



*Dedicated to Freedom of the Road.*

**A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.**  
P. O. Box 4504, Portland, Oregon 97208

**State Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Saturday, April 10, 2010,**  
**Eagles Lodge, Albany, Oregon**

*A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.*  
*promotes motorcycle awareness,*  
*education, safety and liberty*  
*through community involvement*  
*and legislative action.*

The meeting was called to order by **Coordinator, Ted Tracy** at 12:10 pm with 13 of 15 chapters represented, all chapters present were eligible to vote this meeting. Douglas County and Willamette Valley were absent.

**The Pledge of Allegiance** was recited by the group followed by a **Moment of Silence** for Downed Brothers/Sisters and Service Men/Women.

**Guests and First Time Attendees**, were introduced: from Klamath County, Alice, and Delbert Shay; and Scott from River city.

Motion was made by Matt Price to adopt State Board of Directors Meeting Minutes from March 13, 2010 as printed in the State Newsmagazine, seconded by Randy Phipps, and passed.

**Coordinator**, Ted Tracy, informed the group that he will not be at the May 1<sup>st</sup> Rally because of Family doings in Anacortes. He read a letter from a former SE Portland member and said he will address it in his report in the NewsMag.

Secretary, Glenyce Jackson, reminded everyone that the end of the minutes was not in the printed copy in the paper but if anyone wanted to read the tale's end she has the complete version. There has not been a volunteer to fill in for May 8 meeting. Please, someone step up because she will be at the NCOM Convention. Thank you, Chapter secretaries, for sending minutes in.

**Vice-Coordinator North**, Alan Nichols, says he is organizing a group ride to the May Awareness Rally and would like to get together more Riders from the North than Spanky has from the South. Get in touch with him for details.

**Vice-Coordinator South**, Pat “Spanky” Allen, says, See you at the Swap Meet and check out the United Bikers. The group of Riders from the South can camp at Hub City Friday night before riding in to the Rally. If we all join together we can get back the “old spirit” and be more successful.

**Vice-Coordinator East**, Gene Mortimore, reported that tomorrow he will start the Clean-Up at the Park for the Fossil Camp-Out. He also displayed the leather jacket donated by Stewart Leathers for the Raffle and explained to the newcomers that it would be custom fitted to whoever wins it. Buy lots of tickets. The coat is valued at more than \$600.

**Treasurer**, Kay Sipple, gave a brief report of the balances and reminded the Chapters to turn in their Financial reports on a regular basis.

**Membership Secretary**, Linda Henderson, reported that there are 1789 current members with 54 memberships expiring this month. She is working on a method to track new members for a better approach when renewal time rolls around.

**Sanctioning Officer**, Matt Price, told the group that everything submitted is sanctioned and he reminded all Chapters to get an accurate head count at their events. He said the forms have been updated on the web page so, download them and use them!

**State Auditor**, Connie Kintz, has been making her way through the paperwork and has finished through January 2010. She said at this point there are 3 Chapters in 90-day delinquency and 6 Chapters in 60-day delinquency. If they don't get their financial reports in before next meeting, they will not be able to vote until they do fulfill their obligations. Those Chapters will be getting calls from her and the Coordinator. Ted added that ABATE will not be paying any more fines to the IRS!!!

**News Magazine Editor**, Rot Path, made his report as the Friendly Gnome. He thanked everyone for being present and hopes everyone enjoyed the Lirpa issue. He asked that all Chapters get their reports in to him by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month because that is what makes the Paper good. We should all use the Paper to support our Mission Statement, to educate, and to promote our projects. It's free advertising for all sanctioned events so make use of it! The red-haired Gnome donated a brand new HP printer and some posters for the raffle which supports BikePAC. He urged everyone to wear their gnome hats for the May 1 Rally for fun and promotion. Next month will be his Centennial Issue so expect something Special!

**Legislative Director**, Randy Phipps, talked about “Obama Care” and how 15 states have filed suit against the legality of the bill. He reported that the Governor recently vetoed 3 health care bills and reminded everyone to vote in the Primary in May.

**MRF Rep, Jay Jackson**, asked everyone to be careful and watch out for the 4-wheel drivers. He reminded the group to call MRF lobbyist in Washington, D.C. with any concerns or ideas on national issues and said the MRF is still working on the Right to Repair bill and Product Safety issues.

**AIM/NCOM, Gunny**, reminded the group about the NCOM Convention in Orlando and said what a great experience it is. He said that AIM is always ready to help Bikers with legal issues. Bill Foster asked if Oregon could use the highway reader boards like California does for Motorcycle Safety messages. After lots of discussion Matt said he has tried and ODOT will not do it.

Don had BikePAC legislative information. He reported that the bill boards are up for this year on Highway 34. He said to use your Chapter meeting for a Candidate forum about motorcycle issues. He said Heidi Disrud has put together good information about the Candidates for BikePac.

