

BUFF BOD Minutes

June 21, 2017

Springdale Rec. Center / Springdale Room

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Present (14): Jeff McElravy, Bob Gustafson, L James Boude, Hugh O'Donnell, Cari Vota, Jim Vota, Bryan Tudor, Mike Redmond, Mike Rubush, Phil Pursley, Steve Bailey, Tim Williamson, Don Kail, and Ken Speicher,

Absent (8): Paul Juszczuk, Jim Hampton, Tim Minton, , Bob Miller, Jim Klosterman, Tom Abbruzzese, and Jim Neckers,

Special Topic: LMC Fishing Experience Proposal - Bill Schroeder

- The LMC won a grant to help people learn to fish on the LMR. This proposal included funds for 4 Smithfly Big Shoals Raft rafts and two trailers. The grant's objective can in part be met with help from BUFF in teaching and guiding new people. The rafts will be delivered in October, 2017 and the program will commence in 2018. The delivery will be at Armco Lake to familiarize people in the program with operation.
- Bill would like BUFF's involvement with more program definition and operational help in 2018.

Administrative Items

- Membership health concerns
 - Card to Chester Scheid
 - Cathy Newson husband, John, will undergo surgery. A card will be sent.
- March BOD Meeting approval
 - Jim Boude and Jim Vota proposed accepting minutes. The motion passed.
- Treasurer's Report (Bob Gustafson)
 - Financial reports through May were emailed
 - Motion to approve the financial report was proposed by Steve Bailey and seconded by Tim Williamson. The motion passed and the treasurer's report was accepted.
 - Checks were written for 2017 philanthropy gifts per April BOD meeting action.
 - The PO Box rental was renewed.
 - Pine Lake Trout Club membership was renewed.

Action Items

- 2017 Budget (Bob Gustafson)
 - Bob investigated obtaining liability insurance through FFI's benefits. This insurance is twice the coverage (\$4M) of our current liability insurance (\$2M). However, FFI insurance excludes events with more than 500 people. Special request for coverage with an addition fee, ~ \$400, would be required every year. Our current insurer includes

coverage our show without any special forms or fees. We pay \$265 for the year. Likely the total cost of FFI insurance is nearing \$1000.

- Steve Bailey proposed staying with the current insurer. The proposal passed.
- Proposal on US Flag (Jim Boude)
 - In a prior BOD meeting, a proposal to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and ask veterans to be honored in the front of the room at a general meeting in the month of Veterans' day was passed.
 - Jim proposed including the pledge in a total of four general meetings that are national holidays. This proposal was withdrawn after discussion.
 - Bob Gustafson proposed reciting the Pledge of Allegiance at two general meetings in the months that include Memorial Day and Veterans' Day. The proposal was seconded by Jim Vota. The motion passed. It will be the responsibility of the president to include the pledge at these meetings.
- General Meeting Cashiers (Bob Gustafson)
 - Kathy and Dave LaDow have graciously taken care of the cashier function at the general meetings for some time. Because of the distance that they now travel to come to our general meeting (2 hours to arrive in traffic), they need to pass the cashier positions onto someone else. We need to find two volunteers to fill this function.

Updates

- BUFF 40th Anniversary (Jeff McElravy)
 - The anniversary committee met since the last BOD meeting. The members include Jeff McElravy, Bob Miller, Jim Vota, Bob Gustafson and Jim Boude.
 - The current recommendations include the following for the October 2017 meeting:
 - Suspend screenshots and library functions.
 - Add space for potentially larger meeting attendance.
 - Offer special meal for the event while maintaining the \$15 cost by supplementing the expense with BUFF general funds.
 - Commemorative gifts and 40th Anniversary pins
 - Ask past award winners, officers and distinguished past members to attend. BUFF would provide a special table for them.
 - Seeking historical pictures and memorabilia to display at another table.
 - Speakers will be limited to a short time at this meeting.
- 2018 Fly Show (Bob Miller & Bob Gustafson)
 - The website will be live in a few days. Bob Miller has been called already by vendors seeking booth assignments. The website operation will enable signup and payment by vendors.
 - Oasis will increase the internet wireless rates from 10 to 50 MB/s. Access will be restricted to vendors and persons working the show to ensure high speed availability for the proper operation during the show. Speakers will be asked not to stream videos.
 - The exhibitor's contract is being changed to cover liability of data breaches of personal identifiable information.

- Fly tying workshops will be offered on Thursday and Friday prior to the show. Mike Schmidt will be the feature on Thursday. Our headliner will be the feature on Friday and will hold four sessions.
- We are transitioning from large screen TV use at the show to screen projection. We will use Best Buy credit to buy a \$500 projector and will also buy a pond pump. The estimated \$1200 cost of large TVs will not be purchased. A portion of the TV cost was recuperated by auctions of the TV.

Director's Reports

Membership

- 5 new members in May and 5 in June

Buffer

- Due to Tom by end of month

Website

- The website now has capability to 'eblast' notices to our women only members.

Trips

- No change

Meeting and Speakers / Screenshots (Mike Rubush)

- Alex Bell is the speaker for July. He is from the Tuckaseegee river area (AB's Fly Fishing Guide Service). Alex was one of the creators of the WNC Fly Fishing Trail. This meeting is the joint with NKFF.
- Paul will communicate with NKFF to remind them about joint July meeting and inform them about the quality of the meeting's speaker.
- Paul will also invite Miami Valley (Dayton) group.

Public Education (Jim Vota)

- Volunteers still needed for Women's fly fishing
- Four volunteers signed for VOA but need fly casting volunteer

Club Education (Tim W.)

- Eight people attended Monday's warm stream clinic
- Next clinic in Monday night.
- Jacob from Reel Fly to will teach warm water techniques at Twin Creek. The tentative date is Monday 17th.

Fly Tying (Jim N.)

- Warm water fly tying is requested to augment Tim's warm water training.

Assets and Library (Mike Redmond)

- Library system changed so returned books can be scanned without use of member badge.

Conservation (Bryan Tudor)

- The notices are on our BUFF website. They include the SQM 7/22 event and the LMC 8/19 cleanup event.
- Bryan also purchased and completed the TU Bug course. This was a high quality course.

Project Healing Waters (Jeff McElrary)

- Perfect North's lake the location for the last event. Crappie bluegill and bass were caught. Lunch was provided.

Women's Fly fishing (Cari Vota)

- July 8th will be a pond fishing trip in evening with picnic.
- In August there will be a woman's Kayak trip on the Whitewater river.
- In late September, there will be an overnight woman's trip to Hocking Hills.
- The once a month Thursday night events are very active at Carl Wray park.

Not Otherwise Covered

- We will have swap met at the July NKFF joint meeting.

Adjourn

- Jim Boude proposed adjournment and Jim Vota seconded the motion.
- The BOD meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.