B.U.F.F. Board Meeting of June 21, 2006 Minutes

The June meeting of the B.U.F.F. board of directors was held at the Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Road, in Springdale. The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:10 PM by President, Lou Haynes, and adjourned at approximately 8:40 PM. The next meeting will be on July 19, 2006 at 7:00 PM.

Board members not in attendance are indicated below:

Baker, Tom	Boude, Jim	Bryant, Mike	Chambers, Lee	Clark, Randy
Club Events	At Large / Hart Show	Conservation	Meeting Programs	Meeting Programs ABSENT
Corrado, Roger	Findley, Tim	Fraley, George	Hampton, Debbie	Hampton, Jim
Public Events	Membership	Treasurer	Outreach	At Large / Raffles
	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
Haynes, Lou	Hider, Pat	Howell, Patti	Huber, Bill	Jones, Dave
President	Secretary	Vice-President	At Large	At Large
		Trips, Outreach		ABSENT
Kennard, Jon	Mackey, Bob	McElravy, Jeff	Miller, Bob	Panfalone, Joe
BUFFER	At Large / Library	At Large / Fly Tying	Banquet	Website
			ABSENT	ABSENT
Prince, Don	Rubingh, Donn	Svarda, Charlie	West, Ken	
At Large	Public Events	At Large [Asset Auditor	Club Events & Fly Tying	
ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT		

Other attendees were: Bruce James Items discussed were as follows:

Administrative Items / Proposals

1. Membership Health

Charlie Svarda's health remains about the same. Hank Gilliam has recovered and is feeling great. Marty Foltz, son of Ken Foltz, had a heart attack and is at home recovering. According to our Sunshine Policy, Katie Huber will send Marty a card.

2. Approval of May Minutes

The minutes were approved with minor changes.

3. Guidelines & Policies

Lou Haynes asked that the board's decision of last month to not include sale or trade items in the BUFFER be memoralized in a policy. Pat Hider will write the policy. A complete policy document, with a table of contents, was distributed at the meeting by Pat Hider. In the future, Pat will email the document to board members who can print his or her own copy. Each time a policy is added the page

numbers and table of contents will change. Joe Panfalone asked to receive the document in word format for posting to the web site. Next month the policy for Lifetime Membership will be reviewed.

4. Swap Meet – July 12

The July meeting will be a swap meet held at the Little Miami Canoe rental. Debbie Hampton is the coordinator of the meal and a box lunch will be served. Members are to reserve a box lunch on the web site in the same manner as dinner reservations are made and the cost is \$10 with water provided by the club. Joe Panfalone will modify the reservation form on the website to allow members to make a selection of the type of sandwich they would like. Grills are available at the location and members are welcome to bring their own food and supplies and prepare their own lunch instead of ordering a box lunch.

5. Picnic – August 19

BUFF members may camp out the night before the picnic. There is a charge for securing a camp site. Joe Panfalone will be coordinating a float trip. The meal will be catered by Raffles, at a cost of \$10 per person, and will be a western-style cook out.

6. Ohio Republican Party

Lou Haynes was contacted by Kevin Servick of the Ohio Republican Party. Mr. Servick asked if members of BUFF would become involved in the Party. Lou responded that this type of activity is prohibited under 26 USC 501(c)(3).

7. Knot Tying Class – July 9

Don Prince, Bob Miller, Bob Rorbach and Jeff McElravy signed up to help Lou Haynes with the class which will be held at Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Road, in Springdale from 1-4 PM.

8. Wading Safety Class – August 13

The wading safety class will be held at the home of Brian Tudor in his pool. Tim Findley, who is a Cincinnati Fire Fighter, will make arrangements to have a life squad present. A release form needs to be prepared and a sign-up sheet circulated.

9. FFF Certified Caster

Gary Bagley recently passed the test to become a certified casting instructor with the Federation of Fly Fishers. No small task and congratulations to Gary. There are only 5 certified casting instructors in BUFF and that is more than in any other flyfishing club in Ohio. They are: Dave Uckotter, Tony Kalbli, Gary Bagley, Todd Adrien and Chris Meua.

10. BUFF 30 Year Anniversary Celebration and Rod / Reel Donation

Linda Roederer donated to BUFF a used Sage rod (9' 5wt.) and two reels (a Lamson and a Sage). The board decided to use the sage rod and the sage reel as a door prize at the 30 Year Celebration. The celebration will be held at the October or November dinner meeting and Don Prince will be presenting ideas to the board for making the celebration unique.

