

BUFF BOD Minutes

March 15, 2023

Springdale Rec. Center / Springdale Room (& Zoom if requested)

6:30 to 8:30 pm

Present (15): Patrick Goddard, Hugh O'Donnell, Bryan Tudor, Cari Vota, Ken Mandel, Harry Pass, Tom Bachey, Jeff McElravy, Kathy Newsom, Dave Smith, Tom Britton, David Fraley, Jim Neckers, Bob Gustafson, Dolph Greenberg

Absent (5): Jim Hampton, Jim Vota, Blaine Smith, Jim Hunt, Steve Bailey

Administrative Items

- **Call to Order**
- **Membership health concerns**
 - Harry Pass
 - Ken Foltz's son passed away
- **Reading of February 2023 BOD Minute Action Items**
 - Steve Alexander Confirmed as non-BOD auditor, need to confirm BOD member auditor. – Steve Bailey BOD auditor, Audit completed.
 - Need to replace one computer for sure and possibly a second. – Reach out to Ken Foltz to replace one computer
- **Next BOD meeting 4/19/23**

Officers Reports

- **President's Report (Hugh O.)**
 - Fly show and Banquet went extremely well. Highly attended and generated a lot of revenue.
- **Treasurer's Report (Bob G.)**
 - Reports have been sent out, \$15,000 checking, \$29,050 savings
 - Will fall short on budget item 4442 - Fly show raffle tickets due to forecasting error.
 - Banquet income record high, \$10,165.
 - Steve Alexander has agreed to be a non-BOD auditor for 2022 books.
 - PNC charges fee for deposits >\$5000 a month
 - Support for QuickBooks 2020 will end 5/31, will have to upgrade to 2023.
 - Tom B motioned to approve, Jeff M seconded, motion passes, no opposition.

Urgent Items

- **Swearing in of remaining officers**
 - David Fraley Sworn in

Director Reports (2 minute reports)

- **Membership (Harry Pass)**
 - Final dues renewal email sent out to 41 people.
 - 6 new members in last 30 days.
- **BUFFER (Ken Mandel)**
 - Send in articles by 3/25
 - Will be out of the country in May, no BUFFER in May. Will add May speaker bio to April BUFFER.
- **Communications & Website (David Fraley & Don Kail)**
 - Kids casting and women's events registrations will be posted soon.
 - Bryan T, Bob Cregge, Mike Rubush to send updated list of sponsors for 2023.
 - Banquet award winners updated to homepage.
- **Trips (Steve Bailey – Presented by Bryan T)**

- Bryan Tudor to run May and June Mad River trips, 3 people
- **Meetings and Speakers (Dolph Greenberg – Blaine Smith)**
 - Robert Demott will be April speaker.
 - Bringing books for purchase.
 - Almost booked up through 2024
- **Public Education (Tom Bachey)**
 - Sending email blast for 3/22 for Campbell Gard event
 - Fairfield library 3/18
 - Fly casting at Loveland High school upcoming
- **Club Education (Jim Vota – Presented by Cari Vota)**
 - 101 ongoing, two completed. Eleven people in the class
 - Casting workshop/warmup upcoming
 - How to cast heavy flies' class upcoming.
- **Fly Tying (Jim Neckers)**
 - Twelve people in the class
 - Considering an intro to fly tying class this spring.
 - Tie and Lie had an international participant
- **Assets and Library (Dave Smith)**
 - Systems for checking in/out working well
- **Conservation (Tom Britton)**
 - Send a reminder email out for Clermont County cleanup in a few weeks
 - Sent an email summarizing what is happening with Brookville Dam.
- **FFI & Fishing with Vets (Jeff McElravy)**
 - Nothing to report
- **Women's Fly Fishing (Cari Vota)**
 - Trips will be posted on the website soon
 - Considering day trip during the week.
- **Mayfly Project (Cari Vota)**
 - Mayfly project has plenty of mentors this year, compiling list for next year
 - Looking for places with good chances for kids to catch fish.
 - Aiming for 10 kids this year
 - Grant received from ODNR used to purchase waders and boots
 - Considering SQM type event with BUFF helpers, wouldn't be BUFF official event.
- **Raffles & Door Prizes (Jimbo Hunt)**
 - N/A

Standing Committee Reports (7 minute reports)

- **Fly show (Bob G.)**
 - Email forthcoming recruiting for new members to the fly show team, current team starting to transition out.
 - Would like to train new members this year to fill the roles next year.
- **Banquets (Bryan)**
 - Record year for revenue. 65% from silent auctions
- **Tech Talk (Bryan)**
 - April – Cari V- Nets
- **Picnic (Bryan)**
 - Wednesday, July 12th

- Will have a Thomas and Thomas rod and reel for raffle at the picnic.
 - Need to print tickets and start selling - Completed

Unfinished Business

- **Club Logo (Cari V.)**
 - Meeting 3/21 to discuss logo design

New Business

- **Thank you note to Jessica Morehous for her \$250 club donation.**
 - Asked for lessons before a tarpon trip.
 - Filled out application and included a \$250 donation
 - We should send a thank you card. - Completed
- **Kids fishing event, Miami Meadows, Sunday April 23rd. Open for registration.**
- **Opening registration for both Women's and Club After work May outings ASAP.**

NOC

- Cari V – proposed we work towards 2024 ODNR Aquatic Education Grants
 - Could be used to buy new rods/reels/vices
 - Could work through FFI to get a deal from rod manufacturers.
 - Considered this ~4years ago. Paperwork can be a hassle
 - Assemble team to investigate the feasibility of the grant. Any taxes/reporting required? - Table until September
- Received a late cheesecake factory gift card late
 - Give to Jim H for a meeting raffle
- Can we follow up with people who won trips at the banquet to write a report on their experience?
 - Would be a good way to spotlight our sponsors to promote/thank them for donating
- Address updating guidelines in April – On the agenda for April Meeting
- Eleven people signed up for library event. More than usual

Adjourn

- Jeff M motioned to adjourn, Dolph G seconded, motion passes, no opposition. Adjourned at 7:59pm