

**June 13, 2009, Albany Eagles Lodge, Albany, Oregon
Minutes By Recording Secretary, Nic Oliver**

Meeting was called to order by Jordan Kelly, Coordinator, at 12:23pm with 12 of 13 Chapters represented. All Chapters present were eligible to vote. Excused Chapters (called in prior to meeting) – LoCo (Lower Columbia).

Pledge of Allegiance

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

The loss of our Dear Sister, Patricia “Crazy Lady” Williams happened on 6/9/2009. Many people spoke briefly on the ways that Pat touched their lives.

Linda Henderson commented on how Pat joined ABATE in February 2001 as a member of River City Chapter and also served the State Board of Directors as the CoC Representative I.

Linda also read an original writing and it is included here:

By Linda Henderson

10,000 Days

Just under 27 ½ years

10,000 Hours

Almost 417 days

10,000 Miles

Almost 182 miles (but who travels at 55 mph?)

10,000 Heartbeats

10,000 Smiles

10,000 Memories

Always smiling, always willing, always there when she could be.

Never volunteering to admit the pain.

Understanding that the very thing she needed to save her life would come at the ultimate sacrifice to another.

Such a bitter irony for a woman who wanted to help anyone who needed it.

10,000 Tears

10,000 Friends

10,000 is retired now.

Thank you Linda for this beautiful thought.

Guests and First Time attendees: DJ, Representative from Douglas County Chapter, Elvis McMurrian.

Motion made by Randy Phipps, Twin Rivers Chapter, to accept minutes from March 14th State Board meeting as printed in the Newsmagazine; Bob Highfill, Lincoln County Chapter, seconded the motion. Motion passed

Coordinator Comments: Jordan Kelley – Jordan thanked everyone for their patience as his step-mother just passed. Thanked River City Chapter for all of their help at Fossil. Fossil and the Swap Meet were both successes' this year. People are stepping up and doing something and this is what we need but this needs to go further. These are exactly the types of actions that we need to take to the Capitol in Salem. Everyone needs to be in contact with their legislators by email, letter, phone and in person whenever possible. The legislators need to know that we are concerned and that we are watching and taking an active role. We either need to move forward or we will fall behind.

Secretary Report & Correspondence: Announced that we have a lot of newsletters from around the country if anyone is interested in reading them. Also a copy of In The Wind is available (*Jordan snagged this issue*).

Vice Coordinator North: Ted Tracy – Excused. At a fundraiser.

Vice Coordinator South: Annette Murray – Absent

Vice Coordinator East: Gene Mortimore – Excused. Nic read the report given him by Howie from Gene. “It doesn't always rain in Fossil on Memorial weekend. There are too many to thank for their efforts, however, the River City Chapter was clearly the most dominant force by percentage. Everything has been removed from Bear Hollow and the park host was happy. We raised \$500 for the EMT's. The museum people were impressed with the trailer load of cans, don't know the amount yet (Howie updated this to approximately \$200). The only outstanding bills that I know of are Vista Sanitation and the garbage. Don't know the amount of the garbage bill but the amount was about 2,000 pounds. I have made arrangements to have the ticket booth moved out to Homer's and will soon have everything moved into the new storage building and will also inventory everything.”

Treasurer: Kay Sipple – Kay stood up and tried to say “No Report” but after everyone had a good laugh she reported that we have \$17,635 in Checking and our CD has \$3,060 and there is \$17,195 in the Savings. The bank tried to charge us \$1.50 for over \$5,000 in cash that we deposited into our account so Kay reported that she put \$5,000 in Savings and Checking so there was no charge. She reported that we had an income of about \$17,270 and expenses of about \$11,000 for Fossil. The Swap Meet had an income of about \$10,000. (*Complete report sent by e-mail to Secretary on 6/14 and will be available for review upon request but will not be processed here due to too much repetition.*)

Kay and Jordan had been doing some research into mileage reimbursements, just out of curiosity. Kay reported that the Feds set mileage reimbursements at 24 cents a mile for a 4 wheeled car and 14 cents per mile for a motorcycle. From last November through May 31st there has been mileage reimbursements of about \$2,000. Dave Meeker suggested that Kay talk with our CPA regarding the appropriate level to set this at. This will be looked at closer at the Planning Session in October.

