BUFF Board of Directors Meeting Minutes January 15, 2014

Attendees:

Board (14): Tom Agin, Steve Bailey, Duane Bentley, Randy Clark, Ken Dixon, Ken Foltz, Bob Gustafson, Ed Jones, Don Kail, Jeff McElravy, Pete Moore, Jim Neckers, Tom Smith, Steve Walker

Absent (7): Walter Leap, Lane Stocker, Jim Hampton, Bruce James, Bob Miller, Bob Mackey, Phil

Membership: JR Jackson, Tim Williamson

Administrative Items/Proposals

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

- Membership Health Concerns None reported
- December 18, 2013 BOD minutes A motion was made by Ken Dixon, second by Tom
 Smith to accept the minutes as written. The motion passed.
- 2014 Officer and BOD Election Elections were conducted at the Membership Meeting of January 8, 2014. The candidate slate (19 individuals) was reviewed and approved by a voice vote. The list of 2014 Officers and Directors is as follows:

President Ken Dixon
Vice President JR Jackson
Treasurer Bob Gustafson
Secretary Duane Bentley
Tom Agin Membership

Steve Bailey Trips

Ken Foltz Web Master
Jim Hampton Raffles

Ed Jones Outside Education
Don Kail Web Master

Jeff McElravy Project Healing Waters Bob Miller Fly Show - Historian

Pete Moore Program
Jim Neckers Fly Tying
Phil Pursley Program
Tom Smith BUFFER
Lane Stocker At Large

Steve Walker Asset Manager
Tim Williamson Inside Education
TBD Conservation

- Awards Committee (T. Agin, D. Bentley, S. Walker)
 - Fly Fisher of the Year voting was completed at the January 8th Membership Meeting.
 - BOD Award ballots were provided and voting conducted.
 - Life Membership Award With 14 Board Members and Officers present, a minimum of eight votes is required to elect an award winner. There were five nominees. Ballots were provided and voting completed.
- Fly Show Bob Gustafson provided a handout. All booths have been sold and additional modifications are underway to accommodate late changes. Over 60 BUFF volunteers are participating in this effort. Ken Dixon provided a handout of the booth reservations. The Board expressed appreciation to the leaders for an outstanding effort on this task.
- Banquet No report.

Chair Reports:

Treasurer's Report – Bob Gustafson provided an interim financial report through December 2013, which includes a mix of 2013 – 2014 income and expenses. A final report for 2013 is forthcoming.

- Bob made a request for a 2014 budget line item change for Banquet Speakers to \$400 and Banquet Misc Exp to \$500. Following a discussion, Ed Jones made a motion, seconded by Ken Dixon to make the aforementioned changes. The motion was approved.
- The Board needs to appoint an audit team for the audit of the financial records for 2013.
 Per Guidelines, it requires one Board and one non-Board member. Steve Bailey volunteered as the Board Member. Jeff McElravy offered to find a non-Board member volunteer.
- Bob continues to have discussions with Metro Parks on the availability of the VOA facility for the monthly Membership meetings in 2014, as discussed last month. Commitments have been made with the following changes. The normally scheduled meeting date of July 9, 2014 will be cancelled due to the joint meeting with NKFF at their facility. As a result of a scheduling conflict, the Membership meeting in December will be one week later than normal, on the 17th. This will require switching the monthly BOD meeting to the 10th, and requires coordination with Springdale Community Center. Action: Jeff McElravy / Ken Dixon
- AK Best books will be on sale by BUFF at the Fly Show.
- <u>Tom Smith made a motion that the Treasurer's Report be accepted, seconded by Tom</u> Agin. The motion passed.

Membership – Tom Agin

A total of 295 memberships are in the database, although only 116 have renewed at this point for 2014. That is less than normally expected at this time in the year. Tom Smith will input a reminder in the *BUFFER* on dues payment.

Communications – Tom Smith

The January **BUFFER** has been issued. Articles are due for the February issue by January 24th.

Website - Ken Foltz, Don Kail

Upgrades have been made to the website, and many comments were expressed on the improved layout. Online registrations for BUFF Trips will go on the website soon, following testing. Discussion was also had on BUFF logo clothing and other items.

Trips – Steve Bailey

Thirteen confirmed trips are in the planning for this year, across eight states. There are four new trips also being offered. Steve briefly discussed a number of the trips.

Meetings and Speakers – Pete Moore/ Phil Pursley/Walter Leap

Pete provided a handout of a list of speakers currently planned through June.

Education – Ed Jones

More detail will be provided in February on outside education. Parky's Farm is restocking their ponds.

Fly Tying – Ken Dixon

Advanced Fly Tying begins on February 4th. Currently, there are 14 people signed up.

Library – Bob Mackey

No report.

Conservation – Open

- Jeff McElravy said there had been some consideration given to dividing Conservation into two sections, education and outside activities.
- BUFF has taken responsibility for a section of the Little Miami River. Planning is needed for some minimum action in 2014, since none was formally undertaken in 2013.

Project Healing Waters - Jeff McElravy

They are tying flies every two weeks at the VA facility. They will also be doing some fishing in warmer weather.

Good of the Club – Ken Dixon made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Tom Smith. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Duane Bentley