

**BUFF Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2014**

Attendees:

Board (16): Tom Agin, Duane Bentley, Ken Dixon, Ken Foltz, Bob Gustafson, JR Jackson, Ed Jones, Sue Jones, Don Kail, Jeff McElravy, Pete Moore, Jim Neckers, Tom Smith, Bob Miller, Steve Walker, Tim Williamson

Absent (5): Lane Stocker, Jim Hampton, Bryan Tudor, Steve Bailey, Phil Pursley

Administrative Items/Proposals

The meeting was called to order by President Ken Dixon at 6:33 pm at the Springdale Community Center.

- Membership Health Concerns – Bob Goldsberry has had recent surgery. A card will be sent.
- August BOD meeting minutes – **A motion was made by Jeff McElravy, seconded by Sue Jones to accept the minutes as written. The motion passed.**
- Minutes August 27 Electronic Vote - **A motion was made by Jeff McElravy, seconded by Sue Jones to accept the minutes as written. The motion passed.**
- Treasurer – August 2014 Financial Report – Bob Gustafson
The financial reports through August were sent out in advance. Total Income through 8/31 is \$34,627 and Total Expenses are \$26,874. The Club has Cash Assets of \$38,862. Through September 17, a total of \$1,350 has been received in memorials to Lou Haynes. **Pete Moore made a motion, seconded by Tom Smith to accept the August financial report. The motion passed.**

Action Items

- BUFF Liability Insurance Coverage Increase - (B. Gustafson). At the request of the Board, Bob investigated increasing the club liability insurance coverage from \$1MM to \$2MM. The premium increase would be approximately \$100.
 - **Ed Jones made a motion, seconded by Steve Walker to increase the liability coverage to \$2MM. The motion passed.**
- New/Update for BUFF laptop – (P. Moore/K. Foltz) The current BUFF computer is operating on Vista Software, which is no longer supported by Microsoft. Discussion followed on updating the software on the current computer or buying a new computer. The current club computer is six years old. **Bob Gustafson made a motion, seconded by Duane Bentley, to upgrade to a new computer with at least 8.0 operating system software, not to exceed a purchase price of \$700. The motion passed.** Pete and Ken Foltz will take this action.

- BUFF Signs for Events - (P. Moore) Pete recommended procuring a large sign/banner to be used for the various Club supported events, providing attendees with awareness of BUFF and its participation. It was requested that the banner be large enough to hang on an easel(s) or support tripods. It was suggested that we should contact someone in that line of business to design and procure what is needed. Steve Walker and Pete Moore will research the request. Ed Jones mentioned that it would be advantageous to have at least one large sign for the September 27th, Great Outdoor Weekend event.
- BUFF Club Appreciation Night at Orvis, Kenwood – (B. Miller) Bob has proposed a Club appreciation night at Orvis, offering 20% off on in store (non-sales) items to BUFF members. Refreshments will be served. The proposal was well received by the Board. The event was proposed for October 16th, from 6 – 8 pm. It was suggested that a screen shot announcement be made at the October Membership meeting, as well as information sent via e-blast, and a Buffer article.
- Donation in Memory of Lou Haynes to Fishing Has No Boundaries – (B. Gustafson) Bob proposed a donation of \$250 to Fishing Has No Boundaries in memory of Lou Haynes. **Jeff McElravy made a motion, seconded by Ed Jones, that the Club make a one-time donation of \$250. The motion passed.**
- Link for Steve Cromer’s Book, “Little Miami” - (K. Foltz) As agreed in the August meeting, Ken Foltz was to provide a link from the BUFF website to the book site. Ken reported that the proposed link goes to a site with a significant number of ads. After further discussion, it was proposed that the link go to Steve Cromer’s site, after gaining his approval.
- Donation request from BUFF to the Clermont Soil and Water Conservation District - (B. Gustafson) A request had been received by Bryan Tudor for a donated guided fly fishing trip, to be used as an auction item, for the Clermont SWCD. The last time this was provided by BUFF, it was a guided fly fishing trip on the East Fork. Their auction event is on September 25th, and any action taken by the Club needs to be soon. Tim Williamson graciously offered a guided trip near Dayton. Tim will send an e-mail to Ken Dixon with the details.

