

BUFF BOD Agenda
September 15, 2021
Springdale Community Center
6:30pm

Present (13): Jim Vota, Bob Gustafson, Ken Mandel, Steve Bailey, Harry Pass, Patrick Goddard, Jim Hunt, Jeff McElravy, Don Kail, Tom Bachey, Mike Redmond, Jack Gormley, Jim Neckers and Hugh O'Donnell

Absent (7): Jim Hampton, Bob Miller, Tom Britton, Dolph Greenberg, Cari Vota, Bryan Tudor, Tom Britton.

Administrative Items

- **Membership health concerns**
 - Harry Pass had knee replacement, doing well
 - Ken Dixon doing ok but is still in pain
- **Approval or Correction of August 2021 meeting Minutes**
 - Last minute updates sent out
 - Tom Bachey motioned to approve, Jim Hunt seconded, motion passes. Bob G. objection to the acceptance due to last minute sending of corrections has been noted.
- **Motion to accept previous months ZOOM meeting and any changes made during that meeting**
 - Jim Hunt motioned, Jim V Seconded, motion passes
- **Next BOD meeting 10/20/2021**

Officers Reports

- **President's Report (Hugh O.)**
 - Oasis meeting
 - Meal was very good
 - Half of the people in attendance were newer members, less older members
 - New member approached Hugh after meeting at the brewery event
 - Joined to fish with other people locally
 - Need to focus on that moving forward.
 - Find people to lead local trips
 - Director for new members?
 - Bring them in and get them to know everyone
 - Decide on stay with Oasis or go back to VOA
 - Two people's names up on announcements for who to fish with locally
 - Add people's names who are knowledgeable on a certain water body to help new members
 - New event for fly casting skills development on the calendar
 - Jeff M talking about director committees tonight
 - Pass around Skip Morris flies

- **Treasurer's Report (Bob G.)**
 - Financial reports mailed out
 - Now that we are starting to resume, we are incurring normal recurring expenses
 - Membership income has basically reached target for current year
 - Every 5 years the Secretary of State for Ohio requires us to say we still exist and are active.
 - Has been completed and we're good for another 5 years
 - Steve B motioned to accept treasurers report, Ken M seconded, passes

Director Reports

- **Membership (Harry Pass)**
 - 253 active members, 1 new member since last meeting
 - Cards sent out to those with health concerns
 - Bought new types of cards to send out
 - Will ask for reimbursement
- **BUFFER (Ken Mandel)**
 - Send pictures/articles by 9/25
 - Send in article on fly tying
 - Suggest flies for NC trip
 - Add notice to make sure to cancel trips/meeting meals if you're not attending (Tom B)
- **Website (Don Kail)**
 - Big Thanks to Ken Foltz upgraded the library computer. It worked well at the last meeting.
 - Send out renewal notices in November
- **Trips (Steve Bailey)**
 - No new trips, NC trip upcoming in October
 - Au Sable blown out recently
 - Brookville still too warm
 - Cari had two trips and people didn't call and cancel (Tom B)
 - Bring it up at next general meeting
- **Meetings and Speakers (Jack Gormley)**
 - Booked through 2021, working on Jan and Feb of 2022
 - George Daniel for October (virtual)
 - Trying for in-person speakers for Nov/Dec and Jan/Feb
 - How do we balance in-person vs zoom speakers moving forward?
 - Focus on mostly in-person if possible
 - Jerry Regan wouldn't let us pay him for his presentation
 - Jack sending a walnut bowl as payment
 - Work on finding new meeting director
- **Public Education (Tom Bachey)**
 - Monday – Indian hill high school, reminder email sent out
 - Great outdoor weekend is September 25th at Isaac Walton League
 - Elk creek hunt club event recently
 - Was asked how BUFF got involved in Kentucky
 - Mike Reed was a BUFF member and asked us to come down
 - Long day but worth it

