

## **BUFF Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

June 20th, 2012

(Prepared by J.R. Jackson)

### **Administrative Items / Proposals:**

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff McElravy at 6:30 p.m. at the Springdale Community Center.

- Membership Health Concerns – None
- May BOD minutes were approved.
- Eric Hollins from Three Valley Conservation Trust attended our board meeting to request support for the acquisition of property along Four Mile Creek north of Oxford, Ohio. Butler County Metroparks will administer the property, which will include biking, fishing, etc. BUFF Board Member Ed Jones personally added that he had personally walked the property and thought it to be exceptional. Ed Jones moved to give \$1000 to 3 Valley, citing this as a one-time opportunity to contribute as a club to a very significant conservation. Ken Dixon seconded the motion. Bob Gustafson presented a BUFF Contributions and Grants study which suggests that we as a club have available around \$2000 for gifts and grants for the remainder of 2012, most of which has been allocated to other causes in past years. Further discussion led to the consensus that some “belt tightening” will be required in our other allotments for the remainder of the year, but that the Three Valley cause was indeed worth such a cost. The board unanimously voted to approve a gift of \$1000 to Three Valley Conservation Trust.
- 2013 Banquet (George Fraley): The banquet committee is currently looking at 4-5 possible banquet locations, and is hoping to have one chosen within the next month. Also, they are considering changing the format of the banquet from that of a fund raiser to a recognition dinner. This could be done by changing the raffle format to have fewer (but more valuable) items and choosing tickets over the course of the night rather than all at once. They are also considering a speaker less focused on fly fishing and more on entertainment to appeal to a broader audience. Ed Jones stated that he likes the ideas George has presented, but wonders what effect the loss of income from the fly show would have on the club.

### **Chair Reports**

- Treasurer (Bob Gustafson): Financial report has been sent out.
- BUFFER (Jon Kennard): Articles for the July Buffer are due by Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Website (Ken Foltz): No report
- Trips (Jeff McElravy): Recent trips have been very successful, and the Pine Lake trip is coming up.
- Education (Ed Jones):

- Bob Mackey says we have six BUFFers signed on to help at Coney Island for NKFF's fishing derby.
- Gary Begley says they also have enough volunteers for the Easter Hills Rod & Gun event on July 14<sup>th</sup>.
- There are currently also six members signed up for working the fishing exhibits at the Cardboard Boat Regatta, we need several more volunteers.
  
- Fly Tying (Ken Dixon): No Report
  
- Meeting Speakers (Pete Moore): For the joint meeting in July, outdoor artist Christopher Walden will be our speaker. Lou Uecker will be our August speaker, presenting on freshwater fishing in Ohio. Speaker spots are still open for October and December of this year. Members also gave a very favorable response to our June speaker.
  
- Joint NKFF MVFF Meeting (Bob Gustafson): At Your Service will be grilling out for the joint meeting, which will include a meet and greet, swap meet, cookout, program, and fishing (beginning at 4 p.m. at VOA).
  
- Library (Bob Mackey): Bob is still looking for storage space at VOA for our library.
  
- Memberships (Steve Horgan): The club now totals 245 total members, having added seven new members in June.
  
- 2013 Fly Fishing Show(Steve Horgan): Bob Mackey is taking over running the casting ponds for the show, and has currently set up a design for the aforementioned ponds. The committee is also looking for a speaker to talk about West Virginia and Pennsylvania streams. Ken Foltz is working on a website for the show as well.
  
- VA Outreach(Dave Jones): Next VA Outreach fly tying event will be held on July 19<sup>th</sup>, arriving to set up at 6:30-6:45 and beginning at 7. They have also acquired lights for the tables to make tying an easier, more visually-friendly experience for all.
  
- Project Healing Waters :No report.
  
- Conservation (DonnRubingh): The BUFF cleanup of the Little Miami is scheduled for August 3<sup>rd</sup>, we currently have 5-6 BUFF members signed up to help. Also, Riverwatch did a cleanup of the Little Miami on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.
  
- Good of the club: Jeff McElravy proposed an informal BOD meeting to "brainstorm" new ideas and to discuss future directions and opportunities for the club.
  
- Meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

**Attendees:**

Board(16): Jeff McElravy; Randy Clark; Bob Gustafson; Steve Horgan; Dave Jones; Ken Dixon; Bob Mackey; Ed Jones; Phil Pursley; Steve Walker; Pete Moore; Ken Foltz; Jon Kennard; J.R. Jackson; Bruce James; DonnRubingh

Guests: Eric Hollins, George Fraley

Submitted by J.R. Jackson, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012