

BUFF BOD Minutes

Jan. 18, 2017

Springdale Rec. Center / Springdale Room

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Present (18): JR Jackson, Paul Juszczuk, Bob Gustafson, L James Boude, Jeff McElravy, Hugh O'Donnell, Cari Vota, Jim Vota, Don Kail, Jim Neckers, Bryan Tudor, Mike Redmond, Ed Jones, Sue Jones, Steve Bailey, Mike Rubush, Tom Abbruzzese, and Phil Pursley,

Absent (7): Jim Hampton, Tim Williamson, Jim Klosterman, Ken Speicher, Bob Miller, Joe Panfalone, and Tim Minton

Administrative Items:

- **Membership health concerns? Is there anyone we need to send a card to?**
 - Gary Cummins
- December BOD meeting minutes approval: A motion to approve the December 2016 Minutes was made by Mike Rubush and seconded by Bob Gustafson. The motion passed.
- Treasurer's Report (Bob G.)
 - A restated statement with 2017 items removed will soon be sent to BOD via email
 - A proposed 2017 budget was sent out by Bob Gustafson prior to the meeting. A motion to approval the budget was proposed by Steve Bailey and seconded by Sue Jones. The motion passed.
 - A request to increase the education budget by \$300 was made by Ed Jones.
 - An audit committee must be formed with board member and a non-board member. Jim Boude volunteered to be the board member on the audit team.
 - BUFF was re-registered as non-profit entity with Ohio Secretary of State
 - A proposal to accept the treasure's report was made by Jeff McElravy and seconded by Jim Boude. The motion passed.

Action Items:

- 2017 Budget (Bob G.)
- 2017 BOD Elections to occur at February meeting (JR). The ballot is uncontested.
- 'BOD of the year ballot' voted by board tonight
- Committee discussed creating an annual award for volunteers. The discussion centered on the balance between acknowledging desiring individuals and making these awards appear equal to other awards such as Fly Fisher of the Year. A committee to review this option will be conveyed with Jeff McElravy, Ed Jones and Bryan Tudor.
- Fly fisherman of year ornaments are purchased in bulk. The current batch is almost consumed. A new batch is a \$1000 expenditure and will be needed within the year.
- JR announced that he was offered a job and he will be moving to Albany in February. The new company is Regenerus Laboratory. Albany is located within 90 minutes of great trout fishing. We wish JR the best in his new venture.

Updates:

- Fly Show Update (Bob G.)

- The vendor booths sold well this year. The first group of booths sold out by Jan 6th. Rearrangement of the layout provided more booths to be offered. These booth quickly sold. There are over 60 booths for the fly show.
- A map of the fly show setup was handed out
- Facebook activity is much higher now as related to new posts for the fly show.
- Award Committee Updates (Jeff M)
- Elections Committee Updates (Paul J)
- BUFF 40th Anniversary (Jeff M)

Director Reports:

- Membership (Jim Boude)
 - For 2017, 181 members renewed and 98 are unpaid from 2016
 - 3 new members joined at last week's meeting
- BUFFER (Tom Abbruzzese)
 - Articles for February Buffer due by January 20
 - The board discussed the number of readers of the Buffer. The number of readers per month is listed on website in the BOD access section.
- Website (Don Kail)
 - We are still getting blocked by Roadrunner. About 25 people are affected.
 - Don is currently manually working around this issue.
- Trips (Steve Bailey)
- Meetings and Speakers / Screenshots (Phil Pursley / Mike Rubush)
 - Screenshots should be sent to Jim Vota by the end of the month.
 - Updated speaker list for 2017 handed out in the BOD meeting.
- Public Education (Ed Jones)
- Club Education (Tim Williamson)
 - Warm water class is schedules for Saturday
- Fly Tying (Jim Neckers)
 - Several people signed up for tying class
 - Several volunteers still needed for fly show
- Assets and Library (Mike Redmond)
 - Still need assistance in moving library to and from the general meeting
- Conservation (Bryan Tudor)
 - Jeff McElravy and Bryan Tudor attended Trout Summit show in Columbus, OH. The summit discussed biology and trout stocking on the Mad, Clearfork and Clear Creek. The state is phasing out the stocking of brown trout at Clearfork Creek. They will be switching to Rainbows in the belief that this species may produce hold-over trout.
 - Upper Clearfork has hold over trout near cold water springs
 - An interesting recommendation for the Mad River is that the fall is the best season for fishing this river.
- Project Healing Waters (Jeff McElravy)
 - The group is in the fly tying seasons. They meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays.
 - A larger group is attending the session. Don has brought computer and display screens which has likely lead to the larger group attendance.
- Women's Fly Fishing (Sue Jones)
 - Cari started a women's fly fishing link on our web site

- A women's trip to Au Sable in June is being planned.
 - It was noted that more women are joining the club.
- Not otherwise covered items?
 - A recommendation to move the banquet date to Friday, 3/24, was proposed via email. The board voted 15 yes votes. The motion carries.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was proposed by Steve Bailey and seconded by Mike Rubush. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Proposed Ballot for BUFF Board of Directors 2017

President: Paul Juszczuk

Vice President: Jeff McElravy

Treasurer: Bob Gustafson

Secretary: Hugh O'Donnell

Communications – BUFFER – Tom Abbruzzese

Communications – Website – Don Kail

Club Education – Tim Williamson

Membership – Jim Boude

Project Healing Waters Liaison – Jeff McElravy

Program Co-chair – Phil Pursley

Program Co-chair – Mike Rubush

Conservation – Bryan Tudor

Public Education – Jim Vota

Fly Tying – Jim Neckers

Women's Events – Cari Vota

Trips – Steve Bailey

Fly Show & Historian – Bob Miller

Fixed Assets and Library Liaison – Mike Redmond

Raffles – Jim Hampton

Directors at large: Jim Klosterman, Ken Speicher, Tim Minton