

## BUFF BOD MINUTES

Jan. 13, 2016

Springdale Recreation Center / Springdale Room

6:30 to 8:30 PM

### Attendees:

**Present (13):** Ken Dixon, JR Jackson, Hugh O'Donnell, Ed Jones, Sue Jones, L James Boude, Bob Gustafson, Steve Bailey, Don Kail, Tim Williamson, Phil Pursley Jim Neckers, Ken Foltz and George Hupp

**Absent (6):** Jeff McElravy, Tom Smith, Jim Hampton, Pete Moore, Bryan Tudor and Bob Miller

**2016 Board Members:** Ken Speicher, Mike Rubish, Paul Juszczuk, Jim Closterman, Cari Vota and Jim Vota

12 Board members called to order at 6:34 pm.

### Administration Items:

- Membership health concerns? Is there anyone to whom we need to send a BUFF card?
  - Jeff McElravy / Harry Ludlow
- December BOD Meeting Minutes approval
  - A motion to accept the December 2015 minutes was proposed by Don Kail and seconded by Jim Boude. The motion passed.
- Treasurer Reports
  - Three financial spreadsheets were sent previous via email to the BOD. The club had a net income \$3,083.25 for the 2015 year.
  - The club auditing process requires two club auditors. We need one volunteer from BOD and Steve Bailey has stepped forward for the BOD position. We need one volunteer who is not on the BOD. Bob Gustafson will ask Steve Alexander and/or George Fraley if one of them would be the second member of the Audit Committee.
  - Will capitalize library to fixed assets based on Fair Market Value.
  - A motion to accept the financial reports was proposed by Don Kail and seconded by Sue Jones. The motion was passed.

### Action Items:

- PHW – Revisit reduced fees to members of PHW – Dixon
  - Last month, the BOD voted to provide a discount to Vets from PHW on a year by year basis.
  - Brent Miller, program leader for PHW, spoke to the BOD and asked for a first year discount. Brent described the purposed and benefits of PHW:
    - Physical and emotional health of veterans
    - Desire for the vets to grow by facing new challenges and associations
    - Expansion of association from PHW to local club is a good step forward
  - The recommendation is to offer a reduced first year membership with waiver of initiation fee. This is a modification of last month's motion to extend reduced fees indefinitely.
  - The above motion was proposed by Ed Jones and seconded by Jim Neckers. The motion was passed thus replacing last month's motion.
- January Meetings Notifications to Membership
  - Send out member email reminder for the not standard January meeting date: 3<sup>rd</sup> week of January for the general meeting.

- Donation to Au Sable Anglers – Ed Jones
  - Ed Jones brought a stream issue in Michigan to the attention of the BOD. The stream is the Au Sable and fish farm is now authorized to discharge untreated fish farm effluent into a branch stream immediately above the nine mile catch and release stretch that is known as the ‘holy water’. This untreated effluent has been authorized by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ).
  - More information can be found on the website: <http://www.ausableanglers.org/great-press-on-the-fish-farm-case/>
  - This trout river is fished by a number of people in the club.
  - A MDEQ hearing will be held February 8-12, 2016 and the Au Stable Angler’s Association is taking donations to mount a legal defense of the river quality.
  - Ed recommended a donation of \$1000 to the legal defense fund: “Hatchery Litigation Donation”.
  - Tim Williamson motioned for this recommendation and this motion was seconded by Don Kail. The motion was passed.
  - Ken asked for volunteer to draft a letter to inform our membership about this fishing quality threat. Ed will prepare the letter.
- Elections: BOD Award & Lifetime Membership
  - LTM: Sue recommended offering 2 positions. This recommendation was proposed by George Hupp and seconded by Jim Boude. The motion passed.
  - A vote for two lifetime memberships was conducted by the board. The voting rules included the following:
    - Each person will be independently elected: Yes / No for each person.
    - Voters must be current board member to vote.
  - BOD Award: One award for BOD was voted from a list of 4 nominees

#### Updates:

- 2016 Banquet Update – JR Jackson, Todd McGarvey
  - Todd is leading the team for the banquet. Progress is good.
  - Will be selling tickets at meeting – Kari to send email to general membership.
- 2016 Fly Show – Bob Gustafson & Bob Miller
  - Booth sales are good. Only 4 booths are unsold. This is good status for this point of time.
  - Clinic shows are selling but some seats still exist. The slots are now open to other clubs and the public.
  - There are 62 volunteers listed so far. Last year there were over 90 volunteers.
  - The web site is up-to-date and staying current with any changes.
  - Ed Jones volunteered to help boy scouts with fly casting- Tim
- Awards Committee – Sue Jones
- 2016 Officers & Directors Nominations Committee – JR Jackson, Pete Moore, Hugh O’Donnell
  - Elections for officers next week – JR to lead preparation of ballot
- Ann Furthmiller Donation Pickup – Dixon
  - Add: Donation has been received. Ed Jones will ask David French for a fair market value evaluation of the equipment.

#### Director Reports:

- Membership (Jim Boude).
- 168 paid for 2016 96 unpaid 5 dropped

- Total Active Memberships 281 (includes 96 unpaid)
  - Single 194 including 8 Comp 3 Life
  - Family 87 including 0 Comp 5 Life
- BUFFER (Tom Smith)
  - February BUFFER articles due 1/28/16. Articles Needed
    - Fly show article – Bob Miller
    - Elections article – JR Jackson
    - Au Sable fish farm article - Ed Jones
- Website (Ken Foltz, Don Kail)
- Trips (Steve Bailey)
  - Calendar of trips was handed out
  - JR volunteered to lead up to 3 day trips
  - No one is leading the steelhead trips or West Virginia – volunteers are needed
- Meetings and Speakers / Screenshots (Pete Moore / Phil Pursley)
  - Screen Shots to Duane Bentley at end of month for February meeting
- Public Education (Ed Jones)
- Club Education (Tim Williamson)
  - Two handed clinic will be planned for the spring
  - A potential advanced course will be developed by on information from Parker at ReelFlyRod. The information is a combination of websites (EPA index; map with mile markers; Google for Latin names of insects) to understand when and what is hatching.
  - Warm water fishing may be made into another course.
  - Working on fishing areas and access for women's' trip
- Fly Tying (Jim Neckers)
  - Advanced fly tying will have a snow day extensions
  - Still need volunteers for kids flying area at fly show
- Assets & Library (George Hupp)
  - Two contributions have been made: i) 3 DVD and ii) a book authored by club member
- Conservation (Bryan Tudor)
- Project Healing Waters (Jeff McElravy)
- Women's Fly Fishing (Sue Jones)
- NOC (Not Otherwise Covered) Items

### **Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Jim Boude and seconded by Don Kail. The motion passed at 7:50 pm.