

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

Meeting was called to order by Gene Mortimore, Vice-Coordinator East, at 12:15pm with 12 of 13 Chapters represented. All Chapters present were eligible to vote. Absent Chapters – Douglas County.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Guests and First Time attendees: Karen, Josephine County; Ian Aylward, Lincoln County.

Motion made by Brian Stovall, River City 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: Gene Mortimore, Vice-Coordinator East - This is going to be a fast meeting. Jordan had a death in the family and is unable to attend. Ted Tracy who was going to run this meeting had to attend to a family emergency at the last minute. His son contracted appendicitis. May have to leave meeting early, if we don't get done. Have a time constraint to meet.

Secretary Report & Correspondence: Reported that he has just received the mail and as soon as it is logged in, it will be distributed appropriately. Spoke on an email received by the Coordinator regarding a link provided by the Motorcycle Superstore direct to ABATE of Oregon's website. This link was provided free of charge and is the first one on their "Links" list. They asked if we would give them a link to their site from our WebPage. This was discussed and Trace, our Webmaster, said that this is common practice and no liability on our side and at no cost. It was decided to have Trace make the link.

Nic then spoke on an email he had received from Matt Price and Rot Path regarding a T-shirt design that looks like the POW/MIA design. Nic stated that he felt this was a direct slap in the face to Veterans and asked for opinions. Gunny spoke very angrily about this and the email was passed around with the picture of the design included. The response was that this was unacceptable in its entirety and Gene Mortimore directed Nic to send a letter berating this design and demand its removal from use, as directed by the members. (*email copy on file*).

Vice Coordinator North: Ted Tracy – Excused – Family emergency.

Vice Coordinator South: Annette Murray – Excused due to health.

Vice Coordinator East: Gene Mortimore – Reiterated that this will be a short meeting as he is on a short time limit himself. He spoke about the Spray letter issue, regarding their

request for our support in their endeavor to build an outdoor public restroom similar to the one in Fossil that we supported. Gene stated that the climate in Spray has changed over the years to one of acceptance and welcome to the motorcycling community. Gene also stated that he felt we should support the one in Spray just as we did in Fossil.

Gene also reported that the stage trailer has brakes on it. They are just not wired in for use and he thinks the cost to get the brakes working would be about Five dollars. He also asked about two Cushmans (golf carts) that belong to ABATE. There are only rumors and no Cushmans. We need to account for these items. Goeff White said the last he heard of them was at Run 21 and he will check to see what SE Portland Chapter knows about them.

Treasurer: Kay Sipple – Reported that we currently have \$6,996 in checking, \$3,049 in CD, \$10,491 in Savings. Total of \$20,537.00. Reported that finally all of 2007 is in to the CPA. There is still some stuff needed for 2008. Please, each Chapter Representative check with your Chapter and if Bank Statements or other things not already turned in, please get them turned in as soon as possible. Time is money we don't have.

Membership Secretary: Linda Henderson – Excused. Report turned in. Nic read report as sent in via email. “My report is as follows: Monthly reports were mailed to each Chapter 06April09. Included in the mailing were 10 new member packets. If any Chapter is in need of trifolds, please call the toll-free number and I will make arrangements to get them out. There were 3 Team Oregon reimbursement requests sent to the Treasurer in March, including one that was originally submitted in 2008 but reimbursement was never processed by the then-Treasurer. The total expense was \$225 for March, \$354.50 for the year so far. We also have a new Life Member: Stanley Lathrom of Hub City. Please feel free to email for phone me if you have questions or need supplies. Respectfully submitted, Linda Henderson, State Membership Secretary.” We currently have 1903 members.

Gunny spoke on NCOM making available to ABATE of Oregon, at no cost whatsoever, plastic ID cards instead of the paper ones, if we want them. This raised the issue of giving out our membership list, which is something we historically do not do. It was decided to have the Chapters discuss this issue. Nic was given example cards to pass around. They are the size of a credit card.

Sanctioning Officer: Matt Price – Reported that all Runs submitted to date are approved and sanctioned, with the exception of Run 21 and Beaver Creek. There is on hold pending receipt of Liquor licensing and insurance information.

State Auditor: Richard Misener – Reported that he has received a number of reports but there are still some missing. Asked that all Chapter Representatives follow up with their Chapter to see if they have turned in everything needed thus far.

