

**August 8th, 2009, Newport Hospital, Newport, Oregon
Minutes By Recording Secretary, Nic Oliver**

Meeting was called to order by Jordan Kelley, Coordinator, at 12:12pm with 9 of 13 Chapters represented. All Chapters present were eligible to vote. Missing Chapters included Douglas County, Josephine County (called in – having their Toy Run), Willamette Valley, Lower Columbia (LoCo) (*email received on Friday while I was at Beaver Creek. New State Representative, Duane Sterba, and Coordinator, Dave Bridges, are attending a funeral.*)

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Guests and First Time attendees: WaCo members: Nick, Troy, Connie, Jay Jackson and Glennis (also from Washington State).

Motion made by Randy Phipps, Twin Rivers Chapter, to accept minutes from July 11th State Board meeting as printed in the Newsmagazine; Matt Price, Salem Chapter, seconded the motion. Motion passed

Coordinator Comments: Jordan Kelley – Stated that he hoped that everyone was enjoying the riding. He also reminded everyone to be safe out there. He said that he has kept a watch on the accidents that were occurring and he noticed that the phrase “Speed was involved” was used a lot in reporting motorcycle accidents. The statement from the Board that unless someone is not moving at all, speed will be involved. It was noted, however, that the media is playing along with the new focus on helmets again, following the change in Washington State’s helmet law. Speed issues are ones that will be utilized to push the need for helmets. Jordan stated that we need to be very careful because we are vulnerable. Asked everyone to keep their reports short if possible so that we could all get back in time for the bike games at the Beaver Creek Run.

Secretary Report & Correspondence: Reported that there were some out-of-state newsletters if anyone was interested. He also noted that it was time to renew our Corporation license with the State of Oregon.

Vice Coordinator North: Ted Tracy – No Report

Vice Coordinator South: Annette Murray – Absent

Vice Coordinator East: Gene Mortimore – No Report

Treasurer: Kay Sipple – Reported that we have money in the bank. The next question to her was “Yeah, well, how much?” She continued when the laughter stopped, she reported

\$9,000 in checking and \$20,274 in Savings. She also stated that we should be careful as our expenses don't go away.

She did report that she made a mistake and didn't copy the paperwork that she sent to the Accountant and the Accountant never got the papers that were sent. Consequently, she really needs some Chapters to resend her the following information: December 31st Bank statements and Quicken files from Salem and Twin Rivers Chapters. She also needs the December 31st Bank statements only from Willamette Valley, North Coast, Hub City, Toy Run, and Lincoln County Chapters.

Membership Secretary: Linda Henderson – Report handed in. Current membership is 1740. She also reported on some of the calls she has been getting on ABATE's 800 number. She asked that if someone finds something at a Run or Event to let her know. She has had calls about cameras and cell phones lost at Run 21 and has no idea what to say to them as she has no information. If you find something, let her know if you do not find the owner so that if someone calls about it, she can then forward them to you to claim the item/s. Is there a Lost and Found container and who would have this?

Sanctioning Officer: Matt Price – Reported that everything that has been turned in thus far is done. Chapter Representatives are to have the Chapters send in a report on the head count for all of their events. This information is necessary if we are to get the insurance for next year.

State Auditor: Richard Misener – Absent – Gene pointed out that Richard has had problems getting files from some of the Chapters. Richard is still working out the bugs.

Newsmagazine Editor: Rot Path – Reported that he owes Hub City a huge apology. He realized that he forgot them again in the newsletter after it was too late. He said that he also forgot a veteran's group's September advertisement also. He said that he would start being more careful and double check things better.

Legislative Director: Justin Handke – Absent –this issue is still under investigation. Jordan reported that there are some issues that Jordan is working out. Jordan and Justin have been playing phone tag but Justin will be back.

Sergeant at Arms North: Randy Phipps – Stated that he was told that Run 21 went smoothly. A very brief discussion on the break-in of Matt Hobbs' truck took place. Randy stated that was all he had to report.

Sergeant at Arms South: Bill Foster – Excused -- Working

Sergeant at Arms East: Jim Middleton – Excused – Working

Products Director: Dave Meeker – Excused – Report given by Nic as received from Dave per a phone call. Reordering the "Mission Statement" patches. The company is giving us twice as many for the same price, basically 2 for 1. So the order is for 200 patches for the price of 100 patches. Also ordering patches in memorial of Pat Williams. They will be turquoise on black, Pat's favorite color.

