

July 11, 2009, Albany Eagles Lodge, Albany, Oregon
Minutes By Recording Secretary, Nic Oliver

Meeting was called to order by Ted Tracy, Vice-Coordinator, North, at 12:12pm with 12 of 13 Chapters represented (LoCo showed up late (got lost) to make it 12 Chapters present.). All Chapters present were eligible to vote.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence for downed Brothers/Sisters and Service men/women.

Guests and First Time attendees:

Minutes Correction by Lee Austin of SE Portland Chapter pointed out that since the announcement of the Oil Wrestling Event was mention for Run 21, it has been reviewed and there will be NO Oil Wrestling at Run 21. Motion made by Bob Highfill, Lincoln County Chapter, to accept minutes from March 14th State Board meeting as printed in the Newsmagazine; Randy Phipps, Twin Rivers Chapter, seconded the motion. Motion passed

Coordinator Comments: Jordan Kelley – (Showed up late, right before the Newsletter Editor Report)

Secretary Report & Correspondence: Reported that the Goldendale Sentinel had printed another story. Brian brought copies of the article for our review, if wanted. Card read from the Emergency Techs in Fossil thanking us for the \$500 donation.

Vice Coordinator North: Ted Tracy – No Report

Vice Coordinator South: Annette Murray – Absent

Vice Coordinator East: Gene Mortimore – Reported that the owner of the Shamrock in Fossil, Terri Agnowski, just lost her husband. A card was passed around for everyone to sign for her. Also reported that River City had their meeting a Bear Hollow and a cookout also. Stated that the oysters were great. River City has voted to take care of decorating the storage building in Fossil. Gene also reported that the Public Restroom is now done and that ABATE has an obligation to take part in the upkeep, per agreement/understanding.

Treasurer: Kay Sipple – Kay stood up and tried to say “No Report” again but no one believed her. (*maybe saying it herself kind of ruined the surprise?*) Reported that she had turned the CD into a Savings deposit after it matured, as she could not get a decent rate to roll it over. We currently have in checking and savings a total of \$29,787. She had to pay out \$1,476.61 to Oregon Lithoprint for the newsletters and \$445 to the Sanitation service. There seemed to be a question about this one. Gene thought that the bill had already been paid and that she may have accidentally paid on a receipt. This will be looked into more closely. Also

reported that \$100 had been paid for the garbage at Fossil and Team Oregon reimbursements came to \$45. *(complete report turned in the next day via email and is in the minutes folder for review)*

Membership Secretary: Linda Henderson – Report handed in. Current membership is 1727, which is up from last year.

Sanctioning Officer: Matt Price – Absent. *(report received via email after I had left for the BOD meeting. The report is as follows:)* “All current submissions for sanctioning have been issued certificates and are sanctioned. Please tell the Chapter Reps to remind their Run Coordinators that the submission window is 90 days out. NOT 90 hours or some other contrived time period. PLAN AHEAD!!! I will be at the VA Hospital with an Army brother who is on the very critical list and may pass at any time. Please keep Dave in your prayers. Matt”

State Auditor: Richard Misener – Absent

Newsmagazine Editor: Rot Path – Reported that today is the 11th and no reports have been received from Lower Columbia, Willamette and Central Oregon Chapters. Rot Path stressed the importance of Chapter Representatives to be present at the BOD meetings.

Rot Path reported on a complaint received regarding a past Officer’s information being in the old newsletters that were put on-line and that the old issues had contained her unlisted phone number and address. The legalities of this issue about personal information being made available in such a manner was looked into. The policy of not giving out personal information was pointed out. This was discussed and it was shown that the rules state that ABATE does not give out information off of our membership lists to anyone. If someone puts their information in the newsletter then at that time it becomes public knowledge and does not violate any rules. Rot Path stressed the membership to remember this and if they do not want any personal information given out, to NOT put it in print. He also stated that he does not have the time or help to go through every past newsletter edition that is available on our website to remove any information. He was hoping that our Webmaster, Trace, would be here today to help him see if there was a way to do this, but Trace was absent/working.

Legislative Director: Justin Handke – Absent –this issue is still under investigation. Jordan had spoken with Justin and he stated that he had a death in the family and State obligations to take care of as the reasons for missing meetings.

Sergeant at Arms North: Randy Phipps – Stated “No Report”. *(do we fall over in shock now?)*

Sergeant at Arms South: Bill Foster – Reported that his email is now working again.

Sergeant at Arms East: Jim Middleton – Excused – At an event.

