

**BUFF BOD Agenda**  
**October 20, 2021**  
**Springdale Community Center**  
**6:30pm**

**Present (15):** Jim Vota, Cari Vota, Bob Gustafson, Steve Bailey, Harry Pass, Patrick Goddard, Jim Hunt, Jeff McElravy, Bob Miller, Dolph Greenberg, Mike Redmond, Bryan Tudor, Tom Britton, Jim Neckers and Hugh O'Donnell

**Absent (5):** Jim Hampton, Tom Bachey, Don Kail, Jack Gormley, Ken Mandel.

**Administrative Items**

- **Membership health concerns**
  - Sue Jones has a second infection
- **Approval or Correction of September 2021 meeting Minutes**
  - Dolph G motioned, Jeff M seconded, motion passes
- **Next BOD meeting 11/17/2021**

**Officers Reports**

- **President's Report (Hugh O.)**
  - Need to send list of board members for next year to the general club
  - Mike Redmond would like to step down from Assets and Library
  - Bylaw committee 70% through new changes
  - Casting skills challenge is going well
- **Treasurer's Report (Bob G.)**
  - Reports emailed out October 1<sup>st</sup>, checking: \$2197 savings \$30546
  - Steve B Motioned to approve treasurers report, Dolph G seconded, motion passes

**Director Reports**

- **Membership (Harry Pass)**
  - 255 members, 1 new member
  - Cards to Ken as well as Angela
  - New cards passed around
- **BUFFER (Ken Mandel)**
  - Get articles in by end of the week (Hugh O)
- **Website (Don Kail)**
  - NA
- **Trips (Steve Bailey)**
  - Time to start looking at trips for next year
  - Spring NC trip cabin reservation made
  - Possible Winter Ohio steelhead trip
- **Meetings and Speakers (Dolph Greenberg - Jack Gormley)**
  - Next month – Randy Evans conservation trust
  - December – Valerie Askren Kentucky fly fishing
  - January – Ted from Delamere and Hopkins

- Jeff Liskay confirmed but don't have date yet
- Emails out to Steve Fraley at the Pere Marquette
- Possible new program chair Dave Smith
- Technical issues at meetings
  - Need to have technical issues resolved and have consistent format/tech
  - Perhaps get a tech guy once a month to ensure everything is setup?
  - Screen at oasis is not good enough, they can rent a larger screen
  - 8pm start time for the presentation is a bit late
    - Maybe start at 730?
  - COVID safe buffet line?
- **Public Education (Tom Bachey)**
  - NA
- **Club Education (tbd)**
  - NA
- **Fly Tying (Jim Neckers)**
  - Two beginner classes, three people attending, three more sessions
  - Tie and lie had roughly 6-10 attendees
- **Assets and Library (Mike Redmond)**
  - Sent out emails for 24 missing books, 1 reply
  - Next steps do a physical inventory
  - Barcodes not reading properly, need to replace or move to inside book cover
  - Call people to ask about missing books
  - Perhaps get a trailer for hauling books or store books at Oasis
- **Conservation (Tom Britton)**
  - All 3 SQM completed this year, 0 last year
  - Working on training/workshop to draw other people into SQM, would be in spring
  - Maybe get some professors and students involved
- **FFI & Project Healing Waters (Jeff McElravy)**
  - FFI nov 5,6,7 online conclave
  - Parts going on now, classes may expand if they fill up quickly
  - Some have been cancelled
  - Looking for more people to sign up
  - PHW Sean hasn't been doing much
    - Hasn't returned calls
- **Women's Fly Fishing (Cari Vota)**
  - Last event in September 4 ladies, 1 fish caught
  - Womens committee 5 ladies
    - get together twice a year to get ideas for events
    - do some out of town trips, helps draw people into the club

### Committee Reports

- **Fly show & FFI position (Bob G.)**
  - FFI COVID guidelines
    - Encouraged clubs to adopt similar policies to the main body
    - We are an affiliate club not a charter club

- Benefits to being either are similar except for insurance purposes
- Charter clubs have no club fees and they fall under 501c3 status and get access to FFI attorney, but all club members have to be FFI members
- No COVID coverage in any insurance coverage on the market
- BUFF fly show is not a FFI sanctioned or sponsored event
- Subteam created within fly show team to address COVID issues
  - Decided the show is still on but will continue to monitor COVID trends and guidelines, will inform the board of progress
  - Will monitor other large indoor events to see how they go
  - No interest in adopting FFI policy recommendations
  - We can pull the plug on the show up to middle of January
  - Studying options for how to have a safe show
  - Create a list of criteria for when to call off the show
  - Examine ventilation standards of Oasis
  - Check with CDC guidance
  - Will lose FFI booth at the show
- Bought show cancellation insurance
  - Doesn't include covid
  - Typical with insurance we had in the past

## Unfinished Business

- **Monthly Meeting Location Decision**
  - Bob G hasn't contacted or been contacted by VOA regarding opening for next year
  - Not counting on it being open
  - Attendance at Oasis is low but that may be for other factors
  - Send out a survey? Not worth it
  - Cut down time, start dinner at 630pm Start program at 730pm
    - Notify members and Oasis
  - Stick with Oasis for 12 months proposal
    - Hugh O motioned, Bob G seconded, motion passes
- **Storage locker relocation (Bob)**
  - Rental expires end of the month (October), go month to month from there
    - Won't be out by next month so we will pay for November
  - Bearcat storage will give 10% discount for annual membership, 4 miles from Oasis
- **ByLaw Committee Update (Hugh)**
  - Still in progress
  - Working on organization
  - Quorum requirements, 60 people at a meeting not feasible right now
  - Simple majority for a quorum
  - Add student membership to bylaws
  - Email vote, physical venue, virtual venue
  - Roberts rules of order for meetings
  - Share with board in November, vote in December, share with membership in January

## New Business

- **Board position slate & upcoming elections including unfilled positions (Hugh et. al.)**
  - Need list for who fills board positions in November. December approve list going forward, slate gets put in January meeting for vote, sworn in during March Banquet
  - Need to find someone for education
    - Don't have guides for what education director does
    - Everyone on the board needs to be looking for who to fill that spot
- **2021 Awards with discussion slated for November (C. Vota)**
  - Are we going to do awards this year?
  - Nominations needed by November
  - Motioned to have awards Steve B, Dolph G seconded, motion passes
- **Board versus Chairman positions and effect on quorum**
  - Discussed prior in the meeting
- **Per our Bylaws, due amount should be decided in October for 2022**
  - Steve B motioned to keep the rates the same, Dolph G seconded, motion passes

## NOC

- **Cari V proposes having the meeting on zoom moving forward, Jim H Seconded, motion fails**
  - Benefits to having face to face meetings
  - Have done the past year with zoom just fine
  - Zoom option would be good but face to face is preferred.

## Adjourn

- Steve B motioned to adjourn, Jim V seconded, motion passes. Adjourn at 8:21pm