

BUFF BOD Minutes
July 21, 2021
Springdale Community Center
6:30pm

Present (16): Jim Vota, Cari Vota, Bob Gustafson, Ken Mandel, Tom Bachey, Steve Bailey, Harry Pass, Patrick Goddard, Jim Hunt, Dolph Greenberg, Jeff McElravy, Don Kail, Tom Britton, Bryan Tudor, Jack Gormley and Hugh O'Donnell

Absent (5): Jim Hampton, Bob Miller, Mike Redmond, Jim Neckers, Jack Gormley

Administrative Items

- **Membership health concerns**
 - Jim LeBlond slowly recovering but still sick
- **Approval or Correction of June 2021 meeting Minutes**
 - Motion passes
- **Next BOD mtg 8/18/2021**

Officers Reports

- **President's Report (Hugh O.)**
 - Stayed with BUFF because of the involvement with larger community, PHW, Parkys Farm. Need to emphasize moving forward.
 - Good time to review the Bylaws
 - Emphasize welcoming newer members so they make friends and stick around
- **Treasurer's Report (Bob G.)**
 - \$2,192.11 Checking, \$31,545.43 savings
 - Membership income reached 96.4% of budget
 - Tracking renewed member income and new member income separately
 - Steve B. motioned, Jeff M.. seconded, Motion passes

Director Reports

- **Membership (Harry Pass)**
 - 245 actives, 5 new this month,
 - 19 new members since last month
 - Nametags mailed out
 - Quite a few dropped members are rejoining.
 - New BUFF yard sign for recruiting use
- **BUFFER (Ken Mandel)**
 - Send pictures
- **Website (Don Kail)**

- New feature to let people join the club online is working
- **Trips (Steve Bailey)**
 - Plenty of womens trips and newcomer trips, Fall smoky mountains trip is in the works
- **Meetings and Speakers (Jack Gormley and Dolph Greenberg)**
 - Booked through December
 - Looking at Jeff Liskey for a meeting
- **Public Education (Tom Bachey)**
 - Fly casting demo at Elk Creek gun club? Do we get involved? September 11th
 - Any prospective members? Possible promotion of the shop?
 - Check with our casting instructor.
 - No reason we can't, just fairly far away.
- **Club Education (Position Available)**
 - Need a new director
- **Fly Tying (Jim Neckers)**
 - Nothing
- **Assets and Library (Mike Redmond)**
 - Need to make sure we're bringing the library
- **Conservation (Tom Britton)**
 - July 24th next SQM at Bass Island
- **FFI & Project Healing Waters (Jeff McElravy)**
 - PHW moving towards opening
 - August outing – Miami meadows park
 - Possible presentation to get members to join FFI
 - Nov 5,6,7 virtual conclave still being planned
 - Charging for part of it
 - Classes starting around Labor Day with graduation at the conclave
 - Tons of tying workshops and classes
- **Women's Fly Fishing (Cari Vota)**
 - A few good trips upcoming
 - Want someone else to take over once a month club trips next year
- **Virtual events (Jim V)**
 - Nothing at the moment

Committee Reports

- **Fly Show (Bob G.)**
 - New contact at Oasis, our contract and everything for next fly show is in order
 - Close to reaching agreement with George Daniel as 2022 headliner
 - Schedule is close to being finalized.
 - Son Tao possible fly-tying headliner
 - Jerry Snider Bamboo rod and a euro rig as grand prizes

- Next meeting 8/24

Unfinished Business

- **Club Picnic (Jim V.)**
 - July 22nd 67 signed up
 - Chicken for dinner
 - Pond for fishing, casting and tying
- **Oasis Contract**
 - Has been signed
 - Went through all the details for the meeting with the new contact
 - Good idea to do a test run with the speaker
 - Meals still being worked out. Will adjust after the first meeting after we see how it goes
 - Do we still have any commitment to VOA in 2022? No

New Business

- **Jim Hampton Status?**
 - Have not been able to contact him. No one has heard from him since March/April
- **BUFF Brochure update**
 - Need new brochure since new meeting venue changed
 - Steve moved to approve brochure and add line item to budget. Dolph G seconded, motion passed
 - Add reel recovery to brochure
- **North Branch Outing club (Bob G)**
 - Karl Power won auction and wanted to donate the gift certification back to club
 - Reaaction it off
 - Good until November 1st 2021
 - Received two gift certificates Cumberland valley fly fishing and wants to be listed on club website
 - Accept it and reaaction
- **Logo update**
 - New yard sign for use at events to drive recruitment
 - Logo quality being an issue, need to work on an updated logo
 - Steve B moved to approve reimbursement Ken M seconded, Motion passes
- **Establishment of committees (Jeff M)**
 - Suggest reemphasizing committees for each board member so they are just a head
 - Easier to work on things and to replace board members when they need to step down
 - Would help get more general club members involved
 - Each director think if they need a committee and give recommendation
- **Bylaw update (Hugh O.)**
 - We're not strictly following ByLaws especially with regards to COVID meetings

- Setup a committee to examine
- **Emergency meeting minutes (Hugh O.)**
 - Add to minutes
 - Steve B, motioned to approve, Jeff M seconded, motion passed
- **Trip resumption (Bryan T.)**
 - Can we start resuming overnight trips without liability?
 - Our waiver covers extended trips too
 - Good to go on resuming overnight trips
- **BOD nametags**
 - need to be blue/green

Adjourn

Steve B. motioned, Don K. seconded, motion passed - 8:10pm

BUFF BOD Emergency Meeting Agenda

June 28, 2021

Online ZOOM meeting

7:00pm

Administrative Items

- **Call to Order**
 - **Attendees (12):** Jim Vota, Cari Vota, Bob Gustafson, Ken Mandel, Tom Bachey, Steve Bailey, Dolph Greenberg, Jeff McElravy, Tom Britton, Bryan Tudor, Jack Gormley and Hugh O'Donnell
- **Emergency Meeting Procedure**

Emergency Business

- **Picnic Funding (Bryan T)**
 - The picnic planning team is requesting a budget of \$500 for the July 22nd get together at Miami Meadows Pavilion. This would cover the cost for items such as fried chicken, potato salad, cole slaw, cookies, chips, water, pop, ice, plates, silverware, napkins, hand sanitizer etc. We are planning to keep reservations to 60 people to stay within the capacity limits at the pavilion.
- **Joint Covid Warning (Hugh O)**
 - We are trying to simplify our messaging and to simplify the website effort for our Covid policy. In a small group, we have discussed that one policy is best for both objectives. Using the meeting criteria that we just passed at the board meeting, we believe that the following can apply to all (indoor & outdoor) Cincinnati activities.
 - The BOD believes COVID conditions have improved to support resumption of local activities and in-person monthly meetings with meals. We believe these activities are now safe, but each registrant shall understand that each attendee assumes the risk of attendance.
 - Our policy is that unvaccinated persons are requested to wear masks and practice social distancing when at indoor activities / meetings and to wear a

mask within 6 feet of another person when at outdoor activities. Vaccinated persons may individually decide if or when to wear masks.

- It is the responsibility of a sponsoring member to inform all guests of our policy.
- This policy will be updated to stay aligned with **governmental guidelines**.
- **Meeting – Non-fishing Activity Procedure (Don K)**

Emergency Matters Not Otherwise Covered

Adjournment