



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 MINUTES
2011
Clatskanie, Oregon

Call to Order / Welcome:

The meeting was called to order by Allan at 12:15 pm with 12 of 12 chapters represented.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence: For Downed Brothers/Sisters and Service Men/Women.

Guests and First Time Attendees:

Reading / Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Matt to adopt minutes as printed in the State News Magazine. Seconded by Nic. Motion passed with 10 votes.

Excused – Rot Path

(X) **Coordinator's Comments:** Allan Nichols (stood in for the vacationing Ted Tracy) – Black Wednesday was great. Keep making your presence felt. It will be rewarding in the long run.

(X) **Secretary Report & Correspondence:** Yvonne Sahnov – Please let me know if you would like to be on the email list receiving the BOD Minutes.

***** **Officer's Reports*******

(X) **Vice-Coord North:** Allan Nichols -Anyone not wanting MRF or BikePAC information emailed to them, please notify him so that he may take you off the list.

(X) **Vice-Coord South:** Pat "Spanky" - Still working on the Brookings Chapter. Josephine County will have a ride out to Brookings and help facilitate their new chapter. Josephine Cnty Bike show originally started by a member of Jackson Cnty having a swap meet. It would be nice to get them involved with the bike show coming up. Spanky will follow up.

(X) **Vice-Coord East:** Vacant

(X)**Treasurer:** Kay Sipple – Report read. Checking account currently has \$4,264.05. The Money Market has \$19,003.63 and the Pay Pal account \$920.69. She reported most chapters were cooperating with getting their chapter information into the CPA.

We did not have any treasurers attend January or February BOD Meetings to further their bookkeeping education. Please remember, **ALL CHAPTER TREASURERS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND S.T.E.A.M. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

(X)**Membership Secretary:** Linda Henderson – Report reviewed. We currently have 1570 memberships with 38 expired next month. S.T.E.A.M. will have a Membership Session covering membership retention, recruiting and getting feedback on what works and doesn't work.

(X)**Sanctioning Officer:** Matt Price -All submitted applications are current with signed certificates. Please use the new PDF Form located on the A.B.A.T.E. Website for sanctioning purposes with all the pertinent information required. i.e. email or addresses. Karen, of Josephine Cty, requested information on a Cancer Benefit. Matt informed the BOD that all event participants are required to sign a legal disclaimer.

State Auditor: Connie **Ceccacci** –Most of the chapters have their information in. All chapters will be current by March.

News Magazine Editor: Rot Path – Excused. Report reads: Chapter reports were due Thursday, 10 February. Reports were not received from the following four chapters: Josephine Cty, Lincoln Cty, Lower Columbia and Salem.

Since February is a short month, it is vital that all officer reports, articles, and the state board minutes be e-mailed to the state newspaper by Wednesday, 16 February. Otherwise the March issue may not be published until after the first of the month.

The typesetting for the remittance envelope and new trifold's is complete except for an updated motorcycle awareness program class photo. Possibly Mel Yeager might have some photos from one of the numerous classes he and Iris have taught.

The other two trifold photos have been updated with a new Team Oregon class photo and a highly symbolic photo of an Oregon biker wearing an American flag gazing up at the capitol building under gray skies while a helmet dangles from his handlebars.

Hopefully PDF versions of both projects will be e-mailed to Linda Henderson this evening or tomorrow morning so they can be viewed at the meeting.

Allan will follow up with Rot as to why half of the officer list in the newsletter is missing.

Legislative Director: Randy Phipps – Covered Federal and State Level Bills currently in the legislature. They are:

SB-137 concerning Rider Education. **SB-162** concerning reducing motorcycle endorsement fees. **SB-463** concerning lane sharing. **SB-591** concerning Pacific Wonderland plates for motorcycles. **HB-2232** concerning passengers on motorcycles and bicycles younger than age 7. **HB-2329** concerning ATV's and off-road riding. **HB-2797** concerning carrying firearms on motorcycles and ATV's. **HB-3072** concerning lights on all vehicles. **HB-3128** concerning revoking motorcycle endorsement for cause and **HB-3141** concerning riding without a helmet.

For more information concerning these bills go to: www.leg.state.or.us;

MTSP has been pushing for motorcycle check points in the Oregon Legislature. However, ODOT has stated it would not allow such check points.

Sergeant-At-Arms North: Randy Phipps – No report.

Sergeant-At-Arms South: Vacant

Sergeant-At-Arms East: Jim Middleton – He will be going into the NW Region as well as Bellingham to dispense fliers for the swap meet. Hopefully, bringing in more people.

Products Director: Dave Meeker –Ted requested some black hoodies and dress shirts with the A.B.A.T.E. Logo. Dave has placed an order and may have these available by the S.T.E.A.M. Event for purchase.

Education Director: Geoff White – S.T.E.A.M. is scheduled for the 26th of February. Arrival at 8:00 a.m. Opening session at 9:00 a.m.. There will be a 15 minute break between each workshop. S.T.E.A.M. will consist of three sessions with 4 workshops in each session. There will not be lunch catering. The entire program should wrap up by 2:45 p.m. Any questions, please see him. Geoff read a brief rundown on sessions and classes offered for the event. Trace will update the website with current information on the event.

