

**BUFF BOD Minutes**  
**Mar. 16, 2016**  
**Springdale Rec. Center / Springdale Room**  
**6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

**Attendees:**

**Present (21):** JR Jackson, Hugh O'Donnell, Ed Jones, Sue Jones, L James Boude, Bob Gustafson, Tom Abruzzese, Mike Rubush, Steve Bailey, Don Kail, Tim Williamson, Jim Neckers, Jeff McElravy, Cari Vota, Jim Vota, Bryan Tudor, Mike Redmond, Ken Speicher, Phil Pursley, Joe Panfalone, Jim Closterman,

**Absent (4):** Jim Hampton, Bob Miller, Tim Minton, Paul Juszczuk

- 21 Board members called to order at 6:30 pm.

**Administrative Items:**

- **Membership health concerns? Is there anyone we need to send a card to?**
  - Gary Cummins hip was replaced.
- **February BOD meeting minutes approval**
  - Steve Bailey motioned to approve the February 2016 minutes and the motion was approved.
- **Treasurer's Report (Bob G.)**
  - Financial reports through February were sent by email
  - Recent expenses: Fly Show, Banquet and Website renewal
  - A future meeting will discuss donations up to \$10k for philanthropy
- **2015 Financial Audit Report (Steve Bailey)**
  - Audit complete for 2015 per by-laws

**Action Items:**

- **BUFF Discretionary Fund (Bob G.)**
  - The membership fees for two members who are in financial were paid by an anonymous donor. The BOD considered the question "should BUFF create a fund for similar situations?"
  - Sue Jones proposed to have membership chairman and president jointly make decisions for waiving membership fees. This approach would maintain confidentiality of the members. The action would then be reported to the BOD as "waived membership fees" without disclosing personal information. This motion was tabled for further discussion next month.
  - Bob Gustafson moved to establish discretionary fund for waiving the fee. This motion was also tabled.
  - JR Jackson proposed to set up an ad hoc group composed of JR Jackson, Jim Boude and Jeff McElravy to provide a recommendation at the next BOD meeting. The motion passed.
- **Microphone Issues at meetings (JR Jackson / Don Kail)**
  - In the March meeting, the microphone was not used by a number of people because of technical difficulties. The meeting content could not easily be heard by everyone.
  - There is a need to have the VOA equipment working properly. In this case, the PA volume control was locked and could not be adjusted. VOA needs to ensure that volume is turned up prior to the meeting.
- **Presentation of Finances to General Membership**

- Bob recommend adding four year-end financial charts to the screen shots once per year at a general membership meeting.

#### Updates:

- **BUFF Garage Sale (Ed Jones)**
  - BUFF equipment for sale at the April meeting will include nine rods, five reels, four waders, many boots, and miscellaneous items
  - Jim Boude & Jeff McElravy will assist with the auction
- **2016 Banquet update (JR Jackson)**
  - 94 people attending
  - Raffle and auction items are prepared.
- **Information from the president (JR Jackson)**
  - JR's employer is in the process of reducing divisions. This could affect JR's employment in Cincinnati. While no changes are immediately planned, JR is notifying the BOD of the potential for relocation.

#### Director Reports:

- **Membership (Jim Boude)**
  - Total Active Memberships 307 (includes 41 unpaid)
    - Single 210 including 7 Comp 3 Life
    - Family 97 including 0 Comp 5 Life
  - 4 memberships paid through 2017
  - 247 total, 224 new members (24 this year)
- **BUFFER (Tom Abbruzzese)**
  - Articles for April Buffer due by March 25 and articles are needed
- **Website (Don Kail)**
  - New BOD members were given the web site administrative password. This feature provides for access to BOD Eblast to permit communications to the BOD.
  - The projector for the club is very old with poor resolution. The old projector did not work at the fly show with Kelly Gallop. An Epson LCD projector is recommended. The unit is wireless.
  - Don Kail proposed spending up to \$750 for the purchase of a new LCD projector. The motion was passed.
- **Trips (Steve Bailey)**
  - The Otter trip was cancelled
  - Four trips are scheduled in April: Hugh - Steelhead; Bob - Whitewater (two trips); Ken - Sunnybrook
- **Meetings and Speakers / Screenshots (Phil Pursley / Mike Rubush)**
  - Screenshots should be sent to Pete Moore by the end of the month
  - Future speakers include the following: Kevin Howe from DRO (April), Steve Kummer (May) and Josh McQueen from MRO (June)
- **Public Education (Ed Jones)**

- YMCA asked that BUFF participate in an event and requested that BUFF pay \$500 for a booth. We declined.
- Indian Hill High School program will need 3 to tie flies and 3 to cast
- Lake Isabella Fish Camp 101, 202 and Advanced Sessions will need 2 BUFF members for each session: 5/31 (6/3); 6/6 (6/9) and 7/1. The sessions are one hour each.
- Bugfest at Cincinnati Museum Center will be on 6/4 from 10am to 3pm
- VOA Crazy Cardboard Regatta on 7/16 will need 4 to tie flies and 3 to cast
- Eastern Hills Rod and Gun club Sporting Women's Day will be held on 7/16. They will need 5 – 7 BUFF volunteers
- Great Outdoor Weekend at Isaac Walton on Little Miami in Loveland will be held on either 9/24 or 9/25. They will need 2 volunteers for casting and 4 for tying.
- Peterloun Huge Boy Scout activity at Camp Friedlander will be held 10/6-9
- **Club Education (Tim Williamson)**
  - Fly fishing 101: 10 people in class
  - Fly fishing 201 is scheduled on 4/3
- **Fly Tying (Jim Neckers)**
  - The advanced class is underway. Next Tuesday will be a popular 'feathers' class.
  - The introduction to fly tying class will begin in April.
- **Assets and Library (Mike Redmond)**
  - A book entitled "Fishing the Fifty States" by Don Ruby was donated and two copies of Joe Cornwell's book "Fly fishing warm water" were donated.
- **Conservation (Bryan Tudor)**
  - River cleanup is scheduled for 4/23
  - SQM training is scheduled for 5/14
  - The Little Miami Conservancy enquired about a donation to enable sales of a children's book. They need \$11k for printing and publishing the book.
    - For a \$300 donation, BUFF will be endorsing the character "Bob the Beaver" with a related listing in a donor's page.
    - This philanthropy will be discussed in April with other requests.
- **Project Healing Waters (Jeff McElravy)**
  - The PHW group has been fly tying and is now planning on fishing trips
- **Women's Fly Fishing (Sue Jones)**
  - Casting class will be 5 to 6:30 prior to the April general membership meeting
  - September trip should be changed to 'stream fishing' on BUFF website
- **Not otherwise covered items?**
  - na

## Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn was made by Jeff McElravy. The motion passed at 7:57pm.