

BUFF BOD Agenda

January 19, 2022

Zoom Meeting

7:00 pm

Present (19): Bob Gustafson, Ken Mandel, Tom Bachey, Harry Pass, Patrick Goddard, Jim Hunt, Jeff McElravy, Jim Vota, Cari Vota, Dolph Greenberg, Bryan Tudor, Jim Neckers, Don Kail, Jack Gormley, and Hugh O'Donnell, Bob Miller, Dave Miller, Tom Britton, Mike Redmond

Absent (2): Jim Hampton, Steve Bailey

Administrative Items

- **Call to Order**
- **Membership health concerns**
 - Ken Dixon has COVID-doing OK, Jan Bryant also has COVID-doing OK
 - Ed and Sue Jones are doing better but will still be out of commission
- **Reading of December 2021 BOD Minutes**
 - Dolph G Motioned to approve, Jim H seconded, motion passes
- **Membership Meeting BOD Vote – Recording in Minutes**
 - New slate of BOD was approved by the membership
- **Emergency BOD Meeting – Virtual meetings recorded in Minutes**
 - Virtual meetings for January were approved. 12 For, 1 Opposed, 1 Abstain
- **Welcome new board member – Dave Smith**
 - Does a lot of work for the Little Miami Conservancy and can be liaison
- **Next BOD meeting 2/16/22**

Officers Reports

- **President's Report (Hugh O.)**
 - Still having challenges with covid
 - Need to incorporate Ohio revised code in our ByLaws
 - Thinking about how we are/aren't a cooperation to guide how we operate
 - Financial responsibility
 - Treasurer does a fantastic job
 - Major activities coming up to look forward to and have awards to recognize service
- **Treasurer's Report (Bob G.)**
 - Financial report mailed out 1/7
 - 2021 Yielded a loss of \$3,634 which was less than budgeted
 - Typically fluctuate between making money and losing money
 - \$3,668 in checking, \$31,547 in savings
 - December moved \$1,500 from checking back to savings
 - Books setup based on budget approved in December
 - Bought banquet prizes, paid FFI dues, paid Ohio Council FFI, and paid half a year of club liability insurance
 - Need to appoint auditors for 2021 books, postpone to next meeting
 - Dolph G motioned, Jim H seconded, motion passes

Director Reports

- **Membership (Harry Pass)**
 - 269 active (79 unpaid for 2022), 3 new members since last BOD meeting
 - Sent cards to Ed Jones and Sean/Nancy Newsome
- **BUFFER (Ken Mandel)**
 - Send articles by 1/28
 - Ken having health complications and may miss a buffer
- **Website (Don Kail)**
 - Database backup procedure developed which must be manually executed
 - Will be done monthly and more so during busy times
- **Trips (Steve Bailey)**
 - N/A
- **Meetings and Speakers (Dolph Greenberg - Jack Gormley)**
 - Booked through end of 2022 minus July and August
 - December 2022 Guide from Upper Peninsula
 - Author of books regarding fly fishing in West Virginia
 - Working on getting a speaker from the Corps regarding Brookville
 - Proposal to designate a tight liar's night for people to tell their tallest fishing tale, something to consider
 - Need to decide on picnic for next year so it fits with programs, will discuss next BOD meeting
- **Public Education (Tom Bachey)**
 - Indian hill tying for February, will send links to the fly show for any students who may be interested.
 - Fairfield public library event
- **Club Education (Jim Vota)**
 - Fly fishing 101 scheduled for March, 4 weeks
 - Working on a few other events
- **Fly Tying (Jim Neckers)**
 - Currently having fly tying starting on 2/14, may need to move them out a couple weeks
- **Assets and Library (Mike Redmond)**
 - Still looking for new librarian
 - Don recovered inventory data, 40% complete
- **Conservation (Tom Britton)**
 - Clermont county cleanup date was tentative, got sign up from a new member/wife/2 kids/friend
 - Hoping to hear back from Corps regarding Brookville once they hire a new fish biologist
- **FFI & Project Healing Waters (Jeff McElravy)**
 - Sean has not called any PHW meetings yet
 - FFI in recovery from the online conclave
 - Doing great things regarding conservation
- **Women's Fly Fishing (Cari Vota)**
 - First committee meeting Monday night
 - Tentative dates for trips but not locations
 - Womens connect trying to get a kid's activity together for march

Committee Reports

- **Fly show (Bob G.)**
 - Fly show team had a spirited meeting 1/18
 - Recommending cancelling the fly show
 - Not an easy decision
 - Have a statement prepared to send to fly show stakeholders
 - High levels of covid
 - Not enough volunteers
 - Uncertainty for a safe, high-quality show
 - COVID exposure among key fly show personnel
 - Refunds being organized
 - More than \$4,300 dollars
 - Some sunk money we cannot recoup
 - Spent money on brochures
 - Travel expenses for headlines
 - Some money can be reapplied to 2023
 - OASIS venue
 - Kids area supplies
 - AV materials
 - Caseload compared to November is just too high (5-6 times)
 - George Daniels just got over COVID
 - Other local fly fishing shows are still planning to go on
 - Some other states are cancelling/postponing fly fishing shows
 - Make special edition buffer highlighting all the vendors who will miss out on sales
 - A few vendors have been unhappy with the cancellation
 - A few have been supportive
 - Had an alternate date for postponement but George Daniels could not attend
- **Banquets (Bryan)**
 - 3/9 signups are available
 - Hopefully covid goes down by then
 - Add note to the buffer regarding signups and donations

Unfinished Business

- **Awards - Fly Fisher of The Year, Board of Directors, Education, Conservation (C. Vota)**
 - Starting to get a few fly fisher of the year and BOD award recommendations
 - Need FFOY by end of January, would like to have BOD award by then as well
- **ByLaw Vote (Hugh)**
 - A few changes have been incorporated, no new proposed changes since.
 - Tom B motion to accept bylaws as written in December, Ken M seconded
 - Been very thorough in review, time to close it out
 - Email voting allowed under Ohio revised code 1702
 - Every director who can vote must respond.
 - Usually have one who doesn't respond.
 - Bylaw changes passed
 - Must be sent out and in buffer before 3/1

- No more changes
- Needs to be a pdf
- **Virtual or physical meetings for February (Hugh)**
 - Dolph G motioned, Jim H motioned to make February general and BOD meetings virtual.
 - Motion passes, 1 opposed
- **FFI Insurance (Bob G)**
 - Bob G Motioned, Don K seconded to cancel Auto Owners insurance since we are already covered by FFI insurance now which is better.
 - Motion passes

New Business

- **BOD Meeting Night of the Week**
 - Would help Bob Miller since he is busy Wednesdays
 - Tabled
- **Guidelines for Education & Conservation Awards**
 - These awards not in guidelines
 - Hugh O will create list of things we do which are not in guidelines and need to be added
- **Big Fishing Stories (Dolph)**
 - Previously discussed, see programs and speakers

NOC

Adjourn

Dolph G, Jeff M Motioned, motion passes, adjourned at 8:32pm