

November 14th, 2009, Eagles Lodge, Albany, Oregon

Minutes By Recording Secretary, Nic Oliver

Meeting was called to order by Jordan Kelley, Coordinator, at 12:05pm with 12 of 13 Chapters represented. All Chapters present were eligible to vote. The only Chapter not in attendance was Douglas County.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence for downed Brothers/Sisters and Service men/women. PFC Christopher Walz of the US Army is having services this afternoon in the Portland Airport area. Also, Dave "Diesel" Ganslien lost his mother and the services were November 12, 2009.

Guests and First Time attendees: Kevin "Old School" Saxton (New Jackson County Coordinator)

Motion made by Matt Price, Salem Chapter, to accept minutes from September 12th State Board meeting as printed in the Newsmagazine; Randy Phipps, Twin Rivers Chapter, seconded the motion. Motion passed

Coordinator Comments: Jordan Kelley - Stated that he received the report from ODOT on the motorcycle deaths for the year to date. He mentioned that only deaths are recorded and not the number of crashes. There have been 54 so far this year and 29 of them were single vehicle crashes. Jordan stated that we are killing ourselves as a lot of these crashes were alcohol related. Jordan also pointed out that education is part of our mission statement and we all should update our training periodically and that Team Oregon is always putting on classes. Brian Stovall pointed out that it is possible to sign up for classes with Team Oregon on-line now. Jordan stated that we need to keep ourselves safe.

Jordan then pointed out that we need to keep moving forward. We need to think about getting other members involved in our projects. Also in how we do them and even, are we getting others involved and not turning them away. Sometimes we need to swallow our pride a bit and make sacrifices and that it is for all of us when it comes to getting new people involved in our organization. He stated that this is a good thing for all of us to do for the greater good. He also stated that we need to stop the infighting. It is

damaging to us in many different ways.

Secretary Report & Correspondence: Reported that there were some out-of-state newsletters if anyone was interested. Nic also pointed out that the new proposed Operations Manuals were ready for each Chapter Representative to take back to their Chapters to review. Brian Stovall then commented that he had noticed that this was on the Agenda and stated that he had an alternative manual that he would like to include. This sparked a short discussion in which Nic pointed out that this would not happen as it was not presented to the committee in the appropriate manner. Brian stated that he was the co-chair of the committee and Nic stated that was true of the 2008 Committee but not the 2009 Committee in which there was a lot more work done. This project has taken well over year to do instead of the four months that Nic was asked to do it in back in early 2008. Nic stated at that time that he thought it would be better if a committee worked on updating the guidelines and procedures rather than just he doing it. Discussion was then tabled till later in the meeting.

Nic also reported that he had a Chapter Officer Roster form included with the packet for the Chapter Representatives for 2010 Officers. Kay stated that she wants this turned in by the February 13th meeting. Nic also pointed out that there were computer thumb drives for each Chapter Representative to give to their respective Chapter's Treasurer for doing their Treasurer stuff. Kay pointed out that it is large enough that they could do all of their work on it without having to have Quicken on their computers as it can be part of the thumb drive if they wanted. She enlisted the help of Trace Ceccacci in doing this for the Chapter Treasurers if they want. She would like to have every Chapter Treasurer come to a State Board meeting in the very near future for the free computer training that Trace Ceccacci is giving at 11am, just before the Board of Directors Meeting.

Vice Coordinator North: Ted Tracy - Reported that he is going to the Team Oregon banquet tonight. Other than that, no report

Vice Coordinator South: Annette Murray - Absent

Vice Coordinator East: Gene Mortimore - Reported that he had been in contact with the City of Spray regarding the 2008 Grant that they were seeking for an outside toilet, similar to Fossil's. It seems that they did not get their grant and the \$100 donation from ABATE if they got the grant is now moot. He also reported that Laura from Stewart's Leathers is donating a coat for us to raffle off. Thanks to Laura for her continued support. Gene also reported that the TV show, *The Biggest Loser*, had a part in Fossil and that he is one of them. He stated that they wanted to know how we could help them and he offered them a vendor spot in our Fossil Run providing cut wood for our campfires, etc. We have pretty much decimated the available wood at Bear Creek Hollow. The group is also looking for exercise equipment that someone would like to donate to them. So if anyone has any stuff lying around that they are not using, please consider donating it. You can contact Gene for more information.

Treasurer: Kay Sipple - Kay handed in a report and added to it. Her report reads: "The following chapters will have to file individual tax reports for the fiscal year 2008: Central Oregon, Salem and Twin

Rivers. I did not receive the reports needed for these chapters. *(The CPA can be contacted directly and she will supply information on how to do this)* The group and state tax reports have been completed and mailed Nov 12, 2009. For 2009 I will need from all chapters that wish to file with the group the following information: a Quicken file for the year 2009, December 31, 2009 bank statement and reconciliation report. I will need this information no later than the February 13, 2010 board meeting. I will be giving the CPA the files the following week. The bank balances are: checking \$7,343.82, savings \$22,277.47. I have thumb drives for the chapters available as per the planning session decision. We have started the monthly meeting for individual interested in learning more about computers. These will be held at 11am prior to each State Board meeting. Reminder that each chapter treasurer is encouraged to attend and will be given the opportunity to get approved for paid training also."

