

**September 12, 2009, Albany Eagles Lodge, Albany, Oregon
Minutes By Recording Secretary, Nic Oliver**

Meeting was called to order by Jordan Kelley, Coordinator, at 12:30pm with 12 of 13 Chapters represented. All Chapters present were eligible to vote. The only missing Chapter was Douglas County.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence for downed Brothers/Sisters and Service men/women: A special memorial was requested for Steve Uptegrade, a federal Firefighter who died.

Guests and First Time attendees:

Motion made by Bob Highfill, Lincoln County Chapter, to accept minutes from August 8th State Board meeting as printed in the Newsmagazine, Randy Phipps, Twin Rivers Chapter, seconded the motion. Motion passed

Coordinator Comments: Jordan Kelley – Next month is the elections for Officers and the Planning Session. I encourage everyone to attend. This is not just work but also to plan for the next year. It is also the Annual Meeting and everyone is welcome. You will get to be on a committee and work to get things ready for the next year for ABATE of Oregon. All Board representatives are to be at the Sunday Board of Directors meeting at about noon, right after the Planning Session ends to implement some of the ideas brought forth from the Planning Session. Willamette Valley Chapter has set aside \$400 for the food at the Planning Session. There will be more information later in Old Business on the Planning Session.

Secretary Report & Correspondence: There are some Newsletters from around the country if anyone is interested just come up and help yourself.

Vice Coordinator North: Ted Tracy – Stated that he would like to see more people nominated for each Officer position for 2010. There should be more than 1 person for each office.

Vice Coordinator South: Annette Murray – Absent

Vice Coordinator East: Gene Mortimore – No Report

Treasurer: Kay Sipple – Reported that this will be the last time she says this: I made a boo-boo and didn't make copies of the December 31st closing bank statements and 2008 Quicken files and year end reports before giving them to the Accountant. Because of this, when the information was asked for by the Accountant, it seems the Accountant said that she never received them. Now she needs the information again from each Chapter except River City, North Coast, WaCo, Willamette Valley and Josephine County. Kay said that she knows that every Chapter had sent in the information but she now needs to ask that they send the

information again. This includes the following Chapters, Salem, Douglas County, Hub City, Twin Rivers, Lincoln County, SE Portland, Central Oregon, the Toy Run and Lower Columbia. These Chapters need to include their December 31st Bank Statements and their updated Quicken Files. These could be put on a thumb drive very easily and will work easily.

Kay made a second request that everyone wanting any reimbursements to be sure to use the expense forms that are available at the ABATE website (Nic also has copies available at every meeting) and these forms should be in every Chapter's Secretary Manual. Be sure to attach receipts and sign them and also get a signature from a Board Officer for a second signature before submitting them to her for payment.

We currently have about \$29,000 in the Bank and \$3,000 in bills yet to be paid. This does not include airfare and stuff for the approved meetings, about another \$2,000.

If you need to get a hold of Kay, you can contact her through the ABATE website or at her personal e-mail address of ksipple@live.com.

Some questions were asked regarding the report at the first of the year about the State's coffers being out of money for this year but now show approximately \$29,000. This was explained that the projection given was a "worst case scenario" and that was all it was. This is the first year that ABATE tried to form a budget and Officers had to guess what they would need and the income was not projected because of so many factors were unknown. We are looking good this year because the Swap Meet and Fossil produced more than expected and every Chapter had successful functions which helped to prevent the "worst case scenario" from happening. We also did some serious trimming in our usage of monies and this helped to make things come out much better.

Ted Tracy pointed out that the Planning Session is where we work on these issues and that we should be able to come up with a workable budget this year.

Brain Stovall, River City Chapter, stated that our Annual Meeting and Planning Session is where these issues are to be looked at for the next year.

Lee Austin, SE Portland Chapter, reported that Run 21 was a sell-out and the gross receipts were \$117,289.66. Expenses were \$84,004.69, which left a profit of \$33,284.97. He then presented a check to Kay for \$3,328.50 for the State.