11. Banquet Committee

Bob Miller encouraged board members to volunteer to form a committee to begin the planning of next year's banquet. Five to six people are needed. Ideas such as a casino night or a reverse raffle were discussed. Bob will write a notice to be published in the BUFFER stating that a co-chair is needed.

12. Trout Trip – Newark, OH

Patti Howell and Lou Haynes will be visiting Big Springs in Newark, OH. See www.bigspringstrout.com. Big Springs is a trout hatchery that sells to Ohio trout clubs. The site could be a future day trip. More to come.

13. Other Matters – Outing for VA Hospital Patients

The trip to Parky's Farm for patients from the Veterans Administration hospital in Cincinnati is still being planned by Dave Jones. About 20-25 veterans will attend and no date had been set yet. The VA will provide transportation and it was mentioned that it would be nice if BUFF provided food for a cook-out.

Report of Chairs / Owners

1. Treasurer – George Fraley

- a. George was not present and reported by email.
- b. Financial statements as of May 31, 2006 have been prepared and distributed to the board via email.
- c. A budget variance report through May 31, 2006 has been submitted to the board via email.

- d. The savings account generated \$96.12 for the month of May. This is income that was not factored in during the budget preparation.
- e. After one month in the current fiscal year, anticipated cash flow is as follows:

Cash @ 5/31/06 Savings @ 5/31/06	\$2807 25111
Total Cash Available	27918
Budgeted Income Jun Thru April	23770
Total Cash Available	51688
Budgeted Expenses	18107
Liabilities	3093
Net Cash at 4/30/07	30488

- f. There was no dinner shortage for the month of June.
- g. The special raffle for the trip raised \$140. However, the regular raffle brought in only \$180. It would thus appear that most people have a set amount they are willing to spend at the monthly meetings and adding an additional raffle item doesn't raise any additional funds. Rather, it just results in a shift from the normal raffle which typically averages \$330. The board needs to decide whether they want to segregate the \$140 from the trip raffle for a special purpose or just put the amount into the general fund.
- h. In reviewing the membership information provided by Tim Findley, it appears that over \$4400 of the projected dues income of \$6900 is received in the January April time frame. This fact coupled with the fact that the \$11,000 in gross receipts from the banquet is received in the January March time frame means that of our anticipated \$24,450 in receipts for the 06/07 fiscal year, over 60% will not come in until the last quarter of our year.

2. Communications – Jon Kennard & Joe Panfalone

BUFFER

The deadline for submitting articles for the BUFFER is June 26, 2006. Jon Kennard reported that 132 members (down from 150) receive the

BUFFER by mail. Dues are now \$25 per year and would have to be raised to \$40 per year for those 132 persons to cover the cost of producing and mailing the BUFFER. Mike Bryant suggested that we have a clear purpose and use for the extra money before deciding to eliminate the paper BUFFER in favor of electronic publication or before raising dues. It was decided that we needed to wait until the end of the fiscal year when we would have more budgetary data before a decision could be made.

Web Site

Joe Panfalone reported that our fee for the web site host and the registration of our domain name is due. These expenditures are within Joe's budget and did not require board approval. Joe will register the domain name for 5 years @ \$20/year. Looking realistically forward, Joe announced that at some point he will retire as webmaster. Joe will prepare a notice for publication in the BUFFER that the club is seeking a successor webmaster.

3. Trips – Patti Howell

The July 8 day trip is filled and 20 members have signed up. Tom Herr is planning to lead a steelhead trip in the fall to Chagrin Falls in northern Ohio. More to come.

4. Public Events – Donn Rubingh & Roger Corrado

On June 29, Jim Boude is involved in a fly tying and casting event at Christ Church in Mason.

5. Meeting Programs – Lee Chambers & Randy Clark

July 12 – swap meet outdoors.

August 19 – club picnic outdoors.

September 13 – Joe Cornwall on fishing the Ohio River

October 11 – Kevin Bonasera on fishing in Alasaka. See AlaskaTrophyAdventures.com

6. Membership – Tim Findley

Tim was not present but reported by email. Membership total for the month is 291 with 5 new members (one returning) and 1 dropped member.

7. Outreach - Debbie Hampton

Patti Howell reported that plans are on target for a retreat on September 20, 2006 in Mount Vernon. There will be a pork barbeque for the river helpers and 14 women will attend. Mount Vernon is about 2 ½ hours drive from Cincinnati.

8. Conservation – Mike Bryant

Nothing to report.

By: Patricia A. Hider, Secretary

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