

**March 14, 2009, Albany Eagles Lodge, Albany, Oregon**  
**Minutes By Recording Secretary, Nic Oliver**

Meeting was called to order by Jordan Kelley, Coordinator, at 12:07pm with 11 of 13 Chapters represented. All Chapters present were eligible to vote. Absent Chapters – Josephine County, Twin Rivers.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence for downed Brothers/Sisters and Service men/women. Jordan reminded everyone that just because we do not know whether any of our brother and sisters are down, their absence from this meeting does not mean that they are okay. We need to remember everyone in our organization. Lee Austin is having serious health issues right now. Randy Phipps also just returned home from the hospital.

Guests and First Time attendees: Douglas County Chapter Rep. Tonia Judd

Motion made by Bob Highfill, Lincoln County Chapter, to accept minutes from February 14th State Board meeting as printed in the Newsmagazine, Mike Durkee, Central Oregon Chapter, seconded the motion. Motion passed

Coordinator Comments: Jordan Kelley – Reported that Pat Williams is now 2<sup>nd</sup> on the list for her transplant. She has to stay within 1 hour of the VA hospital in Portland and won't be at the meetings for a while. There isn't a meeting till June of the CoC so there is not a problem. Everyone remember her. There was a hat passed to help her with expenses. (the hat after the meeting contained \$61.36. Gunny won the BikePAC 50/50 of \$4, which he donated to the hat also)

Jordan reported that if you missed STEAM then you really missed out. Slider Gilmore was amazing and had great information. The information on what to do when you come to an accident scene was great and very important. This was a great way to get motivated towards saving the lives of our brothers and sisters. Sam Hochberg spoke on the need for being sure of your coverage in case of a motorcycle accident. The average bill for an auto driver is about \$38,000, while a motorcycle is around \$74,000. A few extra dollars spent on higher limits could save you a lot in medical bills.

Secretary Report & Correspondence: There are some periodicals for anyone that wants to see what the rest of the country is up to. There was an email that Jordan spoke on regarding the Motorbooks company. A company that wants us to buy books from them on motorcycle repairs and more and then we can sell them as a fundraiser. It was decided that Nic should bring in the book that he has for people to look before any decision is made.

Nic read a letter from the City of Spray asking for our support for them to get a grant for an outside toilet, like the City of Fossil did. It was brought out that the Law Enforcement Officers (LEO) of the area have been notorious for harassing motorcyclists that have come

anywhere near Spray, even though they have never had a problem with us. It was decided that Nic was to send the letter to our Vice Coordinator East, Gene Mortimore, so that he could go and address the City Council meeting in Spray and address our concerns and see what happens. The Board decided that unless we can get some cooperation from the City Council to curtail the LEO's of the area then we cannot support their quest.

Vice Coordinator North: Ted Tracy – Excused/Sick – Jordan reported on the Quartermaster stuff, that the stage trailer is on mobile home axles and cannot have brakes put on it. The tarp/stage cover has been taken out to be cleaned and repaired. The cost is going to be about \$400. Howie said that he would talk to Gene about options for putting brakes on the stage trailer.

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

Vice Coordinator East: Gene Mortimore – Excused – Brian reported that Gene is working in Fossil this weekend to get Bear Hollow ready. Anyone that wants to help would be welcome.

Treasurer: Kay Sipple – Reported that we currently have \$700 in checking, \$3,030 in CD, \$10,490 in Savings. Reported that Josephine County is the only Chapter that is still out of compliance in many ways. Kay asked that each Chapter Representative check with their Chapter to verify that everyone is working towards the same goal. It was decided that there is to be an Executive Board meeting after the regular meeting to discuss the problem with Josephine County Chapter. Also reported that there were no changes needed in the Financial Procedures for the Operations Manual.

Membership Secretary: Linda Henderson – Excused. Report turned in. Currently have 1743 members, down from 1897 last year.

Sanctioning Officer: Matt Price – Excused – All Runs submitted to date are approved and sanctioned, with the exception of Run 21. There is a hold up due to the need for the liquor vendor paperwork not being in yet. This is a tremendous liability issue and all paperwork must be in before sanctioning will be approved. Also reported that the Sanctioning Policy, as is on our website, is complete and doesn't need any changes for the Operations Manual.