Public Relations Director: Vacant

Fossil Coordinator: Howie Long –Fliers and business cards are available. Still need help with getting trophies and doing the games. Bob Highfill will help organize this. We may need someone to handle the gate. Fossil information will be updated on the website and pay pal account is set up for advance ticket purchases. Howie plans on attending as many chapter meetings as possible to put the word out on the event. An add was placed in the Idaho A.B.A.T.E. Newspaper at no fee. This will expand our coverage of the event to lots more people east of us that want to attend. There will be limited RV camping available across the street. We are in need of door prizes for the information booth. Any items given should be brought to the next meeting.

The Fossil radio station will put a camp up selling firewood around the clock. Due to liability, it looks like the permanent stage may not happen. Raffle tickets are available for purchase on the leather coat donated by Laura Stewart. All proceeds will go to the MP's.

MRF Representative: Allan Nichols – Reports are available as well as business cards. Allan is available to any chapter wanting an MRF Rep at a meeting. Please contact him for more details. At this time, the MRF is working on HR412 and will exclude children's motorcycles and atv's from the lead ban. Also, a Call to Action was passed out a couple of weeks ago on this issue.

Roadside checks will also be a focus. Profiling is illegal. Mike Campbell of the MRF has an actual video on YOUTUBE of actual footage of the testimony and vote of the anti profiling bill and making lots of headway so far.

He reminded everyone that S.T.E.A.M. is very important in teaching lobbying statewide, locally and nationwide. Repeals are hard to achieve. We need to pay attention, and get people motivated in making a difference. Send your legislator an e-mail or call. Make your presence known as to how you want them to vote

Spanky reintegrated there is power in numbers. Please get the vote out.

Allan commented that the Patriot act will expire this month. Motorcycle clubs are being targeted. Just because we are riding, doesn't make us terrorists.

Fall/Spring Swap Meet Coordinator: John Betts – Committee meeting scheduled for March 27th @ 2 pm at the Spare Room. Flyers will be re-printed to include the swap meet address. Trace will have the updated flyers on the state web site by Sunday.

Spanky asked for flyers to pass out as well as volunteers from his chapter.

Historian: Jennifer Brackman – No report.

WEB Page Editor: Trace Ceccacci – Working on updates for the web page and FOSSIL. Tickets are delayed, but will be available by next week sometime. See A.B.A.T.E. Website.

Quartermaster: Dwayne Sterba – Still working on finding the golf cart check. Geoff said that Clark Brooker will find out when the check was written to facilitate the search in storage. Allan will follow up with Ted.

BikePAC Representative: Randy Phipps – Reviewed the governor's advisory committee meeting agenda to be held March 11th at the Transportation Safety Division in Salem.

BikePAC Representative: Mel Yeager – Nic is working on the Call to Action List. Don Mason is working with Trace on the website. He encourages everyone to show up at the meeting in Salem and sign in.

CoC Representative South: Pat “Spanky” Allen – No report. NCOM is coming up.

CoC Representative North: David Hickerson – Excused.

Unfinished Business:

Vacant positions for 2011 BOD:

- Vice-Coord East
- Public Relations Director
- Sargent at Arms

New Business:

Discussion on how to make attendance more feasible for everyone wanting to partake of the BOD Meeting. Trace will look into cost and availability of web cam interfacing for future use. There are a lot of miles driven and some of the meetings are just too difficult to make because of weather conditions. Trace reminded everyone that there is not a lot of strong computer skills within the chapters, and that may be a problem even with the technology available.

Brian reminded the BOD that a web cam had been used at the Eagles location, but that it had not been a priority to maintain.

To make all this work, we would need all chapters with Broadband and a web cam supporting all the chapters. And, sometimes, it just takes too long to get set up at the meeting. Realizing how much the East and Southern Chapters would benefit from this, Trace will investigate and report back to the next BOD Meeting what costs are involved in running a web cam to the individual chapters from the meeting place. Ciddicci's connection needs verification and any other location we may use as well.. More to follow.

Announcements:

Please e-mail Allen if you would like to be on the MRF Call to Action List.

Best of the West is scheduled for June 10th , 11th and 12th in Ogden, Utah. Please get your reservations in early. It's a beautiful ride and worth the trip.

Nic said the Cottage Grove Planning Meeting was in violation of the by-laws. There are to be two meetings in October and not to be super-ceded without the BOD approval. The by-laws need to be adhered to.

Nic had three announcements. The SE Chapter Spring Swap Meet coming April 10th at the Oregon National Guard Armory; SE Portland Chapter Anniversary Party March 12 at 7 p.m. at the M&M Restaurant in Gresham, and Biker Night Saturday, March 12 at Riley's Bar & Grill.

Remember the Governor's Advisory Committee on Safety March 11 in Salem.

Next State Board of Directors Meeting March 12 at Ciddicci's Pizza, Albany, Oregon

S.T.E.A.M. To be held February 26, at Chemekata Community College.

Adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