Membership Secretary: Linda Henderson – Reported that we currently have about 1800 members. She stated that everyone should be receiving a letter from American Income Life insurance company regarding our free accidental death and dismemberment policy that each member of ABATE has with their paid membership. These letters will probably be followed up by a phone call from the company to sell more insurance to you. This is what they do to get business, so try to be understanding when you get the phone call. If you get a rude person on the phone, get their name and report it to the company or to Linda. Chapter Representatives please take this information to your Chapters. The current amount is a \$3,000 policy but you may purchase a higher coverage policy if you wish. The \$3,000 policy is a freebee. She also pointed out that she is mailing these out personally because no one has

a copy of our membership list and the list is not available to just anyone without Board of Directors approval. Not even to the Insurance Company.

Sanctioning Officer: Matt Price – Excused. Report sent in – “Due to a prior scheduled commitment I will not be able to attend the BOD meeting. I regret the absence and will be at the Planning Session. All currently submitted applications for sanctioning have been issued certificates or they are pending from the insurer.”

State Auditor: Richard Misener – Excused

Newsmagazine Editor: Rot Path – Rot Path thanked everyone for being here. He requested photos of Chapter road cleanup crews/signs from Chapters, as well as other activities. Please be sure to get release signatures for everyone in any of the pictures and include their names and occupations and the function. This will give a more real aspect to the people and the events.

Rot Path reported that he still does not have reports from Douglas County, Lincoln County, Josephine County and Willamette Valley. These Chapter reports are due by the 10th of each month. He has included the Twin Rivers party, WaCo Toy Run, Willamette Valley Casino Night, the State Swap Meet, the NCOM Convention and the Planning Session (which will include a map on how to get there).

Rot Path asked that everyone use their spell checker before sending in their reports so that possible embarrassing things don't show up. He tries to check everything but some things get by him. Brain Stovall said that River City Chapter loves to try and catch him making errors in his reports. He stated that this is one way he has found to see if people actually read the newsletters.

Rot Path reported that next Saturday is “Talk Like A Pirate Day”.

Legislative Director: Justin Handke – Excused. Jordan reported that he is trying to deal with issues and that Justin is just not available at this time.

A discussion about the new “Topping Off” law took place. This law went into effect in July 2009 and states that when filling your gas tank, the attendant must not top off your tank. So when the nozzle shuts off, you are done filling up. As you are permitted by law to fill your gas tank on a motorcycle, this law should not affect you, if you do it yourself. If an attendant does it and sticks the nozzle fully into your tank, well, you will then wind up with a problem of not much gas being put into your tank. Be careful of this and do not let an attendant “bully” you with this law.

Sergeant at Arms North: Randy Phipps – No report.

Sergeant at Arms South: Bill Foster – Reported that he is getting ready for the Fall Swap Meet and will be returning some computer equipment to the State that he has in his possession. One of the computers has an old membership list and that should be deleted before the computer is stored away.

Kay reported that help is needed at the Swap Meet from each Chapter to man the Entrance, collecting admission fees, Security and manning the ABATE Booth, passing out information and getting new members signed up. The Spring Swap meet was short handed and more help would be greatly appreciated. This is a State function which means that every Chapter is responsible to assist where they can.

Sergeant at Arms East: Jim Middleton – Reported that he will be working the Swap Meet.

Products Director: Dave Meeker – Absent.

Education Director: Patricia Carner – Reported that she has presented the “Share the Road” program about 400 times so far. She will not be presenting at the ACTS Conference due to a scheduling problem with ODOT.

Education Director II: Geoff White – Excused

Public Relations Director: Debra Lutje – She showed a mock-up/sample poster that can be personalized by each Chapter for their area. Billboards are very expensive and this is a very viable alternative. The actual posters will be in color with better graphics. There is a space for photographs but each person in the photos should be named with age, occupation, city/event and a waiver for the use of their picture. The cost would be about \$1,000 for 500 posters for each Chapter. Samples were given to each Chapter Representative to present to their Chapter for input on this idea. E-mail any questions to Debra at debra.lutje@gmail.com or through the ABATE website. She also mentioned the use of motorcycle websites for getting our information out. Rod Hatter suggested motorcyclebuzz.com and the Oregon Riders Forum was mentioned as good sites for this information.