Education Director: Patricia Carner – Reported that she has 3 “Share the Road” presentations to give this month and 4 more in September. There are more being scheduled for later this year. She also reported that the focus on new schools for the Motorcycle Awareness Program classes are focusing on assemblies in the schools so that more schools could benefit from this program.

Education Director II: Geoff White – Reported that the summer is a slow time for the classes. He also asked Patricia about the key fobs that are handed to the students in the classes. She stated that we are keeping the key fobs and possibly adding pencils.

Public Relations Director: Debra Lutje – No Report

State Run Coordinator (Fossil): Howie Long - Howie apologized for being a bit brash at the last meeting. (*Rather confused everyone – brash?*) The final head count for Fossil is an approximation of 600. The Fossil Run made a profit of about \$10,000.

State Run Coordinator II: VACANT

State Swap Meet Coordinator: Patricia Carner – Reported that the Swap Meet will take place at the Armory on October 11th, the second Sunday, the day after the Board meeting. She stated that Debra Lutje got the flyer done and profusely thanked Debra for her work. Patricia also apologized for not being “totally there lately” as she just had a daughter get married and she is still a bit “scatterbrained”. *Congratulations to Pat’s daughter!*

Historian: Tonia Mosier - Absent

Web Page Editor: Trace Ceccacci – No Report

Quartermaster: Ted Tracy -- Reported that the water trailer is a Birkenfeld and will be staying there unless needed elsewhere. He has been rebuilding parts of the stage trailer and it now has a new tailgate, a bit heavier than before. The stage trailer will be staying at Birkenfeld also. There is no charge for this. The stage will go back to storage after the summer usage is done.

ABATE’s BikePAC Representative: Randy Phipps –. Reported that the next meeting is in September at Nic’s house in Alsea. The next meeting is a noon on September 5th. There will be a bar-b-que of burgers and franks (*thank God Nic’s wife is doing the cooking*), contributions to the feast are welcome. Nic gave his address as 18712 Alsea Hwy (*Alsea Hwy is also known as Hwy 34 and branches off of Hwy 20 on the westside of Philomath*), about ¾ of a mile West of Alsea (*Alsea is about 20 miles from Philomath, over Mary’s Peak, a very nice ride*). The green house with the “Watch for Motorcycles” signage in front. Sodas will be provided, so if you want beer then BYOB. Nic reported that Alsea loves Bikers!

Confederation of Clubs Representative: Gunny -- Reported that he has not yet received the minutes from the last meeting, so No Report.

Confederation of Clubs Representative II: Kay Sipple – No report. At this time Kay opened a discussion on mileage reimbursements. It was reported that there are conflicting ways it is being done and we need to have a more equitable way of being fair. Auto and Bike rates are noted to be different with most companies. The ABATE rate is currently .35 cents a mile. This needs Chapter discussion and input. Nic reported that this needs to be done soon as he has put the new manual into proper format, it will be done. So if there is a change needed, then it needs to be in the new manual before it is done or a lot of work will have to be immediately updated and extra work for a lot of people.

Unfinished Business –

Vacant Officer Position – State Run Coordinator II – This is now a moot issue as this month is the opening of the nominations for all Officer positions for 2010. Nominations will continue up until the voting takes place at the first October meeting.

The Cushman issue was again brought up and Ted and Nic both reported that there were buyers for them. It seems there are conflicting reports as they seem to be missing from Robert Hales. This is only conjecture at this point and no one is being blamed for a thing, yet. Ted said that he “will sic Rotten Roger on him”.

Gene Mortimore expanded the Run 21 problem and told the Board that Matt Hobbs’ truck was broken into and \$800 of Chapter assets (Run 21 tickets) were taken. This issue is being resolved within the Chapter.

Nic reported that he has called the VFW Hall in Cottage Grove to reserve the place for the Planning Session in October but has not heard back yet.

New Business:

Motion 1: 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 27,28,29 in Hood River, Oregon. See attachments for detailed info.”