Membership Secretary: Linda Henderson – Report handed in. Current membership is 1782. New members were signed up at both Fossil and at the Swap Meet.

Reported that American Income Life may be increasing the Accidental Death/Dismemberment Policy on all ABATE members to \$3,000. This is at no cost to ABATE or its membership but if more insurance is wanted then the individual must purchase a separate policy.

Sanctioning Officer: Matt Price – Excused. Report called in to Nic prior to start of meeting. Report: Everything to this point is done and all events are insured as submitted.

State Auditor: Richard Misener – Absent

Newsmagazine Editor: Rot Path – Reported that Douglas County, Josephine County, SE Portland and Twin Rivers still have not submitted their reports for the July Newsletter. These monthly reports are due no later than the 10th of the month. (The 10th of June to be in the July Newsletter, etc.)

Legislative Director: Justin Handke – Absent

Sergeant at Arms North: Randy Phipps – Reported that due to family problems he was not able to attend Fossil. Bill Foster covered it well. He also reported that he had good help at the Swap Meet and thanked everyone for their help. He did notice that there was only one person from Douglas County there and no one from Josephine County.

Sergeant at Arms South: Bill Foster – Reported that Fossil was the easiest function he had ever done. He also enjoyed working with Jim Middleton, Sgt at Arms East. Jim was running around with 5 kids hanging on his quad picking up garbage. He reported that the Swap Meet was also very smooth and that there were no problems. He also stated that he worked the booth at the Awareness Rally and thanked everyone for their help.

Sergeant at Arms East: Jim Middleton – Reported that Fossil was a big success with only one accident and that was Bill Foster kicking a chair and hurting his foot. He said that he will be attending/working Run 21 and the Spring Opener. He is also signed up for a Team Oregon class very soon. (*Everyone good naturedly teased Jim about no one being able to keep up with him so Team Oregon might be a good thing for him.*)

Products Director: Dave Meeker – Reported that Fossil 2010 is the 33rd Annual event and people should start getting their artwork ready now and avoid the rush at the end. He

reported \$2,744 in sales with a cost thus far of \$2,062. He had an income of \$35 from the Swap Meet. We gave away 341 2009 year bars at Fossil and had to order 200 more. Had a Fossil income of \$682. He also took in 142 ABATE bucks. A lot of last year's Fossil shirts sold and there was \$135 in extra door prize tickets sold.

Education Director: Patricia Carner – Reported that she still needs to get new lawn signs. Things for Education have fallen a bit behind due to Fossil and the Swap Meet. She has received a request from DMV on how motorcycles deal with farm equipment and with animals on the roads. She reported that she is still going over the new program that is going on CD and the practical applications of it. She also stated that she has a lot of speaking engagements over the next few months that will promote Awareness and Safety of motorcycles. She will be meeting with Geoff (Education Director II) next week.

Education Director II: Geoff White – Excused – No report.

Public Relations Director: Debra Lutje – Reported that she has sent out press releases on what we are doing. Uncle Bob (Bob Highfill of Lincoln County Chapter) gave her a copy of an article from the LEO (Law Enforcement Officer) in Lincoln County. The article is entitled “Law enforcement tip of the week” and this one featured “Motorcycle safety for riders and motorists”. *(This article will be included in the hard copy of the minutes for review at any time.)*

