



Dedicated to Freedom of the Road.

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.
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State Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2011
Albany, Oregon

Call to Order / Welcome:

The meeting was called to order by Ted at 12:00 pm with 11 of 12 chapters represented.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Guests and First Time Attendees: Rich of Douglas County, Dave and Cindy Witmer of Lower Columbia Chapter.

Reading / Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Matt Price to adopt minutes as printed in the State News Magazine. Seconded by Nic Oliver/Hub City. Motion passed with 11 votes.

Excused –

Absent – Central Oregon.

(X) **Coordinator's Comments:** Ted Tracy – STEAM was great. Attendance and presentations were great. Special note – Patricia's seminar on Road Awareness was excellent and may be presented at future MRF Meetings.

(XI) Thanks Geoff White for the great job on the STEAM event.

(XII) Dave has black hoodies and dress shirts with the A.B.A.T.E. logo available for purchase. Purchase price of \$40.

(XIII) Ted also wanted to bring awareness of the recent MRF Newsletter which included Allan Nichols report. Great job Allen.

(XIV) Ted would like to remind all board members to present any information relative to the chapter officers, i.e. secretaries, legislative reps, etc. Also, please be mindful of all reports with proper time allotment.

(X) **Secretary Report & Correspondence:** Yvonne Sahnnow – if anyone needs an updated version of SE Roster, please contact me.

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

(X) **Vice-Coord North:** Allan Nichols -Reminded everyone we are a motorcycle rights organization first and foremost and that's why we have fund raisers. Lead by example as chapters so that we can continue to fight for our motorcycle rights.

It's a busy year for state and national legislation. Pay attention to what is happening with the "Call To Action List".

(X) **Vice-Coord South:** Pat "Spanky" -The Southern Oregon Swap Meet coming up soon (see flyer). Currently, it is the only one in the south. Spanky also said we get a lot of people attending from California. Swap Meet will be held April 30 through May 1st. A 10x10 space runs \$35. Anyone interested, please contact him.

"Missing in America" project was started many years ago. Over 2000 burials have been performed so far. Josephine County will have a spaghetti feed sponsoring this project. Please try to attend.

A.B.A.T.E., and United Bikers of Oregon was started to put more bikers into safety training programs. Wolf Creek will be the location for the next class; Advanced CPR. These are great programs for motorcyclists to know. Could save a life.

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

(X) **Treasurer:** Kay Sipple – Report attached. Total A.B.A.T.E. Funds are \$19,408.29. The checking account currently has \$4,495.40. Money Market Account has a balance of \$14,004.20 and the Pay Pal Account has \$908.69. Note - We are still paying \$12 per month for the use of Pay Pal. Our income was smaller than our expenses. I transferred \$7,000 from our Money Market account into our checking to cover expenses for the last month. At this rate, we could be without funds by the end of the year. Our status depends greatly on how successful FOSSIL and our STATE SWAP MEET turn out. Flyers are available. Please take some and pass out to your chapters.

Salem and Lower Columbia have yet to give quicken files of bank statements, and copies of reconciliation reports. If they are not in by next Saturday, 19th, those chapters will be filling their own taxes for 2010.

(X)Membership Secretary: Linda Henderson – Report attached. We currently have 1,582 members and 48 memberships expired.

Tri-folds and remittance envelopes have been made and will be dispersed to chapters. Special thanks to Rot Path for his contribution of time and typesetting on these.

(X)Sanctioning Officer: Matt Price -North Coast Spring Run and May Awareness Rally are current with sanctioning.

He also noted, that when chapters have a 'raffle', it's important to verbalize differently. Do not use the word 'raffle', this falls under the gambling/gaming category. A better choice would be 'drawing'.

State Auditor: Connie Ceccacci –The report currently has no chapters in red. There are some blue chapters, but those issues are being worked out. Jackson Cty will be sending a report in soon.

As a reminder, any emails received Saturday morning of the BOD Meeting will not be reflected in her report.

Ted said he was very pleased with the Treasurer's Session at STEAM, and believes things will run smoother in the future.

News Magazine Editor: Rot Path – All chapters have their reports in this month. Thank you. For the April issue, he will have the online edition be in color with a retro future theme.

Matt asked for something hammering the 25th A.B.A.T.E. Anniversary of the May Awareness Rally. Rot will follow up.

Rot is receiving information from the MRF Office.

Legislative Director: Randy Phipps – Absent. Don Mason commented we currently have seven bills affecting motorcycle rider rights. No.#4131 – giving riders a choice to wear a helmet is highly profiled this year. Andy Olson and several others have signed on to the bill. The focus will be personal injury protection with an insurance clause. Possibly a sunset clause. Financial and injury data will be accumulated for the bill. A hearing on this bill will most likely occur within these next two weeks.

Bill No.#2797 – defines legal carrying of firearms on motorcycles. Nationwide profiling with motorcycle check points are getting a lot of focus with law suits prevailing.

Sergeant-At-Arms North: Randy Phipps - Absent

Sergeant-At-Arms South: Vacant

Sergeant-At-Arms East: Jim Middleton – He will be going to Bellingham and Monroe to pass out flyers on the swap meet.