Attachment reads as follows:

“Proposal to the Board

Ever since 1995, we, ABATE, have sent people to attend the ACTS Oregon Traffic Safety Conference. Last year was the only one on which we did not have people attend, due to our financial problems. This year, we are little more flush and, I believe, can afford to send some of our folks to this conference.

We have returned over the years with much information that the general public didn’t get until months later. We have brought back work about increased river surveillance, assorted helmet legislation that effect us. Graduated licenses for our young folks, etc.

ABATE has also purchased a lifetime corporate membership in ACTS.

Cost of the conference is: \$95 before Sept. 25 X 4 people = \$380.00
\$125 after Sept. 25 X 4 people = \$500.00

Room rates for a single is \$152.60 for two nights or
double \$185.30 for two nights X 2 rooms \$366.60

Total possible cost for 4 people, assuming the room is shared. \$746.60 based on the early rates.

If we drag our selves, consider the following: \$866.60

I would ask for approval of this expenditure at this meeting. This would authorize up to a certain level and allow us time to find folks willing to attend. Note this would be a max expenditure, less travel.

Thanks for considering this item.”

Randy then made a very impassioned plea to the need of this and the amount of good that has come of this. That this conference has been one of our greatest tools and should not be ignored for another year when we have the money available to do this. This is part of our work and we need to continue involvement in this vital information source. This Conference is the tool that was used to really give our Motorcycle Awareness Program a very large boost in reaching students.

A motion was made to table this motion till next meeting and to take this to the Chapters for discussion and vote at the September Board of Directors Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion 2: Made by Allan Nichols, WaCo Chapter, seconded by Howie Long, North Coast Chapter: “To replace cargo trailer with a new Interstate Loadrunner with decals. Approximate cost \$3,000.”

Allan asked Ted Tracy to speak on this item. Ted stated that the current trailer is needing repair and it is very old. He has a potential buyer for the trailer, which would defray the cost. The old trailer is a double axle, load limit 1500 lbs. The new one would be a single axle, but will hold everything we need. The new trailer would display decals, cost of about \$275 (included in the price of the trailer) which would be the ABATE logo, a great advertising item. Nic reported that Dave Meeker asked him to state that the repairs needed amount to about \$250 and he believes that this is an expense that we don't need at this time.

A motion was made to table this and take it to the Chapters for discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Nominations for ABATE of Oregon Board of Directors took place and the list below includes those that accepted (noted by an “A” by their name) and those needing to accept or decline (nothing after their name). Reminder for everyone: Anyone can be nominated, as long as they are a member in good standing, or volunteer to run for a specific Officer

position. Only those people who have accepted their nomination will be voted upon at the first October meeting of the Board of Directors.

Coordinator --- Ted Tracy – A
Vice Coordinator North --- Randy Phipps
Vice Coordinator South ---
Vice Coordinator East --- Gene Mortimore – A
Recording Secretary --- Jill Tracy
Membership Secretary --- Linda Henderson – A
Treasurer --- Kay Sipple – A
State Auditor --- Richard Misener
News Magazine Editor --- Rot Path – A
Legislative Director --- Randy Phipps
Sergeant-At-Arms North --- Randy Phipps – A
Sergeant-At-Arms South --- Bill Foster
Sergeant-At-Arms East --- Jim Middleton
Products Director --- Dave Meeker
Education Director I ---
Education Director II --- Geoff White
Public Relations Director --- Debra Lutje – A
State Run Coordinator I (Fossil) --- Howie Long – A
State Run Coordinator II --- Jeff Schuaer
State Swap Meet Coordinator --- Patricia Carner
Historian --- Tonia Mosier
Sanctioning Officer --- Matt Price – A
Web Page Editor --- Trace Ceccacci – A
Quartermaster ---
ABATE's BikePAC Representative --- Randy Phipps – A
Confederation of Clubs Representative I --- Gunny
Confederation of Clubs Representative II --- Jay Jackson – A

Many positions with none or unaccepted nominations. The more people that step up the better for everyone.

Announcements:

Next State Board of Directors Meeting: September 12th, 2009; at the Albany Eagles Lodge, Albany, Oregon, at noon.

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. Megan James will be performing. 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 1317 hours or 1:17pm.