State Run Coordinator (Fossil): Howie Long – Stated that the Fossil Committee meetings will start at the October BOD meeting (well, actually, 1 hour before the BOD). Looking at December for getting flyers out and more information. All ideas are welcomed and appreciated.

State Run Coordinator II: VACANT

State Swap Meet Coordinator: Patricia Carner – Reported that the Fall Swap Meet is ready to go. She has 500 flyers with her for passing out and many Chapters have received them as of last month. She asked everyone to do their “Sun Dance” as good weather always means a good Swap Meet and rain usually means a not-so-good Swap Meet. She asked for help[with Security, the Door and the ABATE Booth. She said that she has made some changes to make things easier for everyone, such as having the Vendor doors open at 4pm the day before instead of Noon. The public doors will open at 9am on Sunday, October 11th (the day after the BOD meeting).

Thank you Patricia for the Fantastic job you are doing in getting this going and the great work you have done for ABATE of Oregon.

Historian: Tonia Mosier -- Absent

Web Page Editor: Trace Ceccacci – No Report

Quartermaster: Ted Tracy – Ted thanked SE Portland Chapter for their purchase of an EZ Hitch for the Stage trailer. He also asked that all Chapter Representatives be at the Planning Session and the Annual Meeting/BOD meeting.

Ted initiated discussion on the new trailer purchase requested at the last BOD meeting and Jordan, Coordinator, decided that because Ted had to leave early that this would be a good time to open the tabled motion from August regarding the trailer. Ted showed pictures of a Chapter's trailer to give some idea of what he had in mind regarding the decals to be put on the trailer. He reported on a double axle trailer that was shown to him that was for sale. Discussion also included disposition of the old trailer and donating it to BikePAC for their use was one of the options discussed, as well as selling the old trailer outright. The motion was then opened and discussed.

Tabled Motion: Made by Allan Nichols, Waco Chapter, seconded by Howie Long, North Coast Chapter: "To replace cargo trailer with a New Interstate Loadrunner w/decals. Approximate cost \$3,000"

Amendment offered: Brian Stovall, River City Chapter, seconded by Rod Hatter, Willamette Valley Chapter: "Upgrade to a 2 axle trailer that Ted found".

Amendment voted upon and passed – 11 yes, 1 no.

Motion voted upon after amendment approved – 10 yes, 2 no –Motion Passed. Executive Board to decide the fate of the old trailer.

Ted reported that he needs the help of people to put the shelving in the Conex trailer and that he has a large casino table available to any Chapter that wants it. If a Chapter does not take it, it will be going to the dump. The Cushman problem was again discussed and Lee Austin reported that Robert Hale has the Cushmans and says that ABATE owes him money. This issue has been reported to the ABATE Attorney and is being dealt with, hopefully without any outside assistance.

ABATE's BikePAC Representative: Randy Phipps – Reported on the September 5th meeting at Nic Oliver's place in Alsea, Oregon. This included the resignation of the BikePAC Lobbyist, Wayne Schuemacher, due to health concerns. It was also noted that the new Legislative Director will be filling in as the contact at the Capitol. Brian Stovall made the comment that her actions would be severely limited unless registered as a Lobbyist. This is an issue that is being researched by BikePAC. Randy also reported that the main focus of BikePAC in the future will be: Increased penalties for causing the death of another rider or driver (law already on the books but looking to have the law enforced); The Right to Choose whether to wear a helmet or not (this means finding out who is against this and working to replace them in the legislature through the election process); Harassment Issues (regarding the stops for helmet checks that is coming over into Oregon from Washington State); The Discrimination Issue (riders being denied entry into business' due to clothing choices – another law not being enforced), Upcoming elections regarding our need to support our

friends and replacing our opponents. These issues will require that our presence be made known and everyone taking an active role and not just sitting on their butts and expect others to do the job. A questionnaire will be developed and sent to the people that are running for Senator or Representative positions and anyone not returning the questionnaire will be considered an opponent.

