

**1/17/2018**  
**Springdale Rec. Center / Springdale Room**  
**6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

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**Present** (15): Jeff McElravy, L James Boude, Bob Gustafson, Don Kail, Tim Williamson, Mike Rubush, Hugh O'Donnell, Bryan Tudor, Steve Bailey, Ken Speicher, Jim Neckers, Jim Klosterman, Cari Vota, Jim Vota, and Phil Pursley

**Absent** (6): Jim Hampton, Bob Miller, Mike Redmond, Paul Juszczak Tom Abbruzzese and Tim Minton

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The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

**Administrative Items:**

***Little Miami River Corp (Bill S)***

- List of fishing / float trips scheduled for LMRC was provided. The first trip is offered to BUFF and will be only BUFF members. The other trips are for LMRC but Bill would like BUFF volunteers for river guiding when available. Four Saturday's in May include inner city children who will fish. The LMRC has liability coverage for the events but the Board discussed the risks associated with the guiding people on the river.
- The Board did discuss that these trips were worthwhile activities. We need to consider having river training program. BUFF may be ready later in the year for assisting with these trips.

***Ohio Grant (Bill S. / Tim W.)***

- Bill will apply for fishing equipment for LMRC: 10 Tenkara rods and Zebco for LMRC.
- Tim is considering applying for grant for BUFF.
- The Board discussed that the grant should be approved by at least one officer on the BOD. Ideally, the grant should be presented to the full BOD.

**Membership Health**

- Cecil Osborne was sent a card. Cecil's wife is ill. Please send card.
- Ray Laubenthal passed away. The funeral is Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> in Indian Hill.

**Minutes**

- Mike Rubush proposed accepting last month's Minutes. This motion was seconded by Jim Vota and passed by the BOD.

**Treasurer's Report –**

- 2017 Year End Financial reports will be sent out this week
- Dec/Jan is period with significant income for BUFF: membership renewals, fly show tying workshop sales, banquet sales
- Significant payments made in December:
  - Website renewal (\$358)
  - Fly Show air ticket reimbursement for Mike Schmidt (\$357)

- Christmas Gifts – Jeannette’s Delicacies (\$350) ; VOA (\$32)
- Fly Show expenses (\$78)
- Monthly raffle expenses (\$178)
- Dave Jones will present Christmas gift to Springdale Community Center personnel in January
- 1000 BUFF brochures ordered. The delivery should be about January 24
- There is a learning curve for Membership Renewals but progress is good
- Audit Committee board member will be Jim Klosterman
- Steve Baily proposed accepting the Treasurer’s report. This motion was seconded by and Bryan Tudor and the Board passed the motion.

### **Action Items**

#### ***Fly Show Report –***

- Show booths sold out 12/31 (floor plan/exhibitors handout)
- Current Focus:
  - Signing up volunteers
  - Registration for fly tying clinics
  - Inserting club activities into the brochures for new member awareness and scheduling
  - Cari is preparing brochure set for 1/24
- Coordination meeting with The Oasis held on January 11
- Oasis and BUFF have a verbal agreement to hold 2/2/19 for 2019 Fly show
- Tying Workshops selling well - 52/70 seats sold
- New Epson projector purchased for tying demos (this will be added to the Fixed Asset List)
- Next team meeting is January 23: set volunteer time schedule, go over final preparations

#### ***BUFF Banquet***

- March 24<sup>th</sup> at VOA

#### ***Fly Fisher of Year***

- Some nominations received by Jeff
- BOD solicited by Jeff. Three people nominated. Close out is Feb 5<sup>th</sup> before the election. Feb general meeting is vote and presented at Banquet. Must be present.

#### ***2018/19 Officers***

- Jim Vota is running for President and Bryan Tudor is running for VP. Their current positions (Outside education or conservation) must be filed.
- There is a Director at Large position open.
- Ken Mandell will join BOD as BUFFER officer.

### **Director Reports**

#### ***Membership***

- Two (2) new members this month.
- 2018 Renewals at 187 people.

#### ***BUFFER***

- Ken Mandell will start his BUFFER duties in April
- Articles should be in by end of month

### ***Web Site***

- BUFF is experiencing a financial loss on general meeting dinners when people sign up and do not come to the meeting and pay for the scheduled dinner. Members are now so advised on the dinner signup page.
- Paypal errors are occasionally occurring (4 out of 54) during the process of returning the client to the BUFF site.

### ***Trips***

- Sixteen (16) trips are scheduled for 2018.
- New trip forms are needed for each trip.

### ***Speakers***

- February - Josh Greenberg from Au Sable Michigan area
- March – Banquet
- April – Wanda Taylor (North Georgia): Women in fly fishing
- Screen shots to Jim by end of month

### ***Public Education*** – n/a

### ***Club Education***

- Training should begin March 5<sup>th</sup>.
- A guide for new fly fishers is being developed.

### ***Fly Tying***

- Intermediate tying class begins 2/13
- Intro class in April

### ***Assets and Library (Mike)***

- Nothing removed from books
- New item added to the books is the projector.

### ***Conservation***

- The river cleanups have the added benefit of learning entomology
- Cleaning up dates: May 12; July 14; and Sept 15
- April 21 is LMR cleanup

### ***PHW***

- The group is currently tying flies
- Brent is leading the women's group
- Seventy (70) vets were in program last year

### ***Women's Fly Fishing***

- First ladies trip was posted on website and two cabins were rented in Mohican State Park on Clearwater River. Steve Rhoads is in the local club near the park and may be good contact.

### ***Not Otherwise Covered***

- At NKFF meeting, Joel Stansbury (former BUFF) was in attendance. Joel has undergone several health related illnesses and is in need of paying for medical expenses. He is suffering from Lyme disease and now MS. He can be treated with a new stem cell method in Chicago. However, \$120,000 is needed for this stem cell treatment. Any contributions are welcomed to defray the medical expense: <https://www.generosity.com/medical-fundraising/transplant-to-halt-my-ms-progression>

### **Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:01pm