

B.U.F.F. Board Meeting of June 15, 2005 Minutes

The June meeting of the B.U.F.F. board of directors was held at the Church of Ascension and Holy Trinity in Wyoming, Ohio. The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 PM and adjourned at approximately 8:15 PM. The next meeting will be on July 20, 2005 at 7:00 PM.

Board members not in attendance are indicated below:

Baker, Tom <i>Education</i>	Boude, Jim <i>At Large Hart Show</i>	Bryant, Mike President	Chambers, Lee <i>Programs</i> ABSENT	Corrado, Roger <i>Banquet</i>
Dressman, Tom <i>Conservation</i> ABSENT	Hampton, Debbie <i>Outreach</i>	Hampton, Jim <i>At Large Raffles</i> ABSENT	Haynes, Lou <i>Education</i> ABSENT	Hider, Pat <i>Secretary</i>
Hogue, Don Treasurer	Howell, Patti <i>Trips & Outreach</i> ABSENT	Huber, Bill <i>At Large</i> ABSENT	Jones, Dave <i>At Large</i>	Kennard, Jon <i>Buffer</i>
Lilly, Steve <i>Programs</i>	Mackey, Bob <i>At Large Library</i>	McElravy, Jeff <i>At Large Fly Tying</i> ABSENT	Miller, Bob <i>Banquet</i>	Panfalone, Joe <i>Website</i>
Prince, Don Vice-President	Rohrbach, Bob <i>Membership</i>	Svarda, Charlie <i>At Large</i> ABSENT	West, Ken <i>Education & Fly Tying</i> ABSENT	

Items discussed were as follows:

Administrative Items / Proposals

1. Membership Health

No matters to report.

2. May, 2005 BOD Minutes Approval

Patti Howell took the minutes from the May meeting. Patti was not present at the June meeting and the minutes were approved *in absentia*.

3. Summer Meetings

a. July Swap Meet

Debbie Hampton ordered the food for the meeting which will be held on the 2nd Wednesday in July. A map to the location (same place as last year) is on the website. There will be a box for items specifically donated for auction for Casting for Recovery (CFR). In addition, any items left over will be auctioned for CFR

Tents – All members are encouraged to bring pop-up tents as the venue does not have as much covered area as the location of last year’s picnic. Jim Hampton will contact Randy Clark regarding bring a tent and Roger Corrado volunteered to bring a tent. In the event of rain, the more tents the better.

b. August Picnic

The annual BUFF picnic will be on August 20, 2005 and Bob Miller “volunteered” (i.e., he arrived at the board meeting late) to be the coordinator. Debbie Hampton will order the food.

c. Raffles

After the August picnic the organization will be back at Raffles for the regular monthly meeting. Debbie Hampton will negotiate the contract for the upcoming 2005-2006 meetings with Raffles.

4. Conservation

a. Committee Meeting Scheduled

A meeting of the conservation committee was scheduled for June 21, 2005 at 7PM at Mike Bryant’s home. Mike would like the committee to form broad-based goals that address more than river clean-up. The purpose of the meeting will be to formulate goals and a vision for the committee. There is an opportunity for BUFF to align its efforts in this area with the Federation of Fly Fishers, Inc. (FFF).

b. Donation Proposals

Michigan Hydro Regimenting Coalition

Mike Bryant submitted a written proposal requesting that a donation be made to the Michigan Hydro Regimenting Coalition (MHRC) to support their on-going conservation activities that include participation in the process of licensing and regimenting hydroelectric dams in Michigan. MHRC is a coalition of four statewide, nonprofit conservation groups: Michigan United Conservation Clubs, Michigan Council Trout Unlimited, Great Lakes Council, Inc. of FFF and Anglers of the Au Sable. The coalition’s mission is to ensure that conservation, environmental and recreational concerns are adequately addressed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Mike Bryant suggested donating \$200 out of the conservation budget previously approved in April, 2005. Joe Panfalone so moved, Jon Kennard seconded and the motion passed.

