

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

**Present** (15): Jim Vota, James Boude, Bryan Tudor, Bob Gustafson, Hugh O'Donnell, Mike Redmond, Tim Williamson, Ken Speicher, Phil Pursley, Don Kail, Jim Neckers, Ken Mandel, Tom Britton, Cari Vota and Jeff McElravy

**Absent** (7): Bob Miller, Tim Minton, Jim Hampton, Mike Rubush, Steve Bailey, Tom Bachey and James Ritchie

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**Administrative Items:**

- **Membership health concerns? Is there anyone we need to send a card to?**
  - Cathy Williams – knee surgery
  - Ken Dixon
- **October BOD meeting minutes approval**
  - Jeff McElravy motioned to approve the October 2018 BUFF Minutes. The motion was seconded by Tim Williamson and approved by the Board.
- **Treasurer's Report (Bob G.)**
  - Report sent via email on 11/1/18: prior to BOD meeting
  - Adolph Greenberg will be sending a \$500 direct charitable contribution to BUFF. We will send an acknowledgement upon receipt.
  - Tim Williamson proposed accepting the Treasurer's report. The motion was approved by the BOD.

**New Business**

- **Lodge rental schedule for 2020**
  - The VOA contract was locked into a two-year contract to save money over the term. There is a 13% increase to \$337.50/mo. from \$297.00/mo.
- **Storage Locker rental renewal for 2019**
  - Use of West Chester / Mason storage can continue into 2019 as the demolition plans were delayed or terminated. The storage fee is \$855/yr. for coverage from November 2018 to October 2019.
- **Insurance renewal for 2019**
  - Liability insurance with Auto-Owners Insurance was renewed at \$265 for coverage from December 2018 to November 2019. This rate is unchanged from the prior year.
- **Approval of \$35/month fee for Lodge beverage service for monthly meetings**
  - VOA had requested per person fee for Lodge beverage service. A flat fee was agreed to in the past. After discussion with Lodge management, an agreement for a flat fee of \$35 per meeting.
- **Approval of Christmas gifts for caterer's servers, Springdale Community Ctr staff, Lodge staff**

- Jeff McElravy proposed approving Bob Gustafson recommendation for Christmas gifts to Jeannette's Delicacies servers (cash), Springdale Rec Center (fruit basket) and VOA lodge staff (fruit basket). The motion was seconded by James Boude and passed by the BOD.
- **November 11<sup>th</sup> dinner meeting food issues**
  - The November dinner issues include that the meal was not good. Jeannette Adams apologized for this and the forgotten second pan of ham. This was an inexperienced staff. However, this was not the first meeting with issues. Several incidents have occurred. The Board discussed whether the price is the issue to obtain ongoing good service.
- **Approval for invitation to PHW Vets to attend Dec meeting as BUFF guests**
- **Fly Fisher of the Year and BOD award**
  - The rules for FFY and BOD awards were discussed. They include the following:
    - BOD Awards for any member. BOD is the voting body.
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    - If the FFY winner is also the BOD winner, then second highest voted BOD candidate becomes the BOD award recipient.
    - The committee consists of Cari Vota, Bryan Tudor and Jeff McElravy.
    - FFY announcement starts at December meeting
    - Email blast to general membership for voting after December meeting
    - Add article to BUFFER
    - Must be present to vote
- **Recognition Discussion**
  - Jeff McElravy discussed continuing to recognize members who make a significant contribution to the club. He suggested the following awards:
    - Bob Goldsberry Conservation Award
    - Lou Haynes Education Award
    - Jeff proposed these awards and the proposal was seconded by Bob Gustafson. The motion was approved by the Board.
    - The type of award or gift will be discussed next month.
- **Begin year end process – evaluate what did right, what did wrong**
  - While this will be discussed next month, the immediate feedback was the following:
    - Recognition awards well received
    - Casting instruction periodically throughout the year would be a good upgrade
    - Once-a-month local fishing trip could be good for membership retention
- **Frank Welsh wants to donate equipment – how to handle it?**
  - Tom Bachev will receive and pass the equipment to club. A list of equipment is needed.
- **Veteran Invitation**
  - The veterans will once again be invited to the December meeting

**Updates:**

- **Fly Show update**
  - Booths sold out: 6 vendors on wait-list
  - Fly tying workshop listed on website. Open to public on 12/15
  - Brochure to be distributed (Ken Mandell has brochures)
- **Officers nominations 2019 – Ken Speicher & Phil Pursley stepping down**
  - Jack Gormley to replace Phil
  - A volunteer for director at large (Ken's position) is needed
- **FFI has fly tying and casting programs – BUFF interest?**
  - Some interest expressed to Jim Vota
  - Gary Bagley signed up for bronze fly tying
- **Banquet team update**
  - A meeting was held last Tuesday. Reservations will begin in December. The pricing will be approximately \$35 with appetizers served. Both the Silent and general auctions will be held.

**Director Reports:**

- **Membership (Jim Boude)**
  - 5 new renewals for 2019 membership
- **BUFFER (Ken Mandel) Need articles early December Buffer**
  - Due Saturday November 24<sup>th</sup> for December
  - January due by December 18<sup>th</sup>
- **Website (Don Kail)**
  - Down for 24 hours
  - The email work around for Roadrunner is not working
  - New pictures up for latest trips
- **Trips (Steve Bailey)**
- **Meetings and Speakers / Screenshots (Phil Pursley / Mike Rubush)**
  - Patrick Goddard will present in December
  - Dale Collins, Tuck Fly Shop, will present in January
  - February meeting on local fishing (Fishing in Ohio)
- **Public Education (Tom Bachey) – need volunteers for Clermont County Jan 24**
  - Need help on Thursday, Jan 24<sup>th</sup>, at Paterson Park in Owensville at 10 am
- **Club Education (Tim Williamson)**
  - Reserving Springdale Rec Center for casting class
- **Fly Tying (Jim Neckers)**
  - Tying on Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>; 5 people signed up for class.
- **Assets and Library (Mike Redmond)**
  - After discussion by Mike Redmond, Jeff McElravy proposed donating second copies of books to MVFF. The motion was seconded by Don Kail and was approved by the Board.

- **Conservation (Tom Britton)**
  - GreenAcres Foundation (Nippert Foundation) conducts conservation water sampling. BUFF can also volunteer with this water sampling.
- **Project Healing Waters (Jeff McElravy)**
- Fridays are tying days. Dave Jones leading this effort.
- **Women's Fly Fishing (Cari Vota)**
  - Save the Date to be listed in BUFFER for spring
  - Clear Fork trip will be scheduled for Spring
- **Screenshots to Jim Vota by the end of the month**
- **Not otherwise covered items?**
  - Recognition – Dave Jones in December

#### **Adjourn**

- James Boude proposed adjourning. After due consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01pm.