Products Director: Dave Meeker – Has sweatshirts available with logo, as well as dress shirts at \$40 each. So far, income from these are at \$660.00.

Still need art work for this years FOSSIL Run. Also, door prizes are needed for information booth

Ted asked BOD individuals to check with their individual chapter 'ways & means' reps for donations to be used at FOSSIL.

Education Director: Geoff White - Absent

Public Relations Director: Vacant

Fossil Coordinator: Howie Long – Has packets and tickets available for each chapter representative to take back to their chapter. Please see him at break.

As incentive, the top portion of the ticket stubs should include the chapters name. The chapter that sells the most tickets, will receive two free tickets. Please return all tickets not sold and money by the May BOD Meeting.

Tickets are also available for purchase thru Pay Pal.

We still need someone to cover the gate at FOSSIL. Allan will be working the MRF Booth, Ted will be running the Poker Run, Linda Henderson will coordinate the Information Booth. Gene is working on the permanent stage with a temporary cover. Signs will be going up in April around the area.

We still need a Saturday evening band. Anyone with suggestions, please contact Howie. The local radio station will be selling firewood 24hrs a day at the event.

Any further information required can be found on the A.B.A.T.E. website.

MRF Representative: Allan Nichols – MRF currently looking at a couple of issues. Profiling at check points with routes across Georgia. We are making progress. A bill is being written and to be introduced soon to alter these checkpoints.

Also HR412 - Kids just want to ride act, which includes the mini atv's and leaded toys ban. With riding season coming soon, anyone needing him to come speak at their chapter meetings, please contact him. He would be happy to attend and speak.

Fall/Spring Swap Meet Coordinator: John Betts – Meeting to be held March 27th at the Spare Room. Anyone wanting to participate, please attend.

Historian: Jennifer Brackman – Inquired on a budget for the position she holds. She is looking at purchasing a bigger memory card and other supplies. Ted replied that she should be able to purchase the necessary items needed to fulfill the position.

WEB Page Editor: Trace Ceccacci – The A.B.A.T.E. Website has a couple of changes. BikePAC Alert page has been updated; it is a current Call To Action listing. Also, the information from Don Mason's /Hub City has been copied and put onto the A.B.A.T.E. Website. We also have an updated legislative page. Rot will follow up with an article in the next newsletter.

Quartermaster: Dwayne Sterba – He will be at the Connex on the 21st. Jennifer will also accompany him; looking for more history.

BikePAC Representative: Randy Phipps – Nic spoke on the 25th Anniversary for the May Awareness Rally. Hub City has submitted a challenge to all motorcycle groups to beat their ride in group size.

HB-3141, watch the website and emails for “A call to action”. Economics will be the focal point getting this bill thru. Public burden and economics will be the major focus to help pass the helmet bill. Visual charts will be made for the committee hearing.

Ted said we got some promises on Black Wednesday with 20 signatures on the bill.

BikePAC Representative: Mel Yeager – no report.

CoC Representative South: Pat “Spanky” Allen – no report.

CoC Representative North: David Hickerson – Focus on May Awareness Rally to meet in the K-Mart parking lot around 10:00 and leaving at 11:00. He will try to obtain a parade permit, which would allow a ride in without helmets being worn. This would be for everyone, and not just club members. More to follow.

Unfinished Business:

Vacant positions for 2011 BOD:

Vice-Coordinator East – VACANT

Public Relations Director – VACANT

Sargent at Arms South – VACANT

New Business:

Motion made by Don Mason/Hub City and seconded by Matt Price/Salem. Motion reads: For A.B.A.T.E. Of Oregon to authorize funds to be shared at the Board's discretion among State

and/or Chapters to help finance travel arrangements for Douglas Findlay from Ride 2 Repeal in California to speak at the May Awareness Rally. Not to exceed \$700.00. Motion passed with 9 votes for, 2 against.

Don believes he would be an excellent person to have at our may awareness rally and we simply need to compensate him for his expenses to get him here and back. Mr.Findlay has submitted an article in the March edition newsletter if you want to read more on his views.

Kay expressed concern as to how this might be a shared responsibility among all chapters as well as the BOD. Spanky said if all chapters donated \$50 to \$75, that this could be done easily enough. Ted asked the board members to take this information back to their chapters for further review. Don Mason will follow up with Mr.Findlay on arrangements.

Announcements:

Next BOD Mtg April 9th, at Ciddici's, Albany, Oregon.

Road Brothers is having a feed after the May Awareness Rally.

Hub City Biker Night at Riley's Billard Bar and Grill starting at 6 pm this evening.

SE Chapter Birthday Party at M&M Lounge this evening.

NCOM, May 7th, Gunny Hutchinson will be receiving the Life Time Award for the National Coalition Motorcyclists Assc. Along with Gunny, there will be two people from this area, getting the Silver Spoke Award, responsible for positive publication of biker rights. Ted will be attending that conference and will not be in Salem on May 7th.

River City Cherry Festival and Poker Run April 9th.

Lincoln Poker Run and Anniversary Party March 26th.

WACO Anniversary Party at the Elks Lodge, Hillsboro April 2nd. Gordon announced each chapter would receive two complimentary tickets. Tickets are \$6 singles and \$10 for couples.

Adjourn 2:15 pm
