

BUFF BOD Minutes

June 17, 2020

Online ZOOM meeting

7:00pm

Present (16): Jim Vota, Jeff McElravy, Bob Gustafson, Jack Gormley, Patrick Goddard, Harry Pass, Ken Mandel, Mike Redmond, Don Kail, Tim Williamson, Tom Britton, Jim Hunt, Adoph Greenberg, Tom Bachev, Hugh O'Donnell and Cari Vota.

Absent (5): Bob Miller, Jim Neckers Jim Hampton, Steve Bailey and Bryan Tudor.

Other (1): Debbie Hampton

Administrative Items

- Membership health concerns
- Treasurer's Report (Bob G.)
 - May financial reports were emailed on June 1 to the Board.
 - Bank Balances: checking \$399.09; savings \$31,535.11
 - Declined switching to FFI club insurance. They do not cover the size of the Fly Show event. The policy will be continued with Auto-Owners Insurance Co.
 - A \$100 donation was received from Twin Lakes Retirement Community after a fly fishing presentation by the Wendy and Bob Gustafson.
 - Jeff McElravy proposed accepting the Treasurer's report. This motion was seconded and approved by the BOD.

New Business

- Update of BUFF COVID relief program – status auctions - Bob G.
 - All gift certificates have been received
 - Only one vendor (Pere Marquette River Lodge) has not cashed their check
 - First certificate auction (\$500 Tuckaseegee Fly Shop) is underway—ends tonight (Tom Bachev won during the meeting).
 - Auctions are planned as on-line events while raffles will begin once in-person meetings reconvene.
 - If we recover 75% of funds through these events then the bank accounts will recover, and BUFF will be in good financial status
- Discussion – when to begin holding general meetings, BOD meetings in person.
 - On-line meeting for July agreed by voice consent.
- Create committee to come up with criteria for in person events & meetings – JimV
 - Volunteers for the committee consist of Ken, Bob, Debbie & Hugh
 - Some questions to answer include: Library open or closed? Serve food? Modifications to the format.
- Outdoor, small group instruction or local trips, do we do some and when? Update from informal casting group – Jim V
 - The BOD felt that outside activities of six or less people could be conducted by BUFF. The names of all parties should be documented, and waivers filed. Modifications such as wearing masks and maintaining distance should be adopted.

- Example activities include: i) 101 Fly Fishing Course; ii) New Members group; iii) Women's groups.
- Update of Casting For Recovery – donation request – Debbie Hampton
 - 2021 is the 25th anniversary for CFR
 - The Ohio program was in high demand prior to covid-19. All CFR activities have been postponed. This curtailment impacts funding.
 - The organization typically raises \$200,000 through in-person auction. Now an on-line process is being used. Raising suitable funds through this process is questionable.
 - Ohio CFR committed to maintaining full funding to National CFR program. The national office maintains the HIPPA / PII records required by law as well as a host of other central programs that cannot easily be performed by the volunteers at the state organizations.
 - Debbie is asking that BUFF donate to the National organization in lieu of Ohio program. The National office has ten full time employees who are already accepting pay cuts.
 - Debbie recommends writing a check to CFR without the memo "to Ohio". This will allow funds to be deposited into the National account.
- Next BOD mtg 7/15

Updates:

Director Reports:

- Membership (Harry Pass)
 - Total Active Memberships 331 (includes 53 unpaid)
- BUFFER (Ken Mandel)
 - Need articles by 25th
 - Ken recommended an article for upcoming speakers.
- Website (Don Kail)
- Trips (Steve Bailey)
- Meetings and Speakers (Jack Gormley)
 - Last month's event was well received
- Public Education (Tom Bachey)
- Club Education (Tim Williamson)
- Fly Tying (Jim Neckers)
- Assets and Library (Mike Redmond)
- Conservation (Tom Britton)
 - State is recommending that only family members work together on SQM.
 - BUFF will wait until nonfamily members can work together prior to scheduling SQM events.
- Project Healing Waters (Jeff McElravy)
 - Restarting after August (earliest date) at this point.
- Women's Fly Fishing (Cari Vota)

Adjourn

Dolph proposed adjourning. His motion was seconded and approved by the BOD. The Board adjourned at 8:03pm.