The “Stop Report Form” that is included in every Newsletter is an item that needs to be used every time that contact with a police officer is an essential item in tracking harassment issues. These issues will only grow if there is not a pattern being observed. This has worked many times in the past in fighting harassment issues and the form needs to be filled out and sent out every time you are in contact with the police. This includes in your car, on your bike or even if they come to your door.

Confederation of Clubs Representative: Gunny -- Absent

Confederation of Clubs Representative II: Kay Sipple – No Report

Unfinished Business –

Planning Session Report given by Nic that the VFW Hall in Cottage Grove has been reserved for us for the weekend of October 17-18. Jordan Kelly, Coordinator, stated that it was important for every Chapter to be in attendance to set the goals and agenda for the upcoming year. The more people, the better the ideas and more can be done. The need for every Chapter to have their Representatives at the Board Meeting on October 18th (Sunday) to vote on the agenda items is imperative and required.

Jordan also stated that there are motels available at a reasonable price. *Research revealed the exits for the Planning Session at the VFW Hall are as follows: From the North: I5 to exit 172 and from the South: I5 to exit 170. Address: 3160 Hillside Drive, Cottage Grove. Lodging includes reasonable pricing at the Relax Inn at 1030 Pacific Hwy, 541-942-5132 and the City Center Motel at 737 Hwy 99S, 541-942-5871 or 541-942-8322.*

Jordan also reported that the Elks Lodge in Cottage Grove has a steak dinner on Friday night for \$8 per person. He requested that anyone wishing to take advantage of this to please contact Jordan so that he can give them an approximate head count.

Motion #2 (Motion #1 previously taken care of during the Quartermaster report): made by Randy Phipps, Twin Rivers Chapter, seconded by Bob Highfill, Lincoln County Chapter: “That ABATE of Oregon sponsor up to 4 people to attend the ACTS Safety Conference on October 27-29 in Hood River, Oregon.” Discussion ensued and included a history on ABATE’s role in this venue. It was shown that ABATE has a history of involvement and a Life Corporate Membership and our presence should be represented. ABATE of Oregon is currently the only Life Corporate Member. Voting took place and passed unanimously (12-0). Attendees recommended at this meeting are Randy Phipps, Mel Yeager and Richard Misener. The Treasurer was instructed to follow up and pay the registration and room fees.

9/13 Cancer Warriors Run presented by Willamette Valley Chapter. Poker Run to start at 9am at Central Valley Cycle in Eugene. For more information contact Willamette Valley Chapter

9/18-20 End of Summer Run presented by WaCo Chapter. Megan James will be performing. Go to wacoabate.info for more information.

9/19 Teddy Bear Run presented by Central Oregon Chapter. It will start at the North Side Bar and Grill in Bend. For more information contact Central Oregon Chapter.

9/24-27 MRF Meeting of the Minds Conference, National Level, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, Sheraton Hotel.

9/26 2009 Family Picnic at the Eagle Fern Park in Estacada, OR. Starts around 11am and food and sodas provided. BYOB.

10/4 Josephine County 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.

10/11 ABATE of Oregon Swap Meet at the National Guard Armory in Portland. For more information contact Patricia Carner at the ABATE of Oregon website.

10/17-18 ABATE of Oregon Planning Session and Annual Meeting at the VFW Hall in Cottage Grove. The Annual Board of Director Meeting will be on Sunday at Noon, after the Planning Session. This is a must attend event for Chapter Representatives, like every BOD meeting and every Chapter should plan on sending at least one Representative to the Planning session. Exit off of I5 from the North is #172 and Exit #170 if coming from the South on I5. Address is 3160 Hillside Drive in Cottage Grove. Contact Nic at (541) 223-3827 for more information.

10/17-18 NCOM Regional Convention at the Holiday Inn at the Portland Airport. This is a very important event and needs some people to attend, which are not attending the Planning Session. For more information contact Gunny at (800) 531-2424.

10/23-24 Hub City Mall Show at the Heritage Mall in Albany, Oregon. Presented by the Hub City Chapter. For more information go to hubcityabate.com

11/21 Stan Johnston Memorial Toy Run presented by WaCo Chapter. For more information go to wacoabate.info.

Meeting adjourned 2:34 PM