- Need reimbursement for line and materials
 - Would be worthwhile doing it next year if they ask
- **Club Education (tbd)**
 - N/A
- **Fly Tying (Jim Neckers)**
 - Do we want to do fly tying classes this year?
 - Yes, need to pick dates
- **Assets and Library (Mike Redmond)**
 - Time to send out email notices for overdue books
 - 32 out, 16 have not been previously notified
 - Will send out notices near first of the month
 - 40 people sign up for dinner and 30 show up and no walk-ins (Tom B)
 - We pay for it
 - Need to make sure people cancel if they are not attending
- **Conservation (Tom Britton)**
 - SQM 9/18 (Hugh O)
- **FFI & Project Healing Waters (Jeff McElravy)**
 - PHW has nothing scheduled currently
 - August 21st fishing trip did occur
 - Reasonable turnout
 - Sean isn't quite fully up to speed with getting communication out
 - November conclave signups in process
 - Classes filling up
 - \$25 to signup if you are a member
 - Was as FFI major fundraiser in the past. This current structure is not setup for that but there are fundraisers being run concurrently to help generate income
 - FFI is using Jeff M zoom for the conclave, no zoom access on Nov 5,6,7
 - Note on website to join FFI
 - Potentially use a meeting to discuss FFI with the club
- **Women's Fly Fishing (Cari Vota)**
 - N/A

Committee Reports

- **Fly show (Bob G.)**
 - Confirming the presentations and demos currently
 - Applying for show cancellation insurance now
 - 2022 estimates for the show income is challenging due to how people will respond to COVID
 - Projecting less profit for 2022 than previous years
 - Does NOT cover COVID
 - About to send out early bird invites to previous exhibitors
 - Next meeting Oct 7th

Unfinished Business

- **Establishment of Director Committees (Jeff M)**
 - Gives opportunity to have a stand-in at meetings if the director can't attend
 - Gives opportunity for quick replacement if director wants to step back
 - Gives opportunity to discuss ideas with more people
 - Gets more people involved
 - Some already have others who help out
 - Need a standing banquet committee
 - If a director thinks they need a committee then reach out to Hugh O or Jeff M
- **Monthly Meeting Location – Oasis Evaluation (Hugh O)**
 - Need to decide next month
 - Oasis
 - Better food, far away for some, most central to all membership
 - Easier to deal with Oasis from a business standpoint
 - Current 6-month deal ends in December
 - Only chicken for food unless another concurrent meeting at the Oasis and they order the more expensive meal
 - VOA
 - Developing business plan to rectify staffing shortage
 - Plan is to open in 2022
 - Bob G isn't confident they will be ready
 - Must bring in approved caterer
 - Bob G to call before next BOD meeting and get a feeling on their status
- **Storage locker relocation (Bob G)**
 - Storage locker deal ends Oct 31st, can go month-month until we decide on meeting location
 - It is not a high priority driving decision on meeting location
 - Price going up next year
 - Looking at different options
 - Recommending Bearcat storage if we stay with Oasis
 - Cheap enough and good previous relationship
- **Bylaw Update (Hugh O)**
 - First committee meeting at the end of September
 - Highlighted areas of concern in Bylaws
 - Non-discriminatory statement
 - Virtual meetings
 - Quorum requirements
 - Different board of directors' labels, Admin vs executive
- **Logo Update (Hugh O)**
 - Tabled until next meeting

New Business

- **Casting Education (Jim Vota)**
 - Wednesday mornings for about a year, informal
 - Use FFI casting challenge as a guideline

- Finally offering for the general club
- First Wednesday of the month at Cottell park, one in October and November
- On the website and signups are available
- Can get FFI Bronze, silver, gold ratings

NOC

- Bob Cregge and Prudence Hunt leading banquet setup
- Starting next month for the meetings, send in announcement slides as we have done in the past
- Skip Morris flies for auction in person

Adjourn

Steve Bailey motioned to adjourn, Don Kail seconded, motion passes, adjournment at 7:59pm