

BUFF BOD Minutes

November 18, 2020

Online ZOOM meeting

7:00pm

Attendees (19): Jim Vota, Cari Vota, Harry Pass, Tom Bachey, Jim Neckers, Tom Britton, Jeff McElravy, Don Kail, Ken Mandell, Bob Gustafson, Tim Williamson, Dolph Greenberg, Steve Bailey, Bryan Tudor, Hugh O'Donnell, Jack Gormley, Patrick Goddard, Jim Hunt, and Mike Redmond

Absent (2): Bob Miller, Jim Hampton,

Guests (1): Brent Miller

Administrative Items:

- Membership health concerns
- Approve September meeting minutes
 - The September BOD minutes were approved
- Treasurer's Report (Bob G.)
 - Financial reports emailed on Nov 2
 - Current Bank Balances: checking \$2961.64; savings \$31,543.33
 - 2021 BUFF membership renewals being received
 - 2021 Budget Study
 - Steve Bailey motioned to accept the treasurer's report. This motion was seconded and approved.

New Business

- Project Healing Waters update (Brent Miller)
 - After nine years, Brent will be stepping down in November. A new local head for PHW is needed and Brent will help transition the leadership.
 - Looking for replacement to head up the Cincinnati regional group.
 - Headquarters has asked if the Cincinnati group should become an inactive chapter. We wish to avoid this situation.
 - An eblast to find a new leader will be sent to the membership
- Dues – change the process fees for PayPal to opt out – member will pay process fee automatically
 - Opt out of paying service fee is still the preferred method for dealing with the fees.
 - Current credit charges at \$50-75 level.
- 2021 budget review
 - Bob sent out the draft for 2021 budget. Please review and make any recommendation to Bob
- Next BOD mtg 12/16

Updates:

- Comments about Zoom meetings
- Proposal for local fishing (Hugh O.)

- The proposed set of 'rules' for conducting local trips was reviewed.
- Proposal will be reconsidered in February.
- Bylaw update – dues / membership – passed at monthly meeting
- 2021 Banquet – anything new
 - No updates
- Fly show update – anything new about Rick Hafle presentation? Need to schedule times
 - No updates
- Online fly tying classes – update (Jim N / Don K)
 - No updates
- FFI – would like to add Ohio Counsel rep to the BOD like we do with PHW (Jim V)
 - Jeff McElravy will serve as the FFI rep on the board
 - Jeff is currently president of the Ohio Council, Ken Dixon is Secretary and VP of fly tying; Tim Williamson is VP of Education; and Tom Scheer is VP of Casting. Tim is stepping down from his position.
- Additional virtual events, steelhead presentation went well – working on pike/musky
- 2021 elections – update for officer nominees (JimV)
 - Need secretary and education director
- 2021 Life membership award (Cari)
 - Five nominations were received and ballots will be sent out to the Board.
- Update of BUFF COVID relief program – status auctions (Bob G.)
 - 31 certificate auctions have completed
 - Auctions have recovered 67% of COVID Relief program gift certificate expenses to date
 - Auctions have recovered 73% of item values to date
 - Finals Auctions:
 - 11/16 – 11/22 Independent Angler (\$125), BlackJaw Tackle (\$125), The Hook & Hackle Co. (\$125)
- 2021 Awards (Cari)
 - Confirmed no awards such as Fly Fisher of the Year will be presented as voted in October BOD Meeting.

Director Reports:

- Membership (Harry Pass)
 - Total Active Memberships 280 (includes 0 unpaid)
 - Single 188 including 4 Comp 5 Life
 - Family 91 including 0 Comp 7 Life
 - Student 1
- BUFFER (Ken Mandel)
 - Please send articles by the Wednesday before Thanksgiving
- Website (Don Kail)
- Trips (Steve Bailey)
- Meetings and Speakers (Jack Gormley)
 - December- Glen Penquite “Anglers program Camp Buffalo Bill”
<http://www.campbuffalobill.com/non-bsa-programs/yellowstone-anglers-basecamp/>

- January- Rob Fightmaster “Fishing the Great Smoky Mtns. Nat. Park”
<https://fightmasterflyfishing.com/>
- February- Josh Greenberg “High and Low water Techniques on the AuSable”
<https://gateslodge.com/>
- March- Rick Hafele “Topic to be determined”
<https://www.rickhafele.com/>
- April - Shelly Ehmer “Montana history and Fishing the MissouriRiver”
[https://shelly.pro/Public Education \(Tom Bachey\)](https://shelly.pro/Public%20Education%20(Tom%20Bachey))
- Club Education (Tim Williamson)
 - Will do Zoom meeting to educate fishers on ‘The Hop’ (No not a dance move)
- Fly Tying (Jim Neckers)
- Assets and Library (Mike Redmond)
- Conservation (Tom Britton)
- Project Healing Waters (Jeff McElravy)
 - Need someone to replace Brent
- Women’s Fly Fishing (Cari Vota)

Adjourn

- Bob Gustafson proposed adjournment. This motion was seconded by Don Kail and approved by the BOD at 8:32pm.