Updates

- Fly Show – (B. Gustafson). Bob provided an update on the progress of the Fly Show. Bob Miller is confirming the Tom Rosenbauer contract for clinics and the show presentation. The plan is to do three clinics on February 6: 9-11, 1-3, and 4-6. Bob provided a financial projection and also discussed a number of logistical preparations in progress.
- Banquet – (T. Smith) Tom provided an update in Bryan’s absence. A down payment has been made on the facility. Volunteer responses from BUFF membership have been sparse.

- Bill Fischer Fishing Equipment Auction – (J. McElravy) Jeff will be offering several items for auction (live and silent) at the next Membership meeting.
- Andrea Ballinger Survey – no update
- Online Purchases of Logo Items – (J. McElravy) Jeff will compile information from those who researched and selected items for the suggested purchase list. Jeff expects to have hats, t-shirts, and jackets represented as well as other accessories.
- Mad River Outing with other clubs' Board of Directors – (JR Jackson) BUFF was not represented at the last event due to a number of conflicts. JR will keep the BOD informed of future events.
- Women's Event – (S. Jones) There were a number of positive responses to the proposal of a Ladies Outing. Sue is considering a Saturday lunch at Golden Lamb, probably at the end of October or early November.
- Batfest – (K. Dixon) This event was held at the Cincinnati Museum. Based upon the lack of any significant correlation with fly fishing in general, Ken did not offer BUFF participation. The Board concurred with his decision.

Director Reports:

Membership – (Tom Agin)

Tom reported a total of 280 BUFF memberships to date, 190 single and 90 family memberships.

Communications

- *BUFFER* – (Tom Smith).
- The October **Buffer** articles are due by Monday, September 29th. There continues to be a need for articles.
- Website – (Ken Foltz, Don Kail)
 - Electronic Acceptance of Waiver of Liability. Don Kail reviewed the proposed online registration and waiver requirements with the Board. Don proposed a final review with Bill Schroeder before making it active on the BUFF website.

Trips – (Steve Bailey) No report this month

Meetings and Speakers / Screenshots – (P. Moore/ P. Pursley) Speakers are lined up through February. Screen shots are needed by Tuesday, September 30th. Duane Bentley will send out a reminder.

Public Education – Ed Jones.

- Great Outdoor Weekend – Ed has eight people in the morning and six in the afternoon who have volunteered from BUFF.
- Peterloon Boy Scout event – four tiers and two casters have volunteered. This may not be sufficient. The event is October 11 at an area in Camp Freeland, Miami Township, Clermont County. Ed needs someone to coordinate in his absence.
- Parky's Farm in October – Fishing has been poor this year and BUFF is not getting enough BUFF volunteer support. The October sessions are on the 10th, 17th, and 24th.

Club Education – (Tim Williamson) Tim will add another class on mending technics and smallmouth fishing, date TBD.

Fly Tying – (Jim Neckers) The first classes begin on October 7 and run to Nov 8. If you want to be a helper, signup with a number of "0" in the online registration location. Jim will consider another e-mail blast as a reminder to the membership.

Library – (Steve Walker) Steve is still looking for a Library helper. He will place an article in the October BUFFER.

Conservation – (Bryan Tudor) BUFF will be helping TU this Sunday, 9/21, from 8am to noon, with fishing afterwards.

Project Healing Waters – (Jeff McElravy) Jeff discussed the last meeting at the VA. Sixteen new vets have showed interest in PHW. Jeff also discussed a recent trip fishing with vets.

Casting For Recovery - The retreat is this Sunday, 9/21.

NOC (Not Otherwise Covered) – Nothing to report.

Jeff McElravy made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Tom Smith. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Duane Bentley