State Run Coordinator (Fossil): VACANT

State Run Coordinator II: Howie Long – Reported that we had a GREAT Fossil this year. The weather was the best in the last 10 years. Howie pointed out that without Gene Mortimore, Fossil would not have happened anywhere near the way it did. He wanted to publicly thank Gene for all of his work and Gene's wife for putting up with everything. Unfortunately, Gene was not here to get the acclaim that he has earned many times over. Jeff Shauer ran the gate and was there most of the time. He did a fantastic job and kept things smooth and trouble free. Thanks to Jeff for his tremendous contribution. Howie said that Jeff was “Awesome”. Debra's work with the media was great and Security was fantastic but there could be a problem if we don't get more help. If there had been a problem, Howie stated that we might not have been able to handle it and maybe we should consider hiring security. *(This did not meet with much acceptance)* Pat and Kay handled the books well and the total income (before expenses) was approximately \$21,594.00 and expenses (also an estimate) were \$11,438.31 for a net (estimate) profit of \$10,165.59.

There were a couple of problems like the porta-potties filled up on Thursday before the Run officially started. The sanitation company was tremendous at helping keep this “going” well. Howie thanked his “team” for all of their work and suggested that any suggestions or complaints need to go to him directly and not to his team members. He stated that he is the one responsible and his team are only following his directions.

Lincoln County Chapter put on great games and ran things like a well oiled machine. Thanks to Lincoln County for their tremendous work. The Big-4 Chapters in attendance were Lincoln County, Waco, River City and SE Portland. All of whom chipped in and were a tremendous help. River City was there before and after the Run and their work was invaluable. Every function, such as the Poker Run, was well attended by the people at the Run. LoCo's contribution of a tremendous amount of toilet paper really came in handy and Howie says thank you very much to Lower Columbia Chapter.

Howie reported that there will be no Fall Run this year, as suggested at the last meeting. There is not enough time to put together, get media involved and prepare. A Fall Run may be considered for next year.

Added note: A rider went down and was hurt. There will be an oil wrestling benefit at Run 21 to help his family (wife and 4 kids) while he is recovering.

State Swap Meet Coordinator: Patricia Carner – Report handed in. Reported that the Swap Meet went very smoothly. Pat said thanks to the ladies of SE Portland for their help in manning the entry all day with members from WaCo. They all did a fantastic job. The day was very sunny and got very hot, so the Swap Meet closed a bit early to allow for more riding.

Dates for the next Swap Meets are: Fall Swap Meet is the second Sunday in October (October 11th) right after the Board of Directors meeting. Spring Swap Meet is the 3rd Sunday in May (May 15th). This allows for the Rhodie Run and Fossil without interfering with either. These dates are subject to deployment and arrival of the troops at the armory so they may change if necessary.

Bill Foster reported that Security was very smooth but they did run out of parking in front for motorcycles and had to open the side parking as well as part of the vendor area. Things still went smoothly without any problems.

Historian: VACANT --

Web Page Editor: Trace Ceccacci – Asked for good photos for the website of Fossil and the Swap Meet.

Quartermaster: Ted Tracy -- Excused – at a fundraiser.

ABATE's BikePAC Representative: Randy Phipps –. Read from the BikePAC 6/6/2009 minutes. Announced that Quiet Mike had resigned as Legislative Director and that Heidi Disrud had applied for the position and was elected as the new Legislative Director of BikePAC. The July and August meetings have been cancelled, unless something unexpected comes up. The next meeting will be the first Saturday in September. BikePAC is claiming 3 wins and 1 loss and 1 stalemate. The loss is in the change in the Vulnerable User bill which died due to changes made by Senator Larry George when the bill was in round 2. The stalemate was again the helmet modification bill. It never left committee.

The 3 wins were in 3 different bills in which language changes made/supported by Bike-PAC protected motorcyclists in Oregon. Nic Oliver, Executive Director, asked for the second installment of \$6,000, previously approved by the BOD, to be paid at this time.

Confederation of Clubs Representative: VACANT (Patricia Williams passed on 6/9/2009)

Confederation of Clubs Representative II: Kay Sipple – Reported that the NCOM Convention was awesome. She unfortunately left her notes at home so she didn't have a concise report to give. The next meeting will be in July 2009.