The Great Lakes Council

Additionally, BUFF was sent numbered wildlife prints by the GLC. The Great Lakes Council is part of FFF. The prints are being used by GLC for fundraising. It was suggested that the prints be raffled at a dinner meeting. Debbie Hampton will get the prints framed for \$100 or less. The prints will be raffled at the September dinner meeting and a \$100 donation will be made to GLC in exchange for the prints. A motion was made by Joe Panfalone for these events and seconded by Jim Boude. The motion passed. Bob Rohrbach suggested that proceeds from the raffle go to a local conservation effort. No formal motion was made on that suggestion.

5. ByLaws – Setup Committee

Don Prince, Jon Kennard and Pat Hider comprise the Bylaws Committee. The committee will meet sometime within the next 3 months to determine the changes that may need to be made to the bylaws. In August, Don Hogue will send the Articles of Incorporation to all board members for review. Joe Panfalone will put the Articles on the website. The President, Secretary and Treasurer will each be given a hard copy of the Articles.

6. BOD Information

Pictures of board members were removed from the website. Pictures will be placed back on the site. Don Prince took pictures of members who were present at the meeting and who had not been photographed.

7. FFF Update

a. Ohio Subcouncil (OSC) Update

Mike Bryant asked Steve Lilly to call Joe at the OSC. OSC is a smallmouth organization.

b. Membership Drive

OSC is holding a membership drive. The form for joining OSC will be put on the BUFF web site.

8. Other Matters

The Mohican Fly Fishers club from Mansfield, Ohio near the clear fork river is selling tickets for a bamboo rod. Tickets are \$2.00 each. See Mike Bryant if you want to purchase a ticket.

Report of Chairs / Owners

1. Presentations

Mike Bryant complimented Steve Lilly on the outstanding job that has been done in the past in arranging quality speakers for the dinner meetings. A few preliminary contacts have been made for upcoming meetings but Roger Corrado suggested that the topic of the September meeting should be salmon fishing given the salmon trip on the Pere Marquette river scheduled for the end of September. Roger will approach Rusty Drake regarding speaking at the September meeting.

2. Membership

Bob Rohrbach reported that current membership stands at 285 with a new loss of 10 members over the past month. Bob Mackey volunteered to contact any members who are in jeopardy of being dropped from the BUFF membership list due to nonpayment of dues.

3. Outreach

Patti Howell, Lou and Betty Haynes, and Jim and Debbie Hampton traveled to Murphin Ridge recently, the site of the 2005 Casting for Recovery retreat. Thus far, 150 ladies have registered for the retreat. The group met the Chamber of Commerce and the Millers', an Amish family that will assist in the retreat. \$4,000 has been raised to date with an additional \$8,000 in grant requests outstanding.

4. Treasurer

Don Hogue reported that there is \$14,025.42 in the BUFF checking account. Total deposits for June were \$1,766.00 and total disbursements were \$3,228.44. The balance in the club's CD is \$5,153.87. Additionally, there is \$100 in petty cash and \$500 in the trip account.

Don will be gone in July and Louise Goldsberry will be presenting the Treasurer's report. Discussion took place regarding the use of the forms that are presented to the treasurer for reimbursement, payment of a bill or cash advance. It was decided only one transaction should be reported per form. Two hundred more triplicate forms will be ordered.

5. Communications

Joe Panfalone reported that there were 400 visitors to the BUFF website per day over the last month. Jon Kennard stated that the deadline for submitting articles for the BUFFER is June 27, 2005. To be included are articles on Casting for Recovery, the August picnic and the usual President's corner.

6. Trips

Patti Howell was not present.

7. Education

Nothing to report.

8. Other Matters

a. Email BUFFER

Bob Rohrbach will remind members at upcoming meeting that there is an option to switch to receiving the BUFFER by email that saves the club money.

b. Business Cards

Debbie Hampton will have more BUFF business cards printed. It was proposed that a box of 1000 cards be ordered and up to \$150 was authorized. The person making and seconding the motion are unknown.