

**BUFF BOD Minutes**  
**March 17, 2021**  
**Online ZOOM meeting**  
**7:00pm**

**Present (18):** Jim Vota, Cari Vota, Bob Gustafson, Ken Mandel, Tom Bachey, Steve Baily, Harry Pass, Patrick Goddard, Jim Hunt, Dolph Greenberg, Jeff McElravy, Don Kail, Tom Britton, Mike Redmond, Bryan Tudor, Jim Neckers, Jack Gormley and Hugh O'Donnell

**Absent (3):** Jim Hampton, Bob Miller, and Tim Williamson

**Administrative Items**

- Swearing-in of Board members
  - Bryan and Steve
- Membership health concerns
  - None
- Approve of correction of February 2021 meeting Minutes
  - Dolph G. motion to approve, Ken M. seconded. Motion passed
- Next BOD meeting 4/21/2021

**Officers Reports**

- Presidents Report (Hugh O.)
  - Hugh updated proceedings per Roberts Rules of order
  - Future direction of the club
    - How can different groups communicate together and improve the club?
    - Pre-meeting casting w/flyers available to recruit at VOA. Not just rely of fly show for membership
    - Younger members, engage families with younger kids via fishing competitions
    - Social media
    - Board shifting at large members into other positions. Look for other new at-large members to supplement the board.
  - Newcomers plus fishing proposal (Hugh O.)
    - Newcomers and an experienced member go fishing
- Treasurer's Report (Bob G.)
  - \$5,564 checking \$31,544 savings
  - Rick Hafele donated three copies of Western Mayfly Hatches which subsequently earned \$489.43 from auction for the club.
  - Bob to send out recommendations to the club for charitable contributions prior to April meeting.
  - Steve B. moved to approve treasurer report, Jeff M. seconded. Motion passed

## **Director Reports**

- Membership (Harry Pass)
  - Total Active Memberships 289 (includes 63 unpaid)
  - Some out of state members to join
  - Encourage zoom streaming at in-person meetings for those out of state, too far to travel, or health issues prevent getting to meetings. Can limit to members but open it to guests who may be interested in joining.
    - Don confirmed this can be done
  - Someone offered their marketing skills in exchange for a membership. That was rejected
  - Final notice for renewal sent out, will start dropping people soon
- BUFFER (Ken Mandel)
  - Send BUFFER input by 3/24, Don to send an eblast for any articles/fish pictures
  - Add new COVID trip restrictions to BUFFER
- Website (Don Kail)
  - Trip waiver language being worked on
  - Send email link for members to view Board meetings
- Trips (Steve Bailey)
  - Get your gear ready, water is warming up
- Meetings and Speakers (Jack Gormley and Dolph Greenberg)
  - Shelly Elmer for April meeting, Bob Clouser for May and Skip Morris for June.
- Public Education (Tom Bachey)
- Club Education (Tim Williamson)
  - Tim not in attendance but Jim Vota noted that there were 12 attendees for first fly fishing 101, several new faces at the first class
- Fly Tying (Jim Neckers)
  - Still have Gary Borgers flies, hold off on auctioning them for now
- Assets and Library (Mike Redmond)
- Conservation (Tom Britton)
- FFI & Project Healing Waters (Jeff McElravy)
  - New PHW lead still in training. FFI 3-day Zoom conference in early November. Sign-ups will be available soon.
  - Fly show team can learn from their presentations
- Women's Fly Fishing (Cari Vota)
  - Women local trip dates are on the calendar, general club local trips dates need to be added
  - 3 Ohio FFI women events in Cleveland, Columbus, and Cincinnati different weekends in June

## **Committee Reports**

- Audit report – (Tom B. and Steve Alexander)
  - Steve Walker sent letter of completion to Bob G., Letter included at the end of the minutes.
- Update for meetings at VOA (Bob G.)
  - No changes, Lodge will not reopen until July at the earliest. Will be difficult for club to meet state requirements for social distancing for in-person meetings.

- Fly show update
  - Team agreed to stay on for next year. Next year show date: Feb/5/2022, Venue honoring the down payment from last year. First fly show team meeting is April 6<sup>th</sup>, thinking about headliners and scheduling milestones. More info will be provided at the April Board meeting
- Virtual events – update (Jim V)
  - Tie and lie Start Friday March 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm
  - Jeff working on fly tying presentation - vises and tools, will try for March
  - Talking to Pat Kelly about musky presentations, still not feeling well enough health-wise to do it

### **Unfinished Business**

- Club local fishing (Hugh O)
  - Hugh O. proposed, Jeff M. seconded - Discussion
    - When does this proposed restriction end? Added rescinding the COVID trip restrictions when state mask mandates are lifted.
    - Updated to include other states. Will add links for other states health guideline websites
    - Merge the two waiver forms, one form and one signature only.
  - Motion passes

### **New Business**

- Indoor events/meetings/trips committee discussion
  - Establish committee – Jim Vota, Ken Mandel, Jim Hunt, Bob Gustafson, Bryan Tudor
  - Discuss with outside organizations how BUFF can start having events

### **Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm

**BUCKEYE UNITED FLY FISHERS**  
**FINANCIAL AUDIT FOR THE YEAR 2020**

February 17, 2021

To the Board of Directors:

The purpose of this audit is to verify the accuracy of the accounting books and records and to ensure that proper accounting procedures are being followed. To this end the audit committee reviewed the Balance Sheet, Income Statement, and related supporting documents.

The audit was conducted using the guidelines and policies as set by the Buckeye United Fly Fishers Board of Directors. Included in the audit was a review of Board minutes and established club policies related to financial activity, and/or safeguarding assets. The audit team verified cash balances, reviewed closing and adjusting entries, and tested various transactions to validate proper procedures and accuracy.

It is the opinion of the Audit Committee, having found no material errors or omissions, that the 2020 financial statements fairly represent the financial position of the Buckeye United Fly Fishers, Inc.

This audit was conducted by Tom Bachey, board member, and Steve Alexander, club member, on February 17, 2021. Also present during the audit was the Treasurer, Bob Gustafson, who supplied the required documents and answered questions from the auditors.

Submitted by:

Tom Bachey and Steve Alexander