

BUFF Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
June 19, 2013

Attendees:

Board (15): Jeff McElravy, Randy Clark, Duane Bentley, Bob Gustafson, Steve Walker, Bruce James, Pete Moore, Ed Jones, Tom Agin, Ken Foltz, Ken Dixon, Bob Miller, Bob Mackey, Jim Neckers, Phil Pursley

Club Members (3): Tom Smith, Bryan Tudor, Cecil Osborn

Administrative Items/Proposals

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

- Membership Health Concerns
 - Jeff McElravy provided an update on Tom Scheer, who is recovering from a heart issue.
 - Both Jeff and Duane Bentley have received a letter of resignation from Jon Kennard, to include not only his position as Communications Director – Buffer, but all sub areas of responsibility. Jon is fighting serious medical problems and indicated that this would be taking all his time and strength. The Board expressed its deepest appreciation for all that Jon has done over the years and our thoughts and prayers go with him during this time of great challenge.
 - Tom Smith has offered to take over the duties of the Buffer, received concurrence from the President, and has met with Jon to pick up the necessary digital software.
 - **A motion was made by Ken Dixon, second by Ed Jones to approve Tom Smith as the new Communications Director. The motion passed.**
 - Tom was present at the Board Meeting and will be sworn in as a Director at the July Meeting.
- April 17 BOD minutes – **A motion was made and seconded to approve the April 17, 2013 minutes as written. The motion carried.**
- June 12 Special BOD Minutes – The Secretary read the minutes of the June 12 Special Board Meeting. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the June 12, 2013 minutes as written. The motion carried.**
- Banquet venue – Bryan Tudor and Cecil Osborn came to the meeting to discuss options for the 2014 BUFF Banquet location. Currently, both Receptions and Oscars are holding dates open for BUFF decision, at our request. Oscars has March 1 available. Receptions

does not, but does have March 8 available. With the similar menu options chosen, the cost for 150 people would be ~\$4000 at Receptions and ~\$6000 as Oscars. Receptions is offering dinner at lunch prices. Oscars provided a \$750 discount in their pricing, as they did for 2013.

- **A motion was made by Steve Walker, seconded by Pete Moore to hold the BUFF Banquet at Receptions on March 8, 2014.**
- Further discussion continued:
 - Concern was expressed over the noise issues at Receptions in past years, with other parties in the adjacent room. Receptions has no one currently reserving the adjoining room, but it is open for reservation.
 - The Board asked the Banquet Committee to inquire as to the cost of the second room and return to the Board.
 - The Survey done after recent Banquets showed no perceived significant differences in the quality of the food offered at either venue.
 - The Board would like to keep the cost to the members at a minimum. BUFF raises its funds from the raffles and not from the meal price.
 - **A call was made to vote on the motion. The motion to hold the BUFF Banquet at Receptions was approved by a majority.**
- Charitable Contributions – The Board discussed a previous issue, introduced several weeks ago via e-mail for Board consideration, a request for a monetary gift to a charity supported by one of the members. Questions had been raised relative to BUFF Guidelines / Policy regarding the determination of appropriate organizations and causes, as well as the extent of the contribution. Following further discussion, Tom Smith and Duane Bentley volunteered to draft wording for a BUFF Policy and return it to the Board for review and agreement.
- Ohio Council of IFF – Information purposes only. Jeff McElravy stated that the Ohio Council is reorganizing and the Warm Water Conclave has been cancelled for this year. Concern was expressed relative to the Ohio Council’s long term viability. No action was proposed for BUFF.

Chair Reports:

Treasurer's Report – Bob Gustafson

- The Balance Sheet shows Total Assets of \$39,224 and Liabilities of \$4,437. Net Income through May is \$11,212.
 - Federal and State tax returns were filed in May.
 - Backsheider Memorials have totaled \$1,445.
 - Month of May significant expenditures:
 - 2012 Ohio tax of \$50
 - PO Box renewal of \$88
 - Pine Lake Trout Club membership renewal of \$213
 - Membership welcome gifts (S. Bailey) of \$312.
 - Metroparks of Butler County for July 10th Joint Meeting of \$295
 - **A motion was made and seconded to approve the Financial Report for June 2013. The motion carried.**
- The Fly Show Committee has the Oasis reserved for February 1, 2014. A contract needs to be secured with the prime speaker. The recommendation is for A.K. Best, for two days. Per previous practice, the Club will invite him for a Friday Fly Tying class and then the Saturday Fly Show. The cost is \$1200.
 - **Steve Walker made a motion, seconded by Ed Jones to extend an invitation to A.K. Best for the two days. The motion was approved.**
- Bob Mackey and George Fraley submitted a report, dated April 5, 2013, outlining the BUFF Financial Audit for 2012. The books were found to be in order and recommendations are being implemented by the Treasurer. The report commended the Treasurer for the excellent job he is doing in maintaining the books as the size and complexity of the organization has increased.

Membership – Tom Agin

- Two more memberships have been received at the last meeting. The total membership is now 281.

Communications – Tom Smith

- Need inputs on articles by Monday 6/24. Tom requested that e-mail be sent to his work address while he is out of town: tsmithconsulting@cinci.rr.com

Website – Ken Foltz

- No issues. It was requested that Ken update the Officers and Board of Directors page to the current elected members. When asked, Ken responded that he spends 5 – 10 hours per month working the web site.

Trips – Steve Bailey (no report)

- Jeff McElravy discussed the Hazel Creek camping trip.

Meetings and Speakers – Pete Moore

- Pete passed out a tabular listing of speakers for the coming year and the first five months of 2014. There are currently openings in November 2013, March 2014, and April 2014.

Education – Ed Jones

- Updates – Parky's Farm. Friday Fishing Fever, 9 am – 10 am. The pond is in better shape. Volunteers need to purchase a vehicle permit now or risk being ticketed by the Park Rangers.
- June 20, NKFF Kids Fest at Old Coney 9 – 12:30
- June 26 Youth Fly Fishing Class cancelled at the request of Green Acres
- July 13 Sporting Women Program at Eastern Hills Rod & Gun Club, 9 – 11 am
- July 20 VOA Regatta. Fly Tying and Fly Casting.
 - 10 – 12:30 and 12:30 – 3
 - Need volunteers for 16 slots, with 9 currently covered. Need 7 more, mostly for the PM session.
- September 28 Great Outdoor Weekend (IWLA Lodge)

Fly Tying – Ken Dixon

- Nothing to report.

Library – Bob Mackey

- There will be no library for the July joint meeting. Bob will be taking in materials that had been previously checked out.

Conservation – Jon Kennard previously served on this committee. Jeff will be searching for another volunteer.

Project Healing Waters - Jeff McElravy

- There are usually 6 – 8 Vets participating each month. Some who are more mobile have been transport to Brookville Tail Waters and a few to Pine Lake. Tom Scheer is still willing and able to work this project.

Good of the Club – Nothing to report.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Duane Bentley