

BUFF Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2010

(Prepared by Mike McCracken)

Administrative Items:

The meeting was called to order by Roger Corrado at 7 PM.

- Membership health concerns – none
- December BOD minutes – approved by the Board.
- Donation to the Atonement Lutheran Church for use of the facility for monthly BOD meetings (Dave Jones) – Dave gave the check to the church.
- Picnic and Swap Meeting July 17th (Dave Jones) – Dave checked on the cost of the meal for kids if we hold the event at the Clydesdale shelter at Winton Park and have the park cater the event (see December minutes). There would be no discount for kids' meals; still \$14.90 regardless of size/age. We could use the shelter across Mill Road, not have the event catered, and walk across the road if we wanted to go fishing. We could also bring our own beer to that shelter. There was a question on the size of the shelter at that site. We estimated that we would need a shelter with a capacity of ~60. Several members volunteered to look at the site and report back next meeting.
- Project Healing Waters (Tom Scheer) – Tom indicated he had 35 volunteers come forward after the presentation on the Project at the January club meeting. He indicated he would have an event at the VA on 26-January for 45 minutes with tying (5 volunteers from the pool he has) and casting (1-2 volunteers). He also will have a booth at our Fly Fishing Show to share information with those in attendance.
- 10 or so veterans free admission to the Fly Fishing Show (Roger Corrado) – Roger had recommended by email to the Board earlier that we admit about 10 veterans from the Project Healing Waters to the Show on February 6 for free. The Board approved the recommendation.
- New member fly boxes (Dave Jones) – Dave shared that we were down to 14 boxes. We would need to order 60 to complete an order and it will take about 10 days for delivery. George Fraley recommended that we treat the boxes as inventory and purchase 60 (20 to be set aside for future new members and 40 to be sold to the membership). The Board approved the recommendation.
- BUFF pins and patches – We are running low on these. The last order was about four years ago at which point we bought them for about \$3 and sold them for \$5. It was suggested that Don Hogue might know where we order the pins and patches. George Fraley will check with Don to find the source. The Board approved George ordering up to 100 pins spending up to \$1,000. If the cost is above \$1,000 George will bring the cost back to the Board for further discussion.
- Donation to 30-January Louisville Fly Show (Jim Boude) – Jim indicated that a group of Club members will be attending and had been approached as to whether BUFF wanted to make a

donation to the fly show. After some discussion, the Board agreed that the Club would not make a donation.

- Facebook site for BUFF (Andy Sutthoff) – Andy suggested that the Board consider having a Facebook site to increase the exposure of the club electronically beyond our current website. In particular he suggested that this might be a way to connect with a younger demographic of fly fishers. Andy would take responsibility for setting up the Facebook site for BUFF and answering any questions that come through the site. Andy will demonstrate for the Board at the February meeting the basics of how it would work given that most of the Board acknowledged not being familiar with Facebook. Andy also indicated that it would be simple to turn it “off” should there be any complications with the site once established. The Board approved Andy setting up the Facebook site for BUFF.
- Assets Manager (Roger Corrado) – Roger shared that we need a replacement for Lane Stocker as her work responsibilities prevented her from filling this role. The job involves primarily verification at the end of the year the presence of the assets on the books and documenting those items no longer in the Club’s possession. Steve Walker volunteered to take on this role. George Fraley indicated he could not close out the Club’s 2009 books until he received the end-of-the-year fixed assets report.
- Post Office box reference in the BUFFER has been corrected to show the correct address. Also, Dick will investigate retrieving with some “misdirected” dues.
- BOD award vote – The Board members cast their individual votes for the award.
- Fishing Has No Boundaries (Lou Haynes) – The Club received a thank you from the group. Lou and Roger indicated the event (May 22-23 this year at Cowan Lake) is very well organized and a rewarding experience. They encouraged continued participation by members. Contact Lou if interested.

Chair Reports:

Treasurer (George Fraley) –George will not be at the February meeting. Jim Boude will manage the dinner count and send information to Raffles for February. George said that he had overpaid Raffles \$108 last month and he would pay the club back due to his error. The Board unanimously declined his offer and voted to cover the outage from the Club.

Communications

BUFFER (Jon Kennard) – articles needed by January 25th.

Website (Ken Foltz) – no report this month.

Trips (Steve Bailey) – A trip leader is still needed for the Nantahala trip for 2010.

Education (Lou Haynes) – Lou has been asked by the Long Island fly fishing club to use the material used in our knot tying class. There will be a fly tying class at the West Chester police station on February 1 for the Hooked on Fishing not Drugs group. The January 26 knot tying class has 12 people enrolled. Members of the club recently talked about the club on the radio for an hour with the Hamilton County Parks and there is an upcoming interview of the Club by a northern Ohio

hunting/fishing talk show host on his radio show. Promotion of the Fly Fishing Show will continue on the weekends in January at Bass Pro.

Fly Tying (Jeff McElravy) – The advanced fly tying class continues on Thursday evenings with four people attending the most recent class. Randy Clark mentioned that we might want to consider the introductory fly tying class at Bass Pro (typically 2/month with 10 attending and a waiting list) as a way to share more information with prospective members. Mike McCracken will discuss this with Tom Herr.

Meeting Speakers (Randy Clark) – Alex Bell will speak at the February meeting on the Western North Carolina Fly Fishing Trail (see www.flyfishingtrail.com). He is one of the creators of the trail which has 15 spots, some of which are in the areas club members have fished.

Membership (Dick Naber) – 104 individuals have not renewed membership for 2010. Most of these are 1-3 year members. The Board discussed how we might encourage new members. Dick will send to the Board the new member list so the Board members can make a point to contact new members.

Banquet Committee (Bob Miller) – The arrangements with the speaker are set with fly tying in the afternoon as a possibility. We continue to be down on this year's donations, particularly smaller items.

VA Outreach (Dave Jones) – The upcoming dates are on the website.

Fly Fishing Show – The vendors are to respond on final attendance by January 22nd. Club members are needed for tying. Jeff McElravy will send out a note via Dick.

Conservation (Donn Rubingh) – no report this month.

The Board adjourned at 8:35 PM

Attendees:

Board: Steve Bailey, Jim Boude, Mike Bryant, Roger Corrado, Randy Clark, George Fraley, Lou Haynes, Bruce James, Dave Jones, Jon Kennard, Mike McCracken, Jeff McElravy, Bob Miller, Dick Naber, Lane Stocker, Andy Sutthoff, Steve Walker.

Members: Tom Scheer, Bob Gustafson

Submitted by Mike McCracken 4-February-2010.