Products Director: Dave Meeker – Excused – Report given by Nic as received from Dave per a phone call. The Fossil pins have been restocked and he will be attending Run 21 and Beaver Creek.

Education Director: Patricia Carner – Excused – No Report. Personal obligations.

Education Director II: Geoff White – Excused – Ted reported that Geoff has had two classes and they are winding down now for summer. Nic reported that he and Mel have an upcoming class on the 27th.

Public Relations Director: Debra Lutje – Excused. Report turned in. “I won’t be at the meeting this Saturday. My report is as follows: There isn’t much going on just yet. I got a copy of an article written by the Goldendale Sentinel and will distribute copies if anyone is interested. The City of Goldendale is singing a very different tune now. YEAH! Otherwise the weather has been hot, the roads good and the beer cold. Enjoy and see you all next month. Debra.”

Brian spoke briefly on the article stating that it was definitely a positive one. Especially when compared with the last one.

State Run Coordinator (Fossil): Howie Long - Excused. Ted reported that Howie will be having a Run Committee meeting at Beaver Creek for Fossil 2010.

State Run Coordinator II: Howie Long –

State Swap Meet Coordinator: Patricia Carner – Excused – No report

Historian: Tonia Mosier - Reported that she is putting together a photo album and has pictures. All submissions are welcome. She is getting pictures taken of events and she will be trying to attend Run 21.

Web Page Editor: Trace Ceccacci – Excused

Quartermaster: Ted Tracy -- Reported that the trailer was a mess after the Swap Meet. He has is pretty much straightened out but he could use some help putting up some shelving. It is the conex shelving so it is heavy but will last forever. The stage is at Run 21 and he will be bringing a new ramp cover to replace the broken one. Reported that there is a casino table available to any chapter that would like to have it. It will fit into a pickup bed, as it comes in two pieces. He reported that the Cushman’s have been found. They are at Robert Hales and Rotten Roger is going to get them. When asked about the bags for the covers and siding, he stated that with the new trailer and storage available, the bags are not needed.

ABATE’s BikePAC Representative: Randy Phipps –. No meeting to report. Nic reported that meetings have been cancelled till September.

Confederation of Clubs Representative: Gunny -- No meeting. The next meeting is the 19th at the Salem NW Vets clubhouse.

Confederation of Clubs Representative II: Kay Sipple – No report.

Unfinished Business –

The September Meeting of the Minds Conference attendees was discussed and the need for 4 people to attend. After much discussion it was decided that ABATE of Oregon would send Heidi and her husband Rick, also Ted and Jill Tracy.

Next item discussed was the Run Coordinator positions. It seems that we forgot that one person could not hold two of the same offices. So it was decided that since Howie Long had accepted and been voted in as Run Coordinator I (Fossil) that he vacated the position of Run Coordinator II. So, we now have a vacant Officer position in the Run Coordinator II slot. Take back to the Chapters for volunteers.

It was also mentioned that nominations for the 2010 Officer Roster will start next month, August. Nominations will be accepted until the elections take place at the first of two October meetings.

New Business:

It was noted that the MRF needs members. Ted Tracy is our MRF representative and stated that the MRF needs members to show the support is where they say it is. The MRF (Motorcycle Rider Foundation) is the motorcyclists' voice in Washington DC. Where ABATE and BikePAC work at the State level, the MRF works at the Federal level. Right now the MRF is fighting for the right to repair bill to allow people to make their own choices where and how their vehicle is repaired and what parts they can use. This is talked about more on page 20 of the newsletter.

Kay brought to our attention that the Full Tilt motorcycle club is having an event on August 15th at 1pm at the El Vaquero, right across from the "bomber" on McLoughlin Blvd. Having a table there was discussed and topics that concern all riders would be a better approach than the helmet issue as these are "sport bike" riders and their interests are similar but with different priorities. We need to bring them in by showing that we work for ALL motorcyclists and not just Harley riders. We need to breach the division between the two groups.

It was also mentioned that there will be a 9-11 Memorial Run in Vancouver, WA, on September 11th (*dub*). This run will start at Stewarts Leather and tour 6 Fire Stations. KSU (*KickStands Up*) at 6pm.

It was also mentioned that the Free Souls of Lane County are having their Annual Rodeo at the Fall Creek Rodeo Grounds this weekend.