State Auditor: Richard Misener – Reported that he concurs with Kay on the need for the information. Robert commended Kay for all of her hard work despite her not getting a lot of cooperation and having to put up with a lot of crap. He also reported that he needs Quicken for his computer and Kay has her disc for him. He said that if you cannot send the information in a pdf or other format (always prefer use of Quicken) that he can open then the information needs to be sent in hard copy through the snail mail.

Newsmagazine Editor: Rot Path – Rot Path reported that all reports are in on time this month and thanked everyone for that. He mentioned that he has a disc for Trace and will get it to him. He is going to be working with Trace to try and put past issues of the newsletter on the website for people to look at if they wish. It was noted that the date for the Swap Meet was wrong in the newsletter. It is May 31<sup>st</sup> at the Armory.

Legislative Director: Justin Handke – Reported on a Department of Agriculture report on Off Road Vehicle use. This pertains to closing 4 sites here in Oregon. Justin and Nic Oliver, BikePAC, spoke on the issues facing motorcyclists in Oregon this session. An updated bill list was included in every Chapter packet to be taken back to the Chapters and discussed. It was recommended that anyone that wants to speak to their legislator should contact BikePAC to have one of them go with you. This will prevent any misinformation getting regarding our stance and what we are looking for. Nic pointed out that this is a very tricky process and that while we may be taking one stand, we cannot be too careful about how that stand is used for us or against us on another issue.

Sergeant at Arms North: Randy Phipps – Excused – Medical – No report at this time.

Sergeant at Arms South: Bill Foster – Bill volunteered to go to Josephine County Chapter at their next meeting. He will deliver the message from the Executive Board. He also stated that he will be at the Awareness Rally on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, working the ABATE booth.

Sergeant at Arms East: Jim Middleton – Reported that he is working on getting names for Security at the Fossil Run and that he would help Gene with the stage trailer.

Products Director: Dave Meeker – Reported that the artwork is in for this year's Fossil Run. He also reported that he had \$137 in sales prior to today. He is getting ready to order t-shirts for Fossil, so if any special orders are wanted, now is the time to let him know or they will not be available. Also getting the order for the year bars ready and asked about how many to buy. He stated that he ordered 600 last year and the Board discussed and suggested 500 this year. That, of course, is because other Chapter's also use them.

Education Director: Patricia Carner – Reported that she is done spending money so Kay can stop worrying. Reported that STEAM was FANTASTIC and Slider Gilmore was tremendous. She was disappointed in the turnout though. Slider Gilmore has convinced her to be part of Accident Scene Management and has started a project for a Response Team for Runs, etc. These teams would make sure an accident scene is handled properly and gather information that could save someone's life. The first step is to become First Aid certified (Medic first). She is an authorized teacher of the course and can help someone get their First Aid card. She will teach classes for minimum of 6 people and a maximum of 12, for \$25 each to cover materials. Don Mason, Hub City Coordinator, suggested that she charge \$30 per person and designate the extra \$5 to the Chapter that has her put on the class. *(there was, of course, someone that had to whine about the cost. Come on people, not everything can be free!)*

Education Director II: Geoff White – Excused – Report by Pat C. was that he was working on David Douglas High and others for MAP (Motorcycle Awareness Program) classes.

Public Relations Director: Debra Lutje – Reported that there have been 384 hits on the website. Also reported that all major media has been informed of our upcoming events. She also suggests that ABATE purchase 2,000 of the maps that our ad is in to show our support. She was asked about the cost which she said was 80 cents a map. (Total of \$1,600) This did not meet with favor due to our financial status.

State Run Coordinator (Fossil): VACANT

State Run Coordinator II: Howie Long – Reported that it is “Crunch Time”. We need to get the word out as this is how we make our money to operate on. The large flyers are larger this year and there are smaller (1/2 page) flyers available and some even smaller ones (1/4 page). The tickets are available and every ticket signed for will be accounted for. Whoever signs for tickets will be held accountable for the tickets or the money. We need a Chapter to step up and do the games in Fossil this year. There is also help needed with tear down after the run (stage, etc.). You can sign up at the information booth at the Run. The usual mud wrestling and tattoo stuff will be available. Also a new route for the Poker Run has been set. Suggested that every Chapter get people signed up to help out in different areas. This Run is put on by ABATE to make money and it is everyone’s responsibility to help make it a success.

