

BUFF BOD Minutes

March 13, 2024

Springdale Rec. Center / Springdale Room (& Zoom option)

6:30 to 8:30 pm

Present (18): Jeff McElravy, Tom Bachey, Dave Smith, Jim Neckers, Cari Vota, Tim Cassani, Hugh O'Donnell, Brent Miller, Barry Gummow, Steve Bailey, Ken Mandel, Patrick Goddard, Harry Pass, Tom Briton, Dolph Greenberg, Bryan Tudor, Jim Hunt, David Fraley

Absent (2): Blayne Smith, Jim Vota

Administrative Items

- **Call to Order**
- **Membership health concerns**
 - Sue Jones has been sick and will have knee surgery in April.
- **Reading of January & February 2024 BOD Minute Action Items**
 - Dolph G motioned to approve the January and February minutes, Jeff M seconded, motion passes, no opposition.
- **Next BOD meeting April 17th, 2024**

Officers Reports

- **President's Report (Hugh O)**
 - Looking at spending a large amount for new gear upcoming, be prepared to discuss.
 - Consider having a rotating member at large position to give general members an idea of what the BOD does to help them get involved.
 - Gifts to the BOD members are allowed for 501c3's; picnic needs to be investigated further.
- **Treasurer's Report (Bob G.)**
 - Audit completed; everything looks good.
 - Steve B motioned to approve the treasurers report, Dolph G seconded, motion passes, no opposition.
 - Steve B motioned to approve the audit report, Dolph G seconded, motion passes, no opposition.

Urgent Business

- **Awards (Cari)**

Director Reports (2 minute reports)

- **Membership (Harry Pass)**
 - Card sent to Jane Panfolone
 - 234 active members. Unpaid members will be removed at the end of the month.
 - Send out another reminder. – follow up with Harry
- **BUFFER (Ken Mandel)**
 - Articles by 3/25
 - Add open positions article to buffer.
- **Communications & Website (David Fraley & _____)**
 - Setting up trip registrations
 - Charlie Nash has expressed interest in helping with communications.
- **Trips (Steve Bailey)**
 - Seven trips approved and on the website.
- **Meetings and Speakers (Dolph Greenberg – Blayne Smith)**
 - One opening for August 2024
 - Contacting Jen Ripple to come speak in 2024 or 2025.
 - Blayne moved to MI and is looking to step down.
- **Public Education (Tom Bachey)**
 - Haven't gotten a reply from Maple Knoll
 - Contacted by Hamilton Parks to do a tying and casting class like Isaac Walton League.
 - Winton Woods

- **Club Education (Jim Vota)**
 - Fly fishing 101 class is ongoing, 2 classes remaining.
 - 16 attendees.
 - Information on future casting classes forthcoming.
- **Fly Tying (Jim Neckers)**
 - Classes going well, 2 classes so far.
 - 8 signed up for the introduction to fly tying class.
- **Assets and Library (Dave Smith)**
 - Nothing to report
- **Conservation (Tom Britton)**
 - Nine SQMs are on the website and people are already signed up.
- **FFI (Jeff McElravy)**
 - Nothing to report
- **Women's Fly Fishing (Cari Vota)**
 - Schedule posted for events.
 - All after work trips are Coed
- **Veterans' Affairs (Brent Miller)**
 - 1 new veteran registered; new member and is in the 101 class.
 - Veterans connect at Country Side YMCA is passing out BUFF leaflets to get more vets into fly fishing.
- **Raffles & Door Prizes (___)**
 - Dave Smith and Dolph Greenburg stepped up to fill the role in the interim.

Standing Committee Reports (7 minute reports)

- **Fly show (Ken/Tom)**
 - Fly show follow up meeting held 2/26 – show went very well.
 - Jason Randall headlining 2025 show.
 - Brian Wise will likely be the headline fly tying portion.
 - Orvis 5wt Helios-D donated by Bob Miller for 2025 show. Considering a trip/guide package for the raffle as well.
 - New vendors already expressing interest in 2025 show. Shannon Young at Maggie Valley Fly Shop looking to present in 2025.
 - Trying to get rod reps back for 2025.
 - Working on new location for fly show team meetings.
- **Banquet (Cost / Budget / Approval - Bryan)**
 - Registrations closed; 101 attendees; 17 silent auctions.
 - Room for 2025 has been booked on the typical week.
- **Tech Talk (Bryan)**
 - Need topics past April.
- **Picnic (Bryan)**
 - Shelter reserved at Miami meadows.
 - Looking for an assistant coordinator.

Unfinished Business

- **Club Equipment (Cari V.)**
 - Need to get a formal quote from Reel Fly Rod on vices.
 - Looking at getting rods from FFI for a 40%-50% discount
 - Likely presenting to the board next month.
- **Fly Film Tour hosted by LMRO – (Tim Cassani)**
 - No word on possible discounts for members; plenty of tickets available.
 - Have brochures on the welcome table at the banquet.

New Business

- Picking up more new stickers (Cari V).
- Updating website with information for the new logo ordering (Cari V).

Adjourn

Steve B motioned to adjourn, Dolph G seconded, motion passes, no opposition. Adjourned at 7:36.

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84337287565?pwd=WTR6QW92NmRJR0p3MW9GNVJTbUICUT09>

Please notify me if you need the zoom connection.

BUCKEYE UNITED FLY FISHERS
FINANCIAL AUDIT FOR THE YEAR 2023

March 13, 2024

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 2023 financial statements fairly represent the financial position of Buckeye United Fly Fishers, Inc.

This audit was conducted by Cari Vota, board member, and Barry Gummow, club member, on March 12, 2024. Also present during the audit was the Treasurer, Bob Gustafson, who supplied the required documents and answered questions from the auditors.

Respectfully submitted by:

Cari Vota and Barry Gummow