

BUFF BOD Agenda

October 15, 2025 - 6:30 to 8:30 pm
Springdale Rec. Center / Springdale Room (& Zoom option)

Administrative Items

- **Call to Order**
- **Membership health concerns** Dave Smith had kidney stones, and is recovering. Hugh is recovering from his health issues. Tom Britton had a shattered kneecap. Jack Gormley is recovering from a meniscus tear.
- **Action Items:**
 - Ken and Tom still owe Barry some new costs for the fly show. Work has been done, but still a work in progress.
 - Waste containers out at liberty at our white gas spots. The DNR folks would prefer we not do this as they think that it would be a taken advantage of by the public.
 - Regarding getting David Fraley a communications assistant, no one has stepped forward yet We'll keep bringing this up at meetings. It was acknowledged that we are more likely going to find somebody that one of us knows and we ask them if they'd be interested. We will also put something together for the Buffer.
 - Dave Smith announced the library changes at the last meeting. We will repeat this at the next meeting and Ken will place something in the Buffer.
 - Work on finding out who the MS4 permanent holders were in our area is still in progress.
 - We will start forwarding any non-Buff events that we get from NKFF to folks and make sure that we keep contact with them. Relatedly we discussed potential partnerships on future trips. We could also look at partnering with Miami Valley.
 - 50th Celebration. Start with the board to come up with some ideas of what we think we'd like to have, and then the committee can run with it. because the contracts for oasis are around September, we need to at least get something tied down for when the club thinks they want to have it before we do the contracts. So we still have almost a year. Tony Kalbli has additional history materials. We also have the Lee and Joan Wolf fly box that can be displayed? We have to decide when we want to get a committee started and announce that we are looking for people to do it.
 - Cari Vota getting close on sourcing awards. that. We will need to use the 40th presentation as foundation of an update. Ken will help whoever picks this up.
 - Write something for Buffer on the 50th.
 - Motion for the action items to be accepted. Seconded and voted aye
- **Next BOD meeting November 19, 2025**

Officers Reports

- **President's Report (Bob M.)** Nothing to report.
- **Treasurer's Report (Barry G.)** Treasure's report was discussed and accepted. Extensive discussion was also held regarding opportunities for increasing income from other sources and finding ways to cut costs. Motion was made to increase each membership level fee by \$5, going forward. The motion was seconded, followed by extensive discussion, including It's been 10 plus years since dues raised. The motion passed. Motion was made to accept the treasurer report. It was then seconded and passed.

Urgent Business

Club Lapel Microphone System and additional tech needs Investigate the cost of a new lapel microphone system. Discussion regarding technology and making sure we are prepared for all technical circumstances related to programs and meetings. We will work to develop documentation of our available technical specifications and to define and document technical requirements speakers need to be aware of.

Discussion of Zoom. Decided not to use it for general meetings as it's rarely used anymore.

Director Reports (2 minute reports)

- **Membership (Harry Pass)** We have two new members since the last meeting. sent out six cards.
- **BUFFER (Ken Mandel)** Ken would like anything by the 25th. It's, we're sort of winding things down for trips. Trip pictures from program to be forwarded for use in this month's Buffer.
- **Communications & Website (David Fraley & ____)** David has been working on the fly show portion of the website and just opened up registrations for the Show workshops today. A tech talk might be appropriate for helping folks find information on the site.
- **Membership Engagement (Bill Krimmer)** Mike Jones sent his write up for Potter County, Pennsylvania. Should be May 3rd through May 9th,

- **Meetings and Speakers (Dolph Greenberg & Jim Vota)** Jeff Georgan is going to talk about New Zealand fly fishing in November. He did a New Zealand presentation a couple of years ago, but we're going to do the New Zealand fly fishing this time. And Rob Fightmaster will be here in December.

Discussion of a large list of potential speakers for 2026

Cameron Cipponeri on Atlantic Salmon on the Ausable,

Joe Clark talking about Pennsylvania trout,

Kevin Fenster on Muskegon options

Dolph's doing one in December next year on protecting nature and the nature of protection, the unholy war against the holy waters of the Ausable.

Jerry Darkus, who is going to come this next year to talk fly fishing on the Great Lakes.

