

**BUFF BOD Agenda**  
**March 21, 2018**  
**Springdale Rec. Center / Springdale Room**  
**6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

**Present (15):** Jim Vota, Bryan Tudor, L James Boude, Bob Gustafson, Tim Williamson, Hugh O'Donnell, Jim Neckers, Don Kail, Cari Vota, Mike Redmond, Ken Mandel, Tom Britton, James Ritchie, Tom Bachey, and Mike Rubush

**Absent (7):** Jim Hampton, Bob Miller, Tim Minton, Ken Speicher, Jeff McElravy, Steve Bailey, and Phil Pursley

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The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by newly installed president, Jim Vota.

**Administrative Items:**

- Membership health concerns? Is there anyone we need to send a card to?
  - Barry Gummow had stent procedure
  - Tom Sheer's wife fell and broke ribs
- February BOD meeting minutes approval
  - Bob Gustafson proposed accepting February 2018 BOD Minutes. This motion was seconded by Bryan Tudor. The motion carried.
- Introduction of new board members
  - Tom Bachey, Ken Mandel, James Ritchie, and Tom Britton
- Treasurer's Report (Bob G.)
  - Financial reports through February were emailed prior to meeting
  - February reports reflect Show & Banquet income & expenses
  - 2017 Audit completed by Steve Alexander and Jim Klosterman on 2/28
  - Jim Vota and Jeff McElravy listed as checking account signers at PNC bank
  - Ken Mandel proposed accepting Treasurer's report. This motion was seconded by Cari Vota. The motion carried.

**Action Items:**

- Audit team financial audit summary – Jim Klosterman
  - Audit committee reviewed books and documents per guidelines and policies. No material accounting issues were found. Jim Klusterman (BOD) and Steve Alexander (general member) interviewed Bob Gustafson to verify integrity of books.
  - The BOD discussion separating persons performing collection of monies from banking of monies. This will be an off-line meeting with Bob.
- Forum discussion – open or closed?
  - Don Kail will draft a general statement that will allow members to post sales on the membership forum but discourage nonmembers from selling items in the forum. This latter point will help avoid the Forum from becoming a craigslist.

- New organization for BUFF financial contribution
  - At a recent TU meeting in Gallipolis, OH, a request to fund a middle school fly fishing group was made. This is healthy and growing that introduces kids to fly fishing and the outdoors. The BOD discussed that we do support TU Mad River Chapter already. They can decide how to spend that contribution. It is not advisable to subdivide additional donations for the many groups that we support.
- Jeff McElravy will be asked to notify FFI that BUFF has new club officers.

### **Updates:**

- BUFF Banquet (Bryan T. & Bob G.)
  - Turnout was high for this year's event. It exceeded attendance for all years since 2013.
  - Four new people joined the banquet management team.
  - A new leader for the banquet is needed.
  - The net income from the banquet was a record for the event.
  - Most income resulted from Raffles (20%) and Auction (70%) sales.
  - Errors made in Square processing transactions from banquet; recovery of uncollected funds now in progress
- Fly Fishing Show
  - Oasis venue was booked for 2/2/19 and a \$1000 deposit issued.
  - Working on contract for 2019 show headliner.
  - Next team meeting will be held on April 3.
  - Looking for new Show & Banquet leaders
- Outside casting activity for April & May meeting will require notifying VOA.
- At the time of these Minutes, the pictures of new BOD members are on the BUFF website.

### **Director Reports:**

- Membership (Jim Boude)
  - Total Active Memberships: 277 (includes 0 unpaid)
  - Single 184 including 8 Comp 5 Life
  - Family 93 including 0 Comp 6 Life
  - 40 people will be dropped from the membership rolls for lack of payment
  - 230 renewals and 28 new members
- BUFFER (Ken Mandel) Articles for April Buffer due by the 20<sup>th</sup>
- Website (Don Kail)
  - New board members given password for website
  - Suggestions for changes to website under consideration
- Trips (Steve Bailey)
  - Only 1 person signed up for steelhead trip. An eblast may be needed to determine if sufficient interest exists for the trip.
- Meetings and Speakers / Screenshots (Phil Pursley / Mike Rubush)
  - Wanda Taylor will be speaker in April. She is well known guide from Georgia.

- Ted Nicholson from D&H will be speaker in May and he will talk about local smallmouth
  - Derek Philkin from FlyMasters, IN, in June
  - NKFF in July
  - Looking for future speakers
- Screenshots to Jim Vota by the end of the month
- Public Education (Tom Bachey / Jim Vota)
  - Lake Isabella camp will be held in June
  - Indian Hill HS education in May
  - Eastern Hills Gun Club day in June
- Club Education (Tim Williamson)
  - Developing new on-water class
  - FFI, MVFF, and BUFF event at Field & Stream being discussed
  - Gary Begley's fly casting class in June
- Fly Tying (Jim Neckers)
  - Tie & Lie will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday at Springdale Rec Community Center
- Assets and Library (Mike Redmond)
  - Three (3) books suggested on Catskills fishing. Mike will purchase them.
  - New containers will be purchased
  - Some prior members are listed as having outstanding books. Mike will verify the loans.
- Conservation (Tom Britton / Bryan Tudor)
  - Tree planting is postponed due to weather
  - April 14<sup>th</sup> is Mad River restoration. Special moving equipment being rented under grant.
  - April 21<sup>st</sup> is East Fork cleanup
- Project Healing Waters (Jeff McElravy)
  - Jerry Schatzman demonstrated popper actionable
  - Tied poppers
  - Men's group may add a Saturday group
  - Women's group moving to 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of month
  - Next month the woman's group will start fishing
- Women's Fly Fishing (Cari Vota)
  - Gear maintenance session this weekend
  - Clearfork trip scheduled for following weekend
- Not otherwise covered items?
  - Reel Recovery is a men's cancer recovery group
    - May 18<sup>th</sup> trip with this group in Northern Ohio
    - Developing a trip for our area in 2019
  - Tim Williamson father passed away on Sunday
  - Help needed on Monday at 6pm for casting instruction at Springdale Rec Center – talk to Tim

**Adjourn**

Jim Boude proposed and Mike Rubush seconded adjournment. The BOD adjourned at 8:15pm.