Newsmagazine Editor: Rot Path – Excused – Report turned in via email. Nic read report: “I won't be able to attend the ABATE State Board meeting this Saturday, 11 April. So far no Chapter or Officer reports have been turned in for the May issue. (No doubt because so many people have gone cross-eyed trying to see a three dimensional image on the Lirpa cover.) If someone would snag me 10 or 20 extra copies of the April issue and bring them

to the May meeting, good quality chocolate could be in their future. Enjoy the good weather, Rot Path.”

The question was raised regarding the advertisement monies. Where is the money coming from and where is it going? Kay reported that no monies have ever come through her and she has seen no accounting for this at all, except for what Gene gave her today. This is an issue that needs to be looked into as soon as Rot Path is available.

Legislative Director: Justin Handke – Absent

Sergeant at Arms North: Randy Phipps – Reported that Fossil and the Swap Meet are coming up and he has sign-up sheets that he will be sending to every Chapter to get people to help out. The more that sign up, the less any one person has to do.

Sergeant at Arms South: Bill Foster – Reported that he went to the Josephine County and Douglas County Chapter’s meetings. He reported good results from both Chapters and things will be improving. He also reported that he will be working the ABATE booth at the Awareness Rally and welcomes any help.

Sergeant at Arms East: Jim Middleton – Excused -- Working

Products Director: Dave Meeker – Reported that the artwork is ready for the T-shirts for Fossil and he is getting the rest ready.

Education Director: Patricia Carner – Thanked everyone for putting out the road signs. There may be more in the future. She reported that she is going to be a speaker at the upcoming Transportation Conference in August. Congratulations PAT !

Education Director II: Geoff White – Reported that another class has been requested by David Douglas High School and it will be coming up very soon.

Public Relations Director: Debra Lutje – Reported that the maps are out for Eastern Oregon with our advertisement in it. These maps have a slick covering to protect them from the weather and show roads, towns, scenic areas, restrooms and other areas of interest in Central and Eastern Oregon. Very nice maps. She also reported that she has put together a folder for each Chapter on PR to assist them in their endeavors.

State Run Coordinator (Fossil): VACANT

State Run Coordinator II: Howie Long – Reported that things are progressing smoothly. River City has stepped up and volunteered to help with clean-up after the run. Gene has been working on the grounds and any volunteers are welcome. Chapters please get the signs/posters into the shops and anyplace else possible. Howie talked about the games being at the park but the Bike Show will be in town. More people get in on the show that way.

State Swap Meet Coordinator: Patricia Carner – Reported that the Swap Meet is now in profit mode with a \$600 deposit and vendors already on board. There is help needed with

set-up and security. Security is very important as there are 4 different points to cover and more bodies make it very easily done.

Historian: VACANT --

Web Page Editor: Trace Ceccacci – Reported that the web name was about to expire but has June 30, 2011 on all of the names. He also reported that he has made available all the Newsletters back to 2002 are now available on the website.

Quartermaster: Ted Tracy -- Excused – Patricia Carner reported that the tarp has been cleaned and repaired and the bill will be ready for Kay soon. The site for the trailer is very secure. She has been getting reports on visitors to the trailer and the reports were on her. It was reported that Ted has two axles for the trailer and any questions should call him. Howie asked about the bag for the tarp and he reported a seam tear in the bag.

ABATE's BikePAC Representative: Randy Phipps –. Missed the meeting. Nic said the meeting was informal due to lack of a quorum. He reported that at this time the Vulnerable User bill is going to the floor of the House with motorcycles added. Nic also reported that the Awareness Rally, called the Thunder Rally this year, is confirmed and has four confirmed speakers from our legislature and a live band and food vendors. Nic also stated that it is time for the members of ABATE of Oregon to stand up and be counted. It is their support, their ideals and their rights that contribute to their safety as motorcyclists in Oregon. If only ¼ th of ABATE were to ride there, that would mean at least 450 bikes! That is a hell of a statement! This is what ABATE is all about and what we were founded upon, legislative action! Awareness! And Safety through Education!

Confederation of Clubs Representative: Patricia Williams – Excused – Medical

Confederation of Clubs Representative II: Kay Sipple – Stated that her aunt is close to death and did not make the CoC meeting. So, no report.

Unfinished Business –

Operations Manual Committee report given by Nic. He stated that he has not finished the work as he had hoped. He has been spending all his free time working on his bike and other things have taken a back seat. Brian Stovall reported that he has given Nic the work he has done on the Articles of Incorporation. Nic said he hopes to have a report next BOD.