Membership Secretary: Linda Henderson - Report handed in. Current membership is 1771 but does not count the new Chapter.

Sanctioning Officer: Matt Price - Reported that everything is current and sanctioned, including the December 5 Toy Run. He also stated that he needs gate counts for all functions for insurance purposes and any Run that does not turn in a gate count will not be sanctioned for future events. This is very important and needs to be done by the December 12, 2009 State Board Meeting, no exceptions. He has tried to work with everyone on their runs and even bent the rules a bit in some cases in getting runs sanctioned but the applications need to be in by the 90 day prior to event deadline. He understands that there are difficulties sometimes, especially with alcohol vendors, but these things need to be done within the time frames given. All Run flyers need to be in either Jpeg or PDF formatting so that he can pass them on to Rot Path and Trace for posting. Trace, our Webmaster, also stated that outside runs that want on the website need to submit their flyers in similar formatting.

State Auditor: Richard Misener - Excused

Newsmagazine Editor: Rot Path - Thanked everyone for attending the meeting today. Rot Path asked if there was party planned for the December Board meeting. He was assured that there was going to be a party by Jordan. He also emphasized that new officers need to know what they are going to be doing and for current officers to work with them so that they are comfortable in doing their new job assignments.

Legislative Director: Justin Handke - Absent

Sergeant at Arms North: Randy Phipps - Stated "No Report".

Sergeant at Arms South: Bill Foster - Stated "No Report".

Sergeant at Arms East: Jim Middleton - Reported that he signed up one new member but otherwise, no report.

Products Director: Dave Meeker - Reported that he has been fighting with his vehicle as it seems to want to break down a lot lately. He reported that he has the "Pat Williams" patches available at \$2.00 each. He reported that he turned in \$167 income from the Swap Meet, better than he expected. He also reported that he has had requests for Chapter Rockers but he does not stock them. He can get them produced but a minimum order of 50 was needed. He also stated that he has new mission statement patches available.

Education Director: Patricia Carner – Absent

Education Director II: Geoff White - He apologized for missing meetings but he has been very sick. Geoff pointed out that the Education Director patch is really cool and someone should step up and help out by getting elected and wearing one. He reported that the Motorcycle Awareness classes are still going on. He also stated that Patricia's program needs to go forward but he cannot carry the load alone. He needs people to step up and help him if we are to carry on Patricia's fine work. He also asked if we wanted to continue the key fob giveaway program and the consensus was that it is to continue. He also asked that we push for everyone to be trained. Either beginning training or further training with Team Oregon or another program. Just keep up on your training so that you are a safer and, hopefully, will continue as a living rider.

Public Relations Director: Debra Lutje - Report turned in and read by Jordan. "Hello Everyone. Sorry I can't be here today but I will be back Dec. BOD. There are three items I want to address; 1. The poster project is being reformatted to look less like a Wanted Poster as soon as that is done I will be needing photos. If there are any professional or amateur photographers out there willing to donate some time please contact me through the State website. Also, I need a new back tire on my baby and a front end alignment on my cage, so as soon as I get that done I will be visiting chapters to talk about the poster project and coordinate with chapter PR officers. 2. Lori has done an amazing job on My Space for the state please go look and sign up. I still need volunteers for a couple of other sites. If you are interested, let me know. 3. In 2008 I sat in on the ByLaws and Operations Manual Committee at the Planning Session. My impression was that we wanted to streamline everything, since we all have enough rules to live by. I appreciate all the hard work Nic has done to finally get this thing ready for review and I want everyone to consider the idea of more editing and more streamlining. Let's not bog ourselves down with too much regulation. We are a relatively small organization and flexibility would serve us better than too many rigid rules. Brian Stovall has been working on this and I encourage everyone to consider his work as well. We have been at this project for over a year there's no need to rush an approval now. Happy Thanksgiving!"

State Run Coordinator (Fossil): Howie Long - Absent

State Run Coordinator II: VACANT

State Swap Meet Coordinator: Patricia Carner - Absent

Historian: Tonia Judd - Absent

Web Page Editor: Trace Ceccacci - Stated that he wants electronic copies of flyers of what we want him to put on the website. He stated that he will be working with Kay, State Treasurer, for online payment abilities, such as PayPal. They are not the cheapest site but they are the easiest to work with. We would be able to sell all of our stuff that way, from tickets to events to products.

