

BUFF BOD Minutes

June 17, 2015

Springdale Recreation Center / Springdale Room

6:30 to 8:30 PM

Attendees:

Present (14): Ken Dixon, Bob Gustafson, Hugh O'Donnell, Tim Williamson, Don Kail, Jim Neckers, Jeff McElravy, Pete Moore, Phil Pursley, Ed Jones, Sue Jones, JR Jackson, Steve Bailey, Bob Miller, 15 board members called to order at 6:30 pm.

Absent (6): Ken Foltz, Tom Smith, Jim Hampton, L James Boude, Bryan Tudor, and George Hupp

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm.

Administration Items:

- Membership health concerns? Is there anyone to whom we need to send a BUFF card?
 - Cecil Osborne - Pneumonia
- May BOD Meeting Minutes approval
 - A proposal to accept the May BOD Minutes was made by Ed Jones and seconded by Don Kail. The proposal was passed.
- Treasurer Reports
 - The report was emailed to the BOD by Bob Gustafson. A proposal to accept the report was proposed by Ed Jones and seconded by Pete Moore. The report acceptance was passed by the Board.

Action Items:

- Locker Continued Availability – Bob Gustafson
 - The rumor of closing the facility where the BUFF locker is located is false. The owner assured Bob that we will get plenty of warning if a closing ever occurs.
- Ohio Council – Warm Water Conclave – Update - K Dixon & Jeff McElravy
 - The Conclave is on June 27 and starts at 9 am. It will be held in an open air pavilion adjacent to the Clear Fork River in Belleville OH
 - BUFF will be involved with fly fishing golf, casting analyzer, talks, etc...
- Natural Wonders Article in Enquirer: Carrie Blackmore Smith – K Dixon
 - The Board viewed Ms. Smith's article on fly fishing as positive for the sport. Bob will contact Ms. Smith and invite her to the monthly program and inform her about club and annual fly show.
- 2016 Banquet: Chairs / Committee + General Discussion – K Dixon
 - Bryan Tudor will be stepping down as chair of the annual banquet. BUFF will need someone else to chair next year's function. However, the function may change from a banquet to another format. This change needs to be investigated and recommended by an incoming chairman. Part of the decision making process will involve the income generated versus the organization time involved in holding the function. One option is to run a silent auction at another event.
 - Table to July meeting
 - Bob Gustafson, Bob Miller, Jeff McElray, and JR Jackson will form committee to provide a recommendation.
- Volunteer to record minutes at July Meeting – K Dixon
 - To be assigned at next meeting
- Meal Quality at June Meeting – All
 - The quality of general meeting meal at VOA was poor. The vendor has suggested free appetizers for the next meeting to compensate for the unsatisfactory meal.
 - Jeff McElravy has talked with several people who stated that meal quality was decreasing over months. This suggests that an on-going issue exists.
 - The Board also expressed that the food on the line has been cold.
 - It was recommended that an on-going survey of the meal quality be investigated. An on-line survey will be created by Bob Miller to enable creation of a base line level of satisfaction and a means to highlight when problems arise.

- Bob Gustafson will communicate to the vendor that quality of pork, doneness of chicken, and temperature were issues of concern to BUFF. Failure to provide satisfactory meals may lead to a decline of BUFF membership. To prevent this decline, a monthly feedback to the vendor will be initiated.

Updates:

- Joint Meeting for July 8 – General Discussion
 - TFO Rod – Raffle
 - The TFO rod will be offered as a Grand Prize raffle at July meeting
 - During the July general meeting, the library will only accept returns.
- 2016 Fly Show – Gustafson / Miller
 - The Committee will meet Thursday to discuss next year's show. They have started by reviewing last year's notes and critics.
 - Bob Miller is contacting potential candidates for next year's headliner.
 - A deposit was made with Oasis to confirm our venue for next year.
 - The Hartt outdoor show enquired if BUFF would have a booth at their event. Based on limited time of BUFF members and Board, we will decline to attend the event.
 - We will likely not have Mike Schmidt attend next year's show as he is moving to Florida
- Brookville Tail Waters Day Trip – JR Jackson
 - The trip to Brookville filled quickly. The interest was very high and even local guides volunteered to help.
 - In the meeting it was learned that Brookville is having Canoe Day on the same day. The dam will be releasing water to create a high water level for the event.
 - It was recommended that the event be postponed and another trip be substituted on the same day. A Whitewater river float trip will be planned. The members who signed up for the event will be notified and told of the change prior to the general membership. The Brookville trip will be rescheduled to July.

Director Reports:

- Membership (Jim Boude)
- BUFFER (Tom Smith)
 - July BUFFER articles due 28th / Articles Needed
- Website (Ken Foltz, Don Kail)
 - The library system will be changed to the Dewey Decimal system.
 - Addition to the website is being made for receiving funds for the banquet.
 - The outline of needs for the Fly Show has begun.
- Trips (Steve Bailey)
 - Points raised in S Alexander's Trip Report on Elk River Trip
 - There was an issue with people not attending the trip and not paying for their spot. This can create a financial hardship on the leaders. It was recommended that trip leaders collect nonrefundable fees before the trip and even consider collecting fees prior to bookings. This will require more planning on the part of the leader. It will be the responsibilities of the members to find other members to replace them if they cannot attend the trip.
 - A discussion on legal liability raised concerns about our coverage. Bob said the policy is \$2 million and covers all members.
 - To avoid future problems, a Leader guideline will be created by Steve Bailey.
 - Pyramid Hills in Hamilton would like to set up fishing trips with BUFF
- Meetings and Speakers / Screenshots (Pete Moore / Phil Pursley)
 - Screen Shots to Pete Moore at end of month
 - Our June speakers were impressed with our club
 - Ray Schmidt (TFO) will be presenting in July
 - Dale Collins from Bryson City will be presenting in August
- Public Education (Ed Jones)
 - BugFest was conducted by seven BUFF members and received accolades from Museum staff.
 - KidFest has only four volunteers at Old Coney for June 18.

- Joe Ellis conducted the fly fishing portion of Fish Camp 101 at Lake Isabella last week. It was reported that of all the techniques that the kids liked fly fishing the best.
- We need five volunteers for the Fish Camp 202 Class for the 12 to 15 year olds on June 29th, Monday from 10 am to 12 pm.
- For the July 18 VOA Regatta, there is only one volunteer signed up so far. Will do an email blast to solicit more help. There is a need for three tiers and three casters for the four-hour event.
- Eastern Hills Rod and Gun Club, same day as Regatta, also needs volunteers.
- Don Beaver (a founding BUFF member) has requested BUFF help with a TU program for at-risk teens at Winton Woods High School. This program has been successful at Gallipolis, OH. The proposal is supported by the WHS Superintendent and an assistant principal who are also a fly fishers. For the Board to make a decision, more detailed information is needed to understand the level and type of support needed.
- Club Education (Tim Williamson)
 - Half day trips are planned for training
 - Waivers are needed
- Fly Tying (Jim Neckers)
- Assets & Library (George Hupp)
 - Don Kail is making arrangements to replace the online card catalogue with a modified form of the Dewey Decimal System. Items will be organized by subject and author. David French is making arrangements to create a set of mobile book shelves to display the library by subject and author. RETURN ONLY will be available on July 8. Tom Graler will be available as the assistant librarian.
- Conservation (Bryan Tudor)
- Project Healing Waters (Jeff McElravy)
 - Brent had meeting today to lay out year's meeting
- Women's Fly Fishing (Sue Jones)
 - August 1st event at Tim's pond
 - 8:30 am start then brunch at 10 am
- NOC (Not Otherwise Covered) Items
 - Sue Jones will be receiving donated fly fishing items from a friend. These items include rods, reels, and paintings. Bob Gustafson will work on letter from the Board. Jeff McElravy will look at assigning value. All funds received from an auction will be placed in the general revenue for the club.
 - Honorarium for Carp presenter was sent to CFR.
 - Bob Mackey was very impressed with the Library award.
 - Ron Ellis (NKFF) his wife died of cancer.
 - Brochures to be distributed to Bass Pro, Field & Stream, etc... see Bob Gustafson for brochures.

Adjourn

- The Board adjourned at 8:28 pm.