Tabled Motion: 3/14/09 – Motion made by Brian Stovall, River City Chapter; seconded by Bob Highfill, Lincoln County Chapter; “ONPA ad for June \$500” Tabled on 3/14/09. Discussion then again ensued with both sides being addressed. Voting was called for and resulted in: Favor – 4, Against – 5, Abstentions – 3. Motion Failed.

Vacant officer positions nominations:

Run Coordinator I (Fossil): None

Historian: None

Meeting of the Minds Conference – Registration is reported as good to go for 4 people.

New Business:

Nic has been directed to write a letter on behalf of ABATE of Oregon regarding the disgraceful logo defacement of the POW/MIA logo.

New Motions:

- 1) Motion made by Allan N., Washington County Chapter; seconded by Nic Oliver, Hub City Chapter; “airfare and hotel for NCOM – 5-7 to 5-10,2009, for K. Sipple, Jordan Kelley, Justin Handke. To pay airfare to and from NCOM in Reno and hotel room”. Comments included that Sam Hochberg will pay for the room for Jordan. Voting called for and resulted in: Favor – 11, Against – 0, Abstention – 1. Motion Passed
- 2) Motion made by Nic Oliver, Hub City Chapter; seconded by Rod Hatter, Willamette Valley Chapter; “To support the City of Spray a pledge not to exceed \$100.” This is regarding the Spray letter and Gene’s investigation. Voting was called for and resulted in: Favor – 12. Motion Passed
- 3) Motion made by Bob Highfill, Lincoln County Chapter; seconded by Randy Phipps, Twin Rivers Chapter; “Move cover expenses for Best of the West in Phoenix for 2 people to include registration, hotel and airfare.” Motion discussed briefly and a vote was called resulting in: Favor – 12. Motion Passed.

The need to start looking towards next year was briefly addressed. This included a suggestion from Rod Hatter that a committee be formed to start thinking about the Planning Session in October. Rod, Pat C and Nic volunteered to sit on that Committee.

Announcements:

Next State Board of Directors Meeting: May 9th, 2009; at the Eagles Lodge, Albany, Oregon, at noon.

Central Oregon Chapter announced that they have moved their meeting place to the Northside Bar and Grill. Everyone is welcome.

4/25 Cherry Festival in the Dalles, River City is selling Teddy Bears for \$20 each till March 27 for charity. Come join the Teddy Bear Run, Poker Run and Cherry festival.

5/2/2009 May Awareness Rally and Bike Show at the Capitol. More information to come regarding this event. Staging to flood downtown Salem with motorcycles takes place from 8am to 9am at the old Kmart parking lot on North Portland Road. See flyer for more details.

5/7-11 NCOM convention in Reno, Nevada

5/9/2009 "Papa's Toys" Annual Open House car show of Custom Cars from 10am to 3pm. 495 N Holladay Street, Cornelius, Oregon. 503-260-6451.

5/16/2009 Willamette Valley Chapter invites everyone to their Rhody Poker Run. Flyer on the ABATE of Oregon website link or call 541-485-2352.

5/17 Governors Advisory Committee meeting at the usual place in Salem at 6pm.

5/22-25/09 32nd Annual Fossil Campout. Good times at Bear Hollow campsite. Bike Show in Fossil, live bands, good food, good friends. GREAT TIMES!!!

Tickets are available at meetings and at the Awareness Rally. Come get your ticket there and get \$5 off the ticket price for the Fossil Run!

6/6 Hub City presents it's 8th Annual Poker Run. Meet at 10am at Humpty's Dump Bar and Grill at 916 NE Old Salem Road in Albany. Come have a GREAT Time! For more information call Don Mason at 541-791-1919

6/12-14/09 Best of the West Conference in Phoenix, Arizona

6/14 Roll-N-Ride presented by Washington County Chapter. Beaverton Honda-Yamaha at 10380 Cascade Blvd in Tigard is the starting point at 10am. Call Len Punzel for more information at 503-680-3269

6/27 Around Saddle Mountain Poker Run presented by North Coast Chapter. Contact Don Kelly at 503-325-3566 for more information.

July is the time for 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.

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

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

9/12-20/09 End of Summer Run by WACO. Go to website for more information.

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

Meeting adjourned 3:05 PM