education and action*. He shared that the LMRP works to facilitate win-win solutions. One area where BUFF can provide them with input is with regards to areas of the Little Miami River where repairs are needed. LMRP is not a land trust, but they do have the capability to help groups apply for funds from WRRSP ("Water Resource Restoration Sponsor Program"). Along the same thought, to provide the BOD with information regarding other organizations, a representative from "Friends of the Greater Miami" will come to the February BOD meeting and share information on their group.
- Membership health concerns
Cathy Foltz (wife of Marty Foltz) is ill. Lou will take care of sending her a card on behalf of BUFF.
- December BOD minutes
They were approved as written with the addition of the members present which Lou indicated he would add to the best of his memory.
- Board of Directors Award
Board members voted by secret ballot for one of the below BOD members. The winner will be announced at the March banquet.
Jim Boude, Steve Bailey, Randy Clark, Bob Mackey, Doug Mowell, Dick Naber
- Needed BOD Member to Help Audit the 2008 BUFF Financial Records.
Bob Mackey volunteered to be the BOD representative to help Steve Alexander, one of the BUFF members.
- BOD approval for slight modification to 2009 Budget
The board approved the following changes to the budget:
 - 1) Reduce expense category #6340 (Contributions) from \$1000 to \$0 because of large contributions being made from our excess cash reserves.
 - 2) Remove expense category #6341 (Outreach) from the budget.
 - 3) Increase expense category #6441 (Fly Fishing Show Hall Rental) from \$2400 to \$2750 to match the actual amount for the hall rental.
- Request from The Sportsman Channel
Lou was approached by Steve Altstadt from The Sportsman Channel to have BUFF send a letter to Time Warner indicating our support for the addition of a fishing/hunting sportsman channel to the Time Warner basic cable lineup. His company would donate a prize package to the BUFF banquet if we would do so. Lou read a draft of a letter provided by Steve. After some discussion, it was agreed that Lou could send the letter on behalf of BUFF to Time Warner.

- North Coast Fly Tying Expo Jan. 10, 2009.
BUFFers did not attend due to weather problems in Cleveland.
- BUFF fly tying booth at the Great American Summit at Wright State Feb. 20-21.
We have been accepted and are registered for this event. There was a \$25 fee and they will publicize BUFF on their website

West Virginia trip cabin reservation funds requested

The coordinators (Lee Chambers & Rodney Louke) are requesting \$550 advancement to reserve two cabins. BUFF will be reimbursed when the money is collected from members going on the trip. The cabin reservations can be cancelled at a cost of \$25 up to a week before the trip. The BOD approved the advance.

- Sierra Club/Temple Fork Outfitters rods
5 free fly rod packages thru FFF have been received by Roger Corrado and will be added to the clubs' rod pool for education. (See Banquet discussion on the use of 3 rods from the club's current rod supply for banquet prizes.)
- Springdale Community Center thank you gift (D. Jones)
It was agreed that the club would spend up to \$100 to provide food baskets to the AM and PM front desk folks to thank them for their help over the year. The funds will be taken from the fly tying expense budget.
- Bill Schroeder has volunteered to be our Little Miami River Coordinator.
- Excess money discussion
This was a continuation of the discussion that took place at the November BOD meeting. At this point, there is \$3,400 which is not committed. After some discussions regarding the merit of different groups receiving the remaining moneys, it was agreed that \$1,000 would go to Casting for Recovery. In the interest of time, Lou will send out a list of the remaining groups which BUFF could donate the remaining money to and ask each BOD member to send their top choices to him. Each board member will have five votes to use to select his/her preferred organizations on the list. Lou will tabulate the results and use them to prioritize the list. The prioritized list will be used at the February meeting to decide how to allocate the remaining excess funds.

Chair Reports:

Treasurer (George Fraley) – nothing beyond what was already covered in the meeting.

Communications

BUFFER (John Kennard)

- Feb. BUFFER articles due Jan 26th.
- Website (Ken Foltz) – ability to register for trips will be added to the website

Trips (Steve Bailey)

- WV trip dates have changed to May 21-24
- Information on trips in a standard format will be added to the website.

Education:

- Public Events (Lou Haynes) – Knot tying class on 20-Jan. had 14 people; second class scheduled on 22-Jan
- Club Events (Tom Baker) - nothing to report.
- Fly Tying (Jeff McElravy) – Advanced Fly Tying classes to begin Friday, 23-Jan from 6:30 – 8:30 at the Springdale Recreation Center.

Meeting Speakers (Randy Clark) – February speaker (W. Hardy Eshbaugh) will talk about Wild Atlantic Salmon; July meeting will be our annual outdoor swap meet.

Membership (Dick Naber) – 118 members on the roster as of Dec have not paid the 2009 dues. There were 7 new members in January.

Banquet Committee (Jim Boude) – several fly shops are providing BUFF a 40% discount on items that will be purchased for the raffle and auctions. 122 reservations for the banquet with 52 more needed to break even. There has been less than \$100 in cash donations to the banquet this year. Lou suggested and the board agreed to have the Acer laptop computer and our 3 four-piece rods used for banquet prizes. Addendum post meeting: 29-January: Jim Boude requested by email to Lou after the meeting an additional \$1,000 to use for purchase of raffle prizes. Lou sent an email to the BOD with 15 responding by 29-January. 13 responded “yes” and 2 responded “no”. Since the 13 “yes” votes were greater than half the number of members on the 2008 BOD (25), the money was approved.

VA Outreach (Dave Jones) – 22-Jan from 6-8 PM at the VA with the 24-Feb tying to be from 10 – noon.

Fly Fishing Show (Mike Bryant) – the exhibitors could use help from BUFF members moving their display items into Receptions; be there (with a dolly if you have one) at 7:30 AM to help. Spots still open for publicizing the show at Bass Pro on Saturday and Sundays prior to the show.

Conservation (Rubingh/Bryant) – A representative of the “Friends of the greater Miami” will attend the February meeting to discuss their activities.

Adjourned at 8:44 PM

Attendees:

Lou Haynes, Jim Boude, Dick Naber, Bob Miller, Jeff McElravy, Roger Corrado, Lane Stocker, Randy Clark, Steve Bailey, Mike Bryant, Dave Jones, Don Prince, Bob Mackey, George Fraley, Jon Kennard, Mike Bryant, Jim Hampton, Ken Foltz, Ken West, Bruce James, Tom Baker.

Guests: Dennis TenWolde (Little Miami River Partnership)

Club Members:

Steve Lilly, Jim LeBlond, Andy Sutthoff, Steve Walker, Mike McCracken

Submitted by Mike McCracken 29-January, 2009