

BUFF BOD Minutes
11/15/2017
Springdale Rec. Center / Springdale Room
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Present (14): Paul Juszczuk, Jeff McElravy, L James Boude, Bob Gustafson, Don Kail, Mike Redmond, Tim Williamson, Mike Rubush, Tim Minton, Tom Abbruzzese, Hugh O'Donnell, Bryan Tudor, Jim Neckers and Jim Klosterman

Absent (7): Jim Hampton, Bob Miller, Steve Bailey. Cari Vota, Jim Vota, Phil Pursley, and Ken Speicher

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

Administrative Items:

- Membership health concerns? Is there anyone we need to send a card to?
 - No concerns this month
- October BOD meeting minutes approval
 - Jeff McElravy proposed to accept Octobers Minutes. The proposal was seconded by Jim Boude and the motion passed.
- Treasurer's Report (Bob G.)
 - Financial Reports thru October sent out by email; included income and expense for Anniversary celebration plus BUFF 2018 membership renewals.
 - Waiting to receive final Harry Ludlow memorial gifts:
 - \$1105 received to date
 - Checks returned that were not made payable to BUFF
 - Will forward final total memorial gifts to Project Healing Waters for use in the Cincinnati area
 - Will convert Ludlow memorials to a pass-through account to reflect that the money received was not retained in the club
 - Have renewed club storage locker for another year. Landlord advises they will close the facility within 12-18 months and will advise timing later. Advice is to find a new place prior to November 2018 end of contract date.
 - Club liability insurance paid for Nov-Dec and Jan-Oct next year. This policy coverage is \$2M provided by auto owners insurance company.
 - Membership renewals thru PayPal are working well. To date 21 persons have renewed via Paypal (3 for 2 years). 12 persons donated an extra dollar to cover the PayPal fee.
 - Square payment processing was introduced at the recent BUFF meeting. Seven transactions were processed for dinners, raffle tickets, and Snider 2018 Show rod raffle tickets. Deposit automatically and quickly is deposited into the bank account. This method is much easier, time saving, and safer process than using credit card paper slips. Next steps are to get additional cashiers familiar and comfortable with Square processing.

Action Items

PHW Invitation to December Meeting (Jeff M)

- A proposal to invite as guest and cover the meal expense for PHW members to the December meeting was made by Jeff McElravy. This proposal was consistent with prior year actions. The proposal was seconded by Bob Gustafson. The motion was approved.

Christmas Gifts (Bob G)

- Bob Gustafson proposed to purchase and distribute Christmas gifts for caterer server staff, VOA staff, Springdale Community Center staff. The anticipated expenditure for gifts is \$550. The motion passed.

BOD & Fly Fisher of Year Award (Jeff M)

- We need 3 to 5 people from both BOD and general population to run award process. The work consists of preparing ballots, conducting the vote at the February meeting and compiling results. Committee members are needed from both the general membership and the BOD.
- Tim Williamson volunteered. More people are needed.
- The notes for the awards include that the BOD award does not need to be a BOD member and the FFOF award nomination should target 3 to 5 people.

Officers for 2018

- President and BUFFER editor positions will be open
- Don will send out an email blast to announce the need to officers
- Other officers indicated their desire to continue in their current positions

Updates:

VOA Update

- The 2019 calendar year of meetings at VOA are now under contract. This advanced contract signing will protect our nights at VOA especially given history that new personnel do not know our scheduled nights and our year to year contracts.

Fly Fishing Show 2018 Update (Bob G)

- Fly Show team met on 11/7
- Fly Show exhibitor booth receipts are \$2110 to date (vs. \$941 last year). The increase may be the result of the ease for vendors to use the on-line payment systems.
- Additional emails to potential exhibitors are being sent
- Show projected financials were distributed (handout)
- The show lineup is completed:
 - Presentations will be made by Ed Engle (2), Ray Schmidt (TFO), Mike Schmidt and Brown Hobson (Asheville NC)
 - Tying Demos on Thursday and Friday will be conducted by Ed Engle, Mike Schmidt and Glenn Weisner
 - Casting Demos will be performed by BUFF FFI Casting Instructors (2)
- Show brochure draft are completed and the final editing is underway. The show brochures will be ordered this month for distribution in Dec-Jan.
- Snider bamboo rod sales were initiated at November general meeting. Fourteen of one hundred tickets have been sold to date.
- The show team will prepare a flier listing the upcoming year's BUFF training events. All information for the schedule is by 12/31.
- Next Fly Show team meeting date is 12/5.

Banquet

- Four new people joined the committee to create a complement of ten people.
- The banquet will be held on March 14th at VOA
- Don will build electronic means to prepay for banquet

Director Reports:

Membership (Jim Boude)

- 279 active members
- 44 new members this year

BUFFER (Tom Abbruzzese)

- No new updates.

Website (Don Kail)

- New member page requiring sign-in. Many features now in this menu. Don will be revising locations and names of active selections on the web page based upon tonight's discussion.

Trips (Steve Bailey)

- No updates

Meetings and Speakers / Screenshots (Phil Pursley / Mike Rubush)

- Drift boat talk is scheduled for December
- The lineup of speakers is good for the coming months

Screenshots (Jim Vota)

- Due by the end of the month

Public Education (J.Vota)

- No updates

Club Education (Tim Williamson)

- Two handed casting technique for single handed rods education class will be scheduled
- In August, Elizabeth Conner of Great Miami Riverway (GMR) requested permission to link to our website from GMR website. She would also like to have a two sentence description of BUFF and a list of local waters to add to the GMR website.

Fly Tying (Jim Neckers)

- Class is going well

Assets and Library (Mike Redmond)

- The number of checked out items from the library is maintaining approximately the same level since switching to the new system given the membership level. Below are the yearly check out levels:
 - In 2015 there were 19.3 loans per month with a maximum of 37 loaned items
 - In 2016 there were 19.3 loans per month with a maximum of 29 loaned items
 - In 2017 there were 18.2 loans per month with a maximum of 36 loaned items

Conservation (Bryan Tudor) – Absent

- Conservation will be highlighted at the Banquet by providing the clean-up plans for the year.

Project Healing Waters (Jeff McElravy)

- Currently the group is performing fly tying at VA

Women's Fly Fishing (C. Vota)

- No update

Not otherwise covered items?

Reel Recovery – Mike Redmond was contacted by Reel Recovery. He asked the BOD ‘should we become involved in Reel Recovery? The organization wants to sponsor an event in SW Ohio area and our help would be important.

President – Because of work related issues, Paul is resigning effective tonight. Jeff McElravy will fill the position for the remaining period.

Adjournment

The board adjourned at 7:53 p.m.