It was also brought up that Washington State has changed their helmet laws. It seems that a lot of States are going to the FVMSS 218 manufacturing standard as the standard for what constitutes a legal helmet. Work is being done to educate people on this fallacy. It also seems that when pulled over, many officers ask you to remove your helmet. Be aware that if you do not comply (and you do not have to legally) then you may be ticketed for not wearing a helmet. This is happening a lot more in Portland, Oregon and in Washington State as helmet enforcement is being pushed.

Announcements:

Next State Board of Directors Meeting: August 8th, 2009; at the Newport Hospital, Newport, Oregon, at noon.

7/10-12/09 Rally in Long Beach, WA. Sponsored by North Coast Chapter and the Washington ABATE, Pacific County Chapter. For more info contact Don McGuire at 360-642-2774.

7/11/09 Mt Angel Motorcycle Cruise In in downtown Mt Angel from 11:30am-3:30pm presented by the Bavarian Haus in Mt Angel. For more info call Jackie GrosJacques at 503-449-2401 or email at lovemyphatboy@hotmail.com. Door prizes and many activities.

7/14-19/09 The Traveling Wall arrives in Albany, OR, on July 14th with events planned through the 19th when The Wall will finish its tour in Albany and move on to its next destination.

7/17-19/09 Cowchip Boogie in Toutle, Washington. Contact Kim at 360-414-0756 or Debby at 360-636-4494 for more information.

7/24-26/09 Run 21, presented by SE Portland Chapter. There will only be 2,500 tickets available for this event. There will be a special band there this year – FOGHAT! If you are interested, please check out their website for advance tickets and information. Tickets will be available at the gate for \$50 each.

8/1/09 WACO presents their Mid-Summer Poker Run. Go to wacoabate.info website for more information.

8/2/09 Rose City Hog is having their Ride for the Raptors. Meet at Latus HD in Gladstone at 9am. More info call 503-829-7107

8/7-9/09 Beaver Creek Run in Newport, OR. For more information contact Lincoln County Chapter at 541-265-6850. The August BOD will also be that weekend in Newport at the Hospital.

8/8 Josephine County Chapter is having their 6th Annual Run to the Coast, Poker Run. This starts at 9am at the Wilderville Store on Redwood Hwy. For more information call Spanky at 541-659-8715

8/15 Full Tilt Riders M.C. is having their 6th Annual Bikini Bike Wash and Bike Show at the El Vaquero Sport Bar at 13456 McLoughlin Blvd, Milwaukie, OR. This was discussed under New Business and it was thought that a Portland Chapter might want to sponsor this with the State. Volunteers and ideas needed as soon as possible.

8/14-16/09 The SOS Run will be at Wolf Creek. Exit 76 off I5, just North of Grants Pass. Motorcycles only allowed in the camping areas. This is a joint venture between Josephine

County and Douglas County, for more information contact Jim & Janie 541-680-1047 (Douglas County) or Spanky 541-659-8715 (Josephine County).

8/22-23 All Harley Drags at the Woodburn Racetrack in Woodburn, Oregon.

9/11-12/2009 9/11 Memorial Run and Swap Meet. 6pm at Stewart Leathers, 12105 NE 49th Street, Vancouver, WA. For more information call (360)260-0040

9/13 Cancer Warriors Run presented by the Willamette Valley Chapter. Poker Run to start at 9am at Central Valley Cycle in Eugene. More info to follow or contact Willamette Valley Chapter.

9/18-20/09 End of Summer Run by WACO. Go to wacoabate.info for more information.

9/24-27 MRF Meeting of the Minds Conference. National level. Minneapolis, Minnesota. Sheraton Hotel. Volunteers are needed as Brian and Gunny will be unable to attend. Attendees will be decided upon at the August meeting.

10/4/2009 Josephine County is having their 6th Annual Toy Run. Staging at the Fruitdale Grange at 1pm. 3pm will ride through Grants Pass with Santa and Mrs. Claus and several Fire Engine companies. For more information call Karen at 541-660-8730 or Spanky at 541-659-8715

10/17-18/09 ABATE of Oregon, Inc. Planning Session at the VFW Hall in Cottage Grove, OR. This will include the Annual Meeting for ABATE of Oregon and a Board of Directors meeting. The BOD is a must attend event on 10/18 for all Chapter Representatives. Every Chapter should plan on attending with at least one representative for the entire Planning Session.

10/17-18/09 NCOM Regional Convention at the Holiday Inn at the Portland Airport. For more info, contact Gunny at 800-531-2424

11/21/09 WaCo is having their Stan Johnston Memorial Toy Run. For more information go to wacoabate.info

Meeting adjourned 1407 hours or 2:07pm.