Unfinished Business –

Vacant officer positions nominations:

Run Coordinator I (Fossil): Howie was nominated and accepted. Voting confirmed. Congratulations Howie Long as the New Run Coordinator I (Fossil)
Historian: Tonia Mosier from Douglas County was nominated and accepted. Voting confirmed and Congratulations to Tonia Mosier as the new Historian.
CoC Representative I: Gunny was nominated and accepted. Voting confirmed and Congratulations to Gunny, the new CoC Representative I.

Tabled motion from last month regarding payment of room rent to the Eagles Lodge was removed by the submitter of the motion, with agreement from the second. It was found that the motion was not needed.

New Business:

Clark County is having a Swap Meet and Linda Henderson wants a booth there. This was discussed and agreed that a booth is needed. Linda asked that volunteers to help man the booth call her at the ABATE toll free number, 1-877-552-2283. Time is short as the Swap Meet is June 27th. See Announcements below for more information.

The upcoming NCOM Regional Convention taking place October 17-18 at the Holiday Inn at the Portland Airport was discussed and Gunny proposed ABATE have a hospitality room there. This generated a lot of heated discussion as Brian pointed out that this conflicts with ABATE's Planning Session, taking place the same weekend. It was decided that ABATE's Planning Session has been worked over and over and settled on the dates and ABATE will not relinquish this to anyone. We have worked to long and hard to make this work and incorporating a second BOD meeting and the Annual Meeting. ABATE must make ABATE work first and foremost and the Planning Session is too important to rearrange. So the Planning Session will take place at the VFW Hall in Cottage Grove on October 17-18 with all Chapter Representatives must attend the BOD meeting on October 18th. Better if a representative is from every Chapter for the entire Planning Session as this is setting the track for the next year. Willamette Valley Chapter stepped up, again, and volunteered to do the food. Thank you Willamette Valley Chapter

!!!! Nic was instructed to make arrangements with the VFW Hall for the Planning Session.

New Motions:

Motions made have been downgraded to discussion topics as the motions asked for discussion, which is improper use of the motion process. A motion made must have an action asked for, with a prescribed outcome. Not for discussions desired about any subject. Any discussion desired is to be brought up as New Business.

Both motions/discussion topics were presented by Lee Austin of SE Portland Chapter:

#1 regarding ABATE's Legislative Director, Justin Handke, and his lack of attendance to the BOD meetings and lack of reports regarding motorcycling issues. Jordan Kelly, Coordinator, will look into this and report at the next BOD.

#2 regarding the proposal of a State Run in the fall and whether or not there would be one. Howie pointed out that he had already spoke on this issue and there will not be a Run this year in the Fall. It was decided that this is a topic for the upcoming Planning Session.

No Motions submitted this meeting. *(okay, I hope you were sitting down when you read this)*

Announcements:

Next State Board of Directors Meeting: July 11th, 2009; at the Eagles Lodge, Albany, Oregon, at noon.

Gnome hats are available from Rot Path.

6/19-21/09 Scandinavian Midsummer Festival at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds, Astoria, OR. For more info go to www.astoriascanfest.com

6/20/09 Birthday Party for Francine West of Francine West and the High Speed Wobblers at the West Slope Bar and Grill at 8775 SW Canyon Lane in Portland. 9pm-1am. For more info go to francinewest.com

6/27/09 Around Saddle Mountain Poker Run presented by North Coast Chapter. Contact Don Kelly at 503-325-3566 for more information.

6/27/09 Clark County Freedom Riders Motorcycle Swap Meet at the Clark County Fairgrounds in Ridgefield, WA. Exit 9 off of I5. 9am-3pm.

6/27/09 Riverside Park, Grants Pass Cruise In with a Motorcycle Show

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.

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

7/26/09 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. There will be a special benefit oil wrestling event to raise money for a downed rider and his family.

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

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

8/15-17/09 The SOS Run will be a Wolf Creek. This is the weekend before the All-Harley Drags. More information to come.

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

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.

10/17-18/09 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 3:54pm