

**May 9, 2009, Albany Eagles Lodge, Albany, Oregon  
Minutes By Recording Secretary, Nic Oliver**

Meeting was called to order by Ted Tracy, Vice-Coordinator North, at 12:05pm with 9 of 13 Chapters represented. All Chapters present were eligible to vote. Excused Chapters (called in prior to meeting) – Central Oregon, Josephine County. Absent Chapter (did not call in) Salem, and Lower Columbia had their Spring Opener this weekend.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Guests and First Time attendees: None

Motion made by Brian Stovall, River City Chapter, to accept minutes from March 14th State Board meeting as printed in the Newsmagazine; Randy Phipps, Twin Rivers Chapter, seconded the motion. Motion passed

Coordinator Comments: Jordan Kelley – Excused, attending the NCOM Convention. Ted Tracy, Vice-Coordinator North, presided – Stated that today was a beautiful day and thanked everyone for attending. He reported that he was hauling the trailers to Fossil. Also stated that everyone needs to keep their reports short so we can get out earlier.

Secretary Report & Correspondence: Read a card from the City of Fossil thanking ABATE for their donation for the outside bathroom in Fossil. Gene asked if we had received one from the city of Spray. The answer was NO. Nic read an email from Mark Weidkamp who is the founder of Cruisin' for Hope. A charity function dedicated to helping youth and families in need and facing traumatic health care issues. They have a function June 13-14 in Milwaukie and would like us to join them for the Saturday event in downtown Milwaukie, which starts at 8am. There are boat races and vendors and shows, etc. Look at [www.cruisinforhope.com](http://www.cruisinforhope.com) for more info.

Nic then read a letter from the Veterans of Oregon asking for our participation in their 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Veterans Convoy to honor Veterans. This will start at the Clark County Fairgrounds in Vancouver and run the entire length of the Veterans Memorial Hwy, ending at the Korean War Memorial in Wilsonville. Starts at 7am and there is a free Salmon Bake for the participants. Event is November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

Nic reported on the Offworld Design issue from last month. He reported that he had received a phone call from them stating that they are pulling their parody of the POW/MIA flag off the market. No more t-shirts or ads with the reworked flag symbol on them. He then read an email that Rot Path received in which the company stated that their Serenity Valley advertisement designs have been removed from their website. They also apologized for the offending design. The email also stated that the design was submitted by one of their

staff's son, who is a Marine Veteran but not from the Viet Nam era. Good work to Roth Path for this!

Vice Coordinator North: Ted Tracy – Standing in for Jordan – report in Coordinator's Comments.

Vice Coordinator South: Annette Murray – Stated that she had nothing to report at this time. *(Good to see Annette after so much to deal with lately. Welcome Back)*

Vice Coordinator East: Gene Mortimore – Reported that he is a bit behind in his work at Bear Hollow *(partially due to him having an accident on his bike after the Rally last Saturday. It is good to see that he is okay)* and that there will be a workday for everyone wishing to help out on Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup>. Gene also reported that there is cell phone coverage from Verizon and AT&T at Bear Hollow now. He also stated that if anyone wants a road-report before they ride up, they can give him a call.

(From Last Month) He reported about the two Cushman's (golf carts) that belong to ABATE. There are only rumors and no Cushmans. They were last seen at Run 21 and Lee Austin reported that they were loaded up onto the trailer and taken away. Ted reported that he is not getting any cooperation in contacting our past Quartermaster, Robert Hale, to see what he may know about this. This is still being investigated.

Treasurer: Kay Sipple – Excused, attending NCOM convention. Report received via email, Nic read: “I won't be at the State Board Meeting tomorrow as I am in Reno at the NCOM convention. Here is my report: checking acct \$2061.77, CD \$3,059.59, savings \$10,492.41. Have received ad payments from Gene M. for \$300.00 and two payments last week for about another \$200.00 plus just don't have the info with me in Reno. Income for April: \$6,644 and Expenses: \$4,734. Have a great day at BOD. Will send a readable report when I get back. Jordan said he would help me. Later, Kay and Jordan.”

River City turned money into Pat C. to give to Kay.

Membership Secretary: Linda Henderson – Excused. Report turned in. Nic read report sent in via email. “Gentlemen: Once again I have a commitment that will interfere with the State Board Meeting. I either dispersed the accumulated mail at the Rally or have mailed it directly to the recipients. The membership reports will be mailed to the Chapter Membership Secretaries by Wednesday, May 6. There were 3 Team Oregon reimbursement requests for April. Please remind the Chapter Reps that volunteers are needed to man the information booth at Fossil and/or the Spring Swap Meet (Portland) the following weekend. Please don't leave Dave Meeker abandoned at the Booth for the weekend! As always, feel free to give me a call if you have questions. Enclosed is the monthly report for the State Board Rep packets. May warm breezes speed you on your way to sunny destinations. Linda Henderson, State Membership Secretary.”