**C of C Rep. North:** Jay Jackson --No Report

**C of C Rep. South**, Pat "Spanky" Allen, reported that the COC is facing an issue with uninvited people showing up so he reminded everyone that no one goes to a meeting without an invitation unless they are with a Club member in good standing. Gunny added that is because of cops using devious ways to try to infiltrate Club business.

**Sergeant at Arms North**, Randy Phipps, says he needs help for the Swap Meet from every Chapter's Sergeant at Arms for Security, Gate duty, etc. Please volunteer.

**Sergeant at Arms South**, Bill Foster, and Membership Director for BikePAC, says the security procedures for Fossil have been finalized and the list of items needed has been submitted.

**Sergeant at Arms East**, Jim Middleton, seconds everything Bill said and asks for help from Everyone to make Fossil fun and successful.

**Products Director**, Dave Meeker, has finished the inventory and received some art work for the Fossil shirts. He has ordered name patches for the new Chapters so they need to let him know how many they need.

**Education Director**, Geoff White, visited Lower Columbia Chapter and certified 4 new Instructors to work in the school driver's ed programs. They will teach motorcycle awareness to the new drivers. He also said he has the key fobs on hand if you want some to pass out to the students. See you at the May 1 Rally!!

**Public Relations Director**, Debra Lutje, thanked her helpers for getting the post cards ready to mail. She urged everyone to take some back to the Chapters. She will be making a presentation to an off-road motorcycle group and hopefully recruit some new members soon. All Riders need to join forces.

**State Run Coordinator (Fossil)**, Howie Long, reports the Fossil schedule is on the web site and tickets are available there also by using PayPal. This year there are day passes too. The committee needs more raffle items. Will every Chapter make it a point to bring some items? He thanked Lincoln County for really helping. They need the load leveling hitch to pull the stage. Ted said WaCo will get it repaired right away. Bill reminded all the Chapters to bring garbage

bags. 2 boxes. There will be the big Work Party May 15. Gene said the people across the road from Bear Hollow have camping space for campers. Fire wood will be available at the gate.

**State Run Coordinator II**, Rick Prentice, said Howie gave a good report. He urged everyone to get the word out, put up all the posters, talk to everyone you meet about it, make sure all riders know what a fun time Fossil is.

**State Swap Meet Coordinator:** VACANT – Ted asked the Chapters to encourage their Members to take on this position while Patricia is still available to show them how to get the job done.

**Historian:** VACANT-

**WebPage Editor:** Trace Ceccacci – No Report

**Quartermaster**, Dwayne Sterba, reported they worked hard , got the shelves put up in the Conex, and got things in order. You can get in the Conex and find what you are looking for.

**ABATE's BikePAC Representative**, Randy Phipps, passed out a Press Release to everyone and urged them to go to the web site. Matt Price said he went to the Advisory Council for Motorcycle Safety. He gave the latest statistics about MC deaths and emphasized the fact that impaired riders are killing themselves at an alarming rate. We need to watch out for our friends and not let them ride impaired. Educate new Riders to good group riding habits. Be safe!

### **Unfinished Business:**

Motion #4 Regarding A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Operating Procedures- (tabled 3/13/10 cont. to 4/10/10) The committee met and will have positive report next month and a workable document.

Discussion about the Defenders Program (tabled 3/13/10) Coordinator Ted read a motion to withdraw the previous motion regarding the Defenders Program. It was seconded by Bob Highfill and passed by the Reps.

Lee Austin moved to have ABATE of Oregon form its own “Defender Program”—Call to Action. Seconded by Dwayne Sterba. Discussion. The motion passed. (Ted has the full copy of the motion.)

### **New Business:**

Products Director, Dave Meeker, asked for a vote by the Reps on the 2 different art work submitted. One piece is a bright graphic and the other is a copy of the Fossil poster. The Reps were split 50/50. Dave will make the final decision for a surprise at Fossil.

### **Announcements:**

**Next State Board of Directors Meeting: May 8, 2010, at the Eagles Lodge, Albany, OR at Noon.**

May 8<sup>th</sup> Saturday- LoCo's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spring Run

May 6 -9, 2010, - NCOM Convention, Orlando, Florida

May 21-23, 2010 - Southern Oregon Swap Meet by JoCo

June 11 -13, 2010 - MRF Best of the West Seminar, Boise, Idaho

Aug 7, Saturday, - JoCo's Run to the Coast

Aug 2010 - JoCo/Douglas County's SOS Campout

Sept 19, Sunday - JoCo's Last Chance Social

Oct 3, 2010 - JoCo's Grants Pass Toy Run

...and MORE than there's room for here.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Ted thanked all the State Officers for being present. Raffle prizes were drawn. \$120 was given to BikePAC. Thank you, All.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Glenyce Jackson,  
Recording Secretary, A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon