

BUFF BOD Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2022

Springdale Rec. Center / Springdale Room (& Zoom)

6:30 to 8:30 pm

Present (13): Hugh O'Donnell, Tom Bachey, Tom Britton, Patrick Goddard, Bob Gustafson, Harry Pass, Bryan Tudor, Jim Neckers, Ken Mandel, Jeff McElravy, David Fraley, Dave Smith, Jim Hunt

Absent (7): Jim Hampton, Steve Bailey, Blaine Smith, Don Kail, Jim Vota, Cari Vota, Dolph Greenberg

Administrative Items

- **Call to Order**
- **Membership health concerns**
 - Harry Pass has early prostate cancer, will be treated in October.
- **Reading of August 2022 BOD Minute Action Items**
- **Next BOD meeting 10/19/22**

Officers Reports

- **President's Report (Hugh O.)**
 - Good attendance at last meeting, 61 vs 40 from the previous month
 - More interesting speaker who is closer to home?
- **Treasurer's Report (Bob G.)**
 - Reports mailed out last week
 - Renewed our Zoom subscription
 - Bearcat storage is raising rent next month. \$115 to \$121
 - Checking \$1,631, Savings \$29,300
 - Tom B motioned to approve, Jim H seconded, motion carries, no opposition

Director Reports (4 minute reports = 56 minutes)

- **Membership (Harry Pass)**
 - 5 new, 169 singles, 82 family, 1 student, 252 total memberships, 34 new members TYD
 - Do we count spouses in family memberships as 1 or 2 members?
- **BUFFER (Ken Mandel)**
 - Articles by 9/25
- **Website (Don Kail, David Fraley)**
 - Spotlighting the speaker on the home page to hopefully increase meeting turnout
 - Got a compliment from a new member regarding the quality of the website
- **Trips (Steve Bailey)**
 - Send any trips
 - Will be a steelhead trip first weekend of December
- **Meetings and Speakers (Dolph Greenberg – Blayne Smith)**
 - N/A
- **Public Education (Tom Bachey)**
 - Great outdoor weekend this weekend, full on volunteers
- **Club Education (Jim Vota)**
 - N/A
- **Fly Tying (Jim Neckers)**
 - Looking at dates for beginning fly tying class
- **Assets and Library (Dave Smith)**
 - Keys for new storage locker have been made, reach out if you need one
 - Planning on running an inventory on the locker

- **Conservation (Tom Britton)**
 - SQMs are finished, bugs are looking good
 - Best numbers at bass island, large variety at Caesars creek
- **FFI & Fishing with Vets (Jeff McElravy)**
 - N/A
- **Women's Fly Fishing (Cari Vota - Ann Miller at Oct Meeting)**
 - N/A
- **Mayfly Project (Cari Vota)**
 - N/A
- **Raffles & Door Prizes (Jimbo Hunt)**
 - Open to suggestions and ideas for items
 - Stocked for 2 months

Standing Committee Reports (7 minute reports = 21 minutes)

- **Fly show (Bob G.)**
 - Planning is ongoing
 - Locking in remaining demos
 - Early bird booth sales have started, 8 commitments so far
 - Public booth sales start mid-October when website goes live
 - Selling raffle tickets for euro rig and bamboo rod at October meeting
 - Next meeting 10/18
- **Banquets (Bryan)**
 - Bob Cregge is chairing 2023 banquet, looking for co-chair
- **Picnic (Bryan)**
 - 2023 picnic is scheduled for July

Unfinished Business

- **New Member Committee**
 - How can we get members to get more involved with the club?
 - Have 10-minute teaching sessions during each meeting for those new members who have never been fly fishing before.
 - Have fly fishing 101 and/or beginning fly tying more than once a year
 - Will get more people involved and getting to know each other
 - Will take coordination
- **Wulff shadowbox fly disposition-use (Jeff)**
 - Tabled
- **Zoom at membership meetings (Dolph & Blaine)**
 - Serious issues with presentation quality at meetings
 - Pain to run and really detracts from meeting and presentation
 - Get rid of it
 - Remove zoom link from website and let people know there will no longer be zoom for general meetings
 - Look into getting a lapel mic for meetings
- **Dan Beard Council connection (Hugh / Tom)**
 - Tabled

New Business

- **Membership Annual Fee (Bob) – Time Critical**
 - Reasons for and against raising dues
 - For: Additional technology expenses, will help maintain club asset level, puts us on par with other regional fly fishing clubs, allows for more philanthropy, help meet club fixed expenses increases.
 - Against: could cause people to drop, inhibit new members, and will require reprinting of brochures
 - Bob G motions to increase dues to 30 single/35 family/10 student starting **November 1st 2022**, Harry P seconded.
 - Discussion
 - Will it be a factor for members to start dropping?

- Should we pull funds from other areas to help cover expenses?
 - Future costs are expected to increase
 - Delay the dues increase to 2024
- Tom B motioned to amend the motion to change timing of the dues increase from **November 1, 2022** to starting **November 1, 2023**, Jim N seconded
 - Give us a chance to see how membership and revenue rebound after our first post-covid fly show
- Motion passes, One opposed
- **BUFF Storage Locker (Bob)**
 - Previously discussed
- **BOD Agenda Organization (Hugh)**
 - Do we move committee reports, unfinished business, and new business section to beginning of meeting?
 - Take care of important items first
 - Shorten director reports, let Hugh O know ahead if you need more time
- **Oasis 2023 Contract for Membership Meetings (Bryan)**
 - Reaching out to see new contract, dinner cost will likely increase
 - We don't pay for room. We do pay for bartender, table clearing, AV equipment
 - They want number of dinners the Friday before the meeting, instead of Sunday before
 - Anything else to discuss with them?
- **Oasis September meeting: member feedback / audio quality issues (Hugh)**
 - Previously discussed
- **New member search function (Don)**
 - Don created a new member list on BOD section of website

NOC

- **FFI Expo on November 4-6, 2022**
- **Blane Chocklett - November 11/12 at MRO**
 - Signups available
- **ODNR/Division of Wildlife Trout and Steelhead Summit**

Adjourn

Tom B motioned to adjourn, Bryan T seconded, motion passes, no opposition. Adjourned at 8:09pm