Nic read report to show 1724 current members. Ted remarked that we are down 100 members from last year. We need to get booths up and get some new members.

Sanctioning Officer: Matt Price – absent – No report received.

State Auditor: Richard Misener – Reported that he has 5 Chapters reporting in regularly. The non-reporting Chapters need to get their reports in. Chapter Reps are to take to their Chapter to contact him with any problems so that things can be dealt with in a timely manner. Stated that the reporting Chapters are Hub City, SE Portland, Lincoln County, River City and Washington County.

Newsmagazine Editor: Rot Path – Reported that there are pictures of the Rally on the website. The need to coordinate the distribution of ads to be put on the website, in the newspaper and on the flyers needs to be done better. This is in regards to Sanctioning, Newspaper and Webmaster. Their respective time constraints and other issues were discussed.

Rot Path stressed the need for flyers to think beyond their area when making their flyers. Add area codes to phone numbers and clear directions for people who are visiting. Rot Path stated that he can scan hard copies into electronic format but he understands that Matt has a problem with that. He also stressed that when you are making your flyer on a computer, that is done in an electronic format that can be distributed faster for greater distribution than hard copies.

Rot Pat addressed the concerns brought up at the last meeting by stating that all advertisement payments that come to him are forwarded to the Treasurer and that some advertisements have expired and he is currently checking to see if they want to renew their advertisement.

Legislative Director: Justin Handke – Read part of the Proclamation for Traffic Safety Awareness Month/Motorcycle Awareness Month. He also reported that SR 22 is a bill that the Feds are considering that would block public access to more lands, including motorcycles. Brian reminded everyone that this was done back in the Clinton Administration.

Sergeant at Arms North: Randy Phipps – Reported that there were two events coming up and volunteers are needed to help out. Get to everyone to help out as the “State Event” (Fossil Run and Swap Meet) belongs to every member. There will be sign up sheets at the Booths and the Entrances. Asked that everyone try to give a couple of hours and make it easy for everyone to have fun too.

Sergeant at Arms South: Bill Foster – Reported that he went to the Rally and volunteered in the BikePAC booth. He signed up a few new members to BikePAC and handed out every TriFold he had for ABATE of Oregon. He will be at the Fossil Run and at the Swap Meet on both days (Saturday & Sunday). He also reported that he got some computer stuff from Nic and others and almost has Douglas County Chapter up and a State Officer. Should have them at the next meeting.

Sergeant at Arms East: Jim Middleton – Reported that he will also be working Security at both Fossil and at the Swap Meet.

Products Director: Dave Meeker – Reported that the artwork is done for the T-shirts for Fossil and that he has 176 available. He has lady's, men's and long-sleeved. He also has 59 pins left. He also will have a white T-shirt for people to sign for the Museum in Fossil, for one of their displays. He also reported depositing \$224.50 for ABATE and gave \$97.00 to Nic Oliver for BikePAC. Rot Path won \$50 from the 50/50 Rally drawing. He also reported selling a lot of products at the Rally.

Education Director: Patricia Carner – Thanked everyone for putting up the signs and asked that anyone that needs more signs should see her. The success of the sign campaign is becoming known already. There are requests from more business' that want signs. She also has found that the yellow signs seem to be working better. She also spoke on some new laws that apply to motorcycle groups. She is trying to get the Motorcycle Awareness Program into schools without Driver's Education classes by having a school assembly. This could reach the entire school at one time. This might mean having to put on a couple of very large classes at the same time without the outside demonstration. She also reported that she is working on making a new presentation.

Brian reported that Rod Runion, a member of River City Chapter, is a new Team Oregon Instructor. Congratulations!

There was some talk regarding "Green Boxes" in the Portland area and it seems that they designate a "Bicycle Safety Zone".

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

Public Relations Director: Debra Lutje – Excused – Email to Secretary stated that there was no report to give this month.

State Run Coordinator (Fossil): VACANT

State Run Coordinator II: Howie Long – Reported that he is on schedule for the Fossil Run. Pre-event ticket sales are going good. Jill Tracy is in charge of the Bike Show. When asked about the things to bring for door prizes, Howie said that gift certificates to a Chapter's Event are always welcomed prizes. He stated that the offer of money instead of specific items is fine also. It was noted that paper towels will be needed, already has plenty of the smaller rolled stuff (alriiiiight – toilet paper!). It was also noted that Chapter Membership Secretaries should attend Fossil. Good way to boost membership. There will be Verizon and US Cellular coverage for cell phone users. He thanked Dave Meeker for having the Fossil T-shirts at today's meeting. He also reminded people to not throw away used parts. Rusty needs them for the Swap Meet.

A leather coat for the Fossil EMT raffle is ready and tickets are available. Help out a good cause and maybe win a nice leather jacket.

State Swap Meet Coordinator: Patricia Carner – Reported that the Swap Meet is going very well and all expenses are already figured in and everything collected from now on is pure profit for our organization. There is still help needed with security as there are four

entrance/exit areas to cover. There is also help going to be needed to man the booth and the entrance.

Historian: VACANT --

Web Page Editor: Trace Ceccacci – Asked about a request to post personal information regarding a member’s condition, even though that request came from the member himself. It was decided that the webpage is not the format for this type of information and the request was not to be granted. It was also decided that this member’s Chapter would handle this matter at the Chapter level.

Quartermaster: Ted Tracy -- Reported that he has the curtains and the tarp. He stated that in loading the tarp he heard a tear and the company gave him an entire roll of patch material for a 1-inch rip. He stated that the storage bags were not salvageable and were thrown away. He is going to check into getting new bags. The trailer work and upgrading is progressing. Ted stated that “Art is doing us good”. Reported that the “Cushmans” are still missing but he is looking into this. *(this is covered in the Vice Coordinator East report)*

ABATE’s BikePAC Representative: Randy Phipps –. Reported on the success of the Awareness Rally this year. There were 250-300 bikes and close to 800-1000 people that attended. The road was closed in front of the Capitol and the vendors were great. We had good speakers, with one riding his bike up to the microphone. This event is available on U-Tube and at Salem-News.com. There ensued a discussion regarding the rudeness of the people that revved their engines and roared out of the Rally while a speaker was talking. This kind of rude behavior is what turns legislators against us and needs to stop. Reported that Rot Path won \$50 in the 50/50 drawing that he donated back to BikePAC.

Nic spoke on this being the second half of the legislative session. This is where bills from one side go to the other side for review. If both sides can agree on language, then the bill is voted upon and if passed, goes to the Governor. SB 2554, the Vulnerable User Bill, is facing a problem in that two Senators are questioning the Bill. Another one is reported to be against this bill entirely. They were Sen. Schrader, Sen. Verger, and Sen. George. Brian pointed out that these have been supporters in the past. Nic is working on what happened and asked that any contact with the Senators be in the way of asking for their support of SB2554. Nic stated that this information was just received and he was already in contact with the Lobbyist to make this right and keep friends and, hopefully, make a new one in Senator Martha Schrader.

Confederation of Clubs Representative: Patricia Williams – Excused – Medical

Confederation of Clubs Representative II: Kay Sipple – Excused – NCOM Convention

### **Unfinished Business –**

Brian stated that he had received a request from the MRF as to whom our representatives would be. Ted reported that Jordan has already informed them that the MRF Representatives for Oregon are Ted Tracy, Ken Ray and Brian Stovall.

**Vacant officer positions nominations:**

Run Coordinator I (Fossil): None

Historian: None

**New Business:**

Howie brought up the idea that we need another State Run in the late Summer. This started discussing the old State Runs, such as the "Last Bash" and "Fall Bash". No decision was reached at this time.

**New Motions:**

Motion made by Nic Oliver, Hub City Chapter; seconded by Randy Phipps, Twin Rivers Chapter: "That ABATE pay 1 yr rent for the room at Eagles. Treasurer to set up log to monitor rent payments and when due." Nic asked that this motion be tabled until research can be done as to prior authorization to pay this and Kay comes back to check her records for payment. Vote to table was unanimous.

A motion was submitted regarding the name our newsletter was called. Is it a "news magazine" or what it is now being called? Rot Path stated that it is the "State Newspaper". Matter was settled and motion withdrawn without a second.

**Announcements:**

Next State Board of Directors Meeting: June 13th, 2009; at the Eagles Lodge, Albany, Oregon, at noon.

Central Oregon Chapter announced that they have moved their meeting place to the Northside Bar and Grill. Everyone is welcome.

Gnome hats are available from Rot Path.

5/7-11 NCOM convention in Reno, Nevada

5/9/2009 "Papa's Toys" Annual Open House car show of Custom Cars from 10am to 3pm. 495 N Holladay Street, Cornelius, Oregon. 503-260-6451.

5/16/2009 Willamette Valley Chapter invites everyone to their Rhody Poker Run. Flyer on the ABATE of Oregon website link or call 541-485-2352.

5/17 Governors Advisory Committee meeting at the usual place in Salem at 6pm.

**5/22-25/09 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fossil Campout. Good times at Bear Hollow campsite. Bike Show in Fossil, live bands, good food, good friends. GREAT TIMES!!!**

Tickets are available at meetings and at the Awareness Rally. Come get your ticket there and get \$5 off the ticket price for the Fossil Run!

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 or Al Simms 541-926-2161.

6/12-14/09 Best of the West Conference in Phoenix, Arizona

6/13-14/09 Cruisin For Hope, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cruise In. More information go to [cruisinforhope.com](http://cruisinforhope.com) website.

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.

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

8/1/09 WACO presents their Mid-Summer Poker Run. Go to [wacoabate.info](http://wacoabate.info) website for more information.

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 website for more information.

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

Meeting adjourned 1:58 PM