Jeff Liske

Ranger Sam (Army Corps of Engineers to come in and talk about dams and the schedules at East Fork)

Schultz Outfitters, I'm getting them to do a bass fishing in southern Michigan.

Ann Miller, upper Midwest flies,

Gary Kell, Pennsylvania, master fly fishing instructor.

Jerry Meyer, about fishing Wisconsin on the driftless.

Clin Hogard, who's a guide over in the Madison area,

John Van Vleet, written several books on fishing up that way.

Ian Rutter, do something like a pocket water.

Jason Brownwright from Little Miami Conservancy, who does he's pretty good, he could do something on Ohio Geography, the rivers.

Dr. Raymond Putt? Western, Kentucky. University? On Montana trip.

Little Miami Outfitters, Drake Perry,

- **Public Education (Tom Bachey)** Tom thanked everybody that showed up for Seven Hills Part 1 and then Part 2 tomorrow.

- **Club Education (Jim Vota & _____)** Nothing to report

- **Fly Tying (Lane Stocker)** Nothing specific to report, however the budget right now that I have for fly tying is \$200. We will need to figure out how to make that work.

- **Assets and Library (Dave Smith)** Nothing to report.

- **Conservation (Tom Britton & Tim Cassani)** Nothing to report.

- **Women's Fly Fishing** Had a small get together with those women that are interested on the 25th over at Glenda's house that went well!

- **Raffles & Door Prizes (Dave S.)** Nothing to report.

- **FFI (Cari Vota) FFI OHC** The council has several open Ohio Council positions they are looking for, and those will go out to in the newsletter to all of the Ohio Council FFI members, The council's annual meeting and election of board officers is November the 11th. and announcement and the zoom length for the Ohio Council meeting will be going out soon.

Standing Committee Reports (7 minute reports)

- **Fly show** Most booths are allocated to invitations. We're still waiting on getting some feedback from others, from some of the people. We will work on getting Delamere and Hopkins as we don't have a local fly shop currently booked.

- **Banquet (Bryan)** The committee will have their first planning meeting Monday, the 20th,

- **Tech Talk (Bryan)** We need talks for the upcoming meetings.

- **Picnic (Bryan)** - too soon to make firm plans

- **Membership Meeting Feedback** Presentations went well. Ken suggested that this could be something we should do for some future meetings. We've got enough people that have done club trips or outings that could share them. This could be a good way to get people in the club to learn about new locations they could take trips to.

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Unfinished Business

- **Board Openings** Sam Hanna to join meeting speakers team.

- **Continued discussion of development and usage of Facebook Page and Groups** John McGinnis is doing a great job on this,

- **Liberty White Bass spot trash containers.** DNR would prefer we not provide containers.

- **50th Anniversary (2027) planning. Suggestions from the Board for the committee? Special dinner (we did this for our 40th)? Handouts (we did a spl 40th pin), week night/weekend? Summer or Fall? When do we ask for a Chairman, committee volunteers?** See above

New Business

- **Discussion and approval of revised GP-15 document.** Revision was approved.

- **Discussion of providing BOD role descriptions to membership to aid them in knowing who to contact with club related questions.** Ken raised the idea of coming up with a document that describes the various board positions to help stop inquiries that are directed in the wrong direction. Each Board member should write a paragraph of what their roles and responsibilities are. This could then be put in the Buffer. The goal is to have this information by January.
- **Discussion of 2025 club awards.**
- **Discussion of member created meeting presentations for use on defined dates or as fill-ins for special circumstances.**
- **Discussion of potential future club meetings (held annually?) dedicated to showcasing organizations we actively support.**
- **Discussion of 2025 Club Awards.** According to our bylaws, we do the life membership on a 30 to 1 ratio, we have room to potentially add one or two people. We have to decide in December, because January is when we actually do the vote. by the board of directors. So we are looking for names.
- **Hugh has done analytics about who's attending to answer questions regarding what draws people to meetings as well as why they don't come. What can we do better to appeal to folks?**
- **BUFF logo stickers received.**

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Adjourn

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81198041115?pwd=kqgShC5uo5RCMFEZ2yAxdfeJG2J5x.1>