Things needed from EACH Chapter: 5 – Door prizes  
5gal Gas for the Generator  
Trash Bags (Very Large Ones)  
Toilet Paper (the paperwork is never done)

The Fossil Run Committee meets at 11am, just before the BOD. Everyone is welcome.

State Swap Meet Coordinator: Patricia Carner – Reported that the Swap Meet is May 31<sup>st</sup> this year. With the National Guard units being deployed and armories being closed during readiness, it was hard to get a date and place under budget. So we had to move the date but the place remains the same. There are vendors already on board but we have lost a couple due to the economy. There is help needed with security and with parking management. Pat also reported that Josephine County Chapter is having their Swap Meet the same day. This is a great thing as now the entire state is covered from North to South. Flyers for the State Swap Meet are on the website and they have maps on them.

Historian: VACANT --

Web Page Editor: Trace Ceccacci – Excused due to work schedule.

Quartermaster: Ted Tracy -- Excused – Patricia Carner reported that in addition to the report given in the Vice Coordinator North’s report, she said that all the Historian totes are in the trailer. There is a lot of cool stuff in there regarding our history. All of the garbage is now gone.

ABATE’s BikePAC Representative: Randy Phipps – Excused -- Nic Oliver, newly confirmed Executive Director of BikePAC of Oregon, Inc, asked Bill Foster if he could help get people to clean up after the May Awareness Rally. This has been one of the things in the past that ABATE does that the people at the Capitol like about us. An updated list of bills and how BikePAC stands on the bills, was included in each packet for review by each Chapter.

Confederation of Clubs Representative: Patricia Williams – Excused – Medical – Per phone call to Nic on 3/14, she reported that she has to stay within 1 hour of the VA hospital and

can't make it to the Albany meeting. Pat asked that someone replace her at the NCOM Conference May 7-11 in Reno, Nevada. She will not be able to attend. Someone will also need to contact Richard Lester/Sam Hochberg to let them know of the change for registration and plane fare arrangements. Justin volunteered and the Board agreed for him to replace Pat W.

Confederation of Clubs Representative II: Kay Sipple – Stated that her aunt is close to the pearly gates and was not available for the last CoC meeting.

### **Unfinished Business –**

Operations Manual Committee report given by Nic. He stated that now that he knows what to do about the missing pieces, he can now start finishing the manual and hopes to have it, in draft form, at the next Board of Directors meeting. Brian and Nic are looking at making sure that the rewrite of the corporate paperwork is redone as simply as possible and still fit the needs of the State of Oregon.

### **Vacant officer positions nominations:**

Run Coordinator I (Fossil): None

Historian: None

### **New Business:**

#### **New Motions:**

- 1) Motion made by Tonia Judd, Douglas County Chapter; seconded by Nic Oliver, Hub City Chapter; “To send names submitted to the Meeting of the Minds and cover the registration fees and other costs, including banquet, to be figured out later. Amended to pay registration now to get discount and figure travel, etc later. Voting took place: 8-yea, 0-nay, 2-abstentions. Motion Passed
- 2) Motion made by Brian Stovall, River City Chapter; seconded by Bob Highfill, Lincoln County Chapter; “ONPA ad for June - \$500”. This was turned over to Debra Lutje, PR Director, who stated that we have till June to decide on this but she wanted to do the ad again. She stated that it would be in 44 newspapers, statewide. The call for the vote resulted in a Motion to Table. Vote to Table took place: 8-yea, 1-nay, 1-abstention. Motion To Table Passed. Motion tabled.

#### **Announcements:**

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

4/4/09 Washington County (WaCo) is having their birthday party at the Hillsboro Elks Lodge. Couples \$17 or \$10 per person. Mardi Gras Theme !!! Contact Len Punzel at 503-680-3269 for more information.

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

6/6 Hub City Presents it's 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

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

Meeting adjourned 3:05 PM