Quartermaster: Ted Tracy - Reported that everything that we own in now in the Sherwood yard and he REALLY needs 4 or more guys to help him put up shelving in the storage container so that things can really be organized. This is a must do item but he cannot do it alone, it is way too heavy for that. He stated that Dwayne took BikePAC their trailer and our new trailer is looking really good. Lee Austin reported that he was told one of the golf carts had been sold. Ted said that he is still trying to arrange to pick them up and this will be checked into.

ABATE's BikePAC Representative: Randy Phipps - Reported that there was no meeting in November and that the next meeting is December 5, 2009 at the Salem Library. He pointed out that right now BikePAC is working on compiling a list of who our friends are in Salem and who isn't, as well as who is up for re-election.

Confederation of Clubs Representative: Gunny - Reported that the next meeting is November 22, 2009 at the NW Veterans Clubhouse at 2701 22nd street in Salem at 1300 hours (1pm for those who don't understand military time). NCOM had about 300 in attendance with another 300 in and out. He also reported that the Hospitality Room put on by Washington County was a very big success and thanked them profusely. There will be a full report in "Gunny's Sack" in the newsletter. Reported that the Vagos have applied for associate member in the CoC. He also mentioned the Shriners Toy Run and WaCo's Toy Run.

Confederation of Clubs Representative II: Kay Sipple - No Report

Unfinished Business –

Planning Session report was given by Jordan Kelly, Coordinator, and he said that the event was lightly attended but we had a lot of fun and got a lot of work done.

Jordan also reported on the Operations Manual review and stated that 3 Officer positions will be going away (*Swap Meet Coordinator, Run Coordinator II, Education Director II*) but that every officer has the ability to have as many assistants as needed to get the job done, if the manual is approved. There was a heated discussion on the manual regarding opposing views of what is needed and how this was to be done. Brian Stovall wanted to present another manual but it was conceded that this was to be done through the

committee. Nic will review this information and give it to anyone that wants it. Also, anyone can get Brian's ideas from him, if they want to. It was pointed out that this manual is NOT written in stone but is a constantly changing document that is designed to adapt to the needs of the organization. The new manual, as presented, should be looked at carefully by each Chapter before any final decision is to be made.

2010 Officers - Nominations

Products Director --- Dave Meeker accepted nomination and was elected. He handed out a list of products available.

Education Director I ---Geoff White accepted nomination and was elected but he asked for a lot of help as his schedule prevents him from doing all that he wants to without help.

Education Director II --- VACANT

State Swap Meet Coordinator --- VACANT

Quartermaster ---VACANT

Congratulations the new Officers for 2010! All new Officers need to fill out the Officer Data Sheet. There are still vacancies for anyone willing to step up.

Brian spoke on the ACTS Conference. He stated that we were welcomed and it was an eye opener on the amount of changes that have been going on. He reported about the support for Law Enforcement to ignore your rights when making traffic stops. He said that he would write a more complete report on this for the newsletter as it is a real problem. No written reports were handed in from Brian, Randy or Mel on the conference. Hopefully we will see them next month.

The insurance was asked about and Linda explained that it is a gift from the insurance company and that they will try to get more business by our returning the cards that were handed out. We do not need to return the cards to be covered. They do not have our addresses or any other information as she was the one that mailed their cards, not them. Our membership list is carefully guarded and given to no one. If you do not want to return the cards, then don't, but if you do, then expect to be contacted as you will then be on their list of prospective clients.

Lee Austin stood up and announced that he will not be an officer next year and reported that he received a call from a very irate person regarding him. He reported that his character has been defiled and he wants an apology from the State Board for this and for what was put in the newsletter. It was pointed out to him that he was not named in anything in the newsletter but he did not agree. He then left the meeting. Jordan Kelley called for an Executive Board Meeting after the State meeting to look into this.

New Business:

Motion 1: Made by Randy Phipps, Twin Rivers Chapter; seconded by Nic Oliver, Hub City Chapter. "Create a ¼ page space in the newsletter for member to express support for our servicemen and women and family worldwide. All submissions to be received in accordance with state policy." Discussion was short and it was noted that the space not used by the Chapters in their reports could also be used for this. The final details were left up to Rot Path, our esteemed Editor. Voting took place and the motion passed unanimously.

Rod Hatter spoke on the Military Outreach program he had been working on at the Planning Session. He presented a leaflet that would fit in our tri-folds. It contained much information and outlined the benefits they would get through ABATE. Rod asked about the \$3,000 policy and how he should describe this for the military outreach insert and Linda Henderson explained that it is an Accidental Death and Dismemberment policy. The leaflet was well received but a final decision was put off till next month so that Rod could do more work on it. He will be sending his amended copy to all Chapter representatives and State Board members who's email addresses he has.

Ted Tracy took this opportunity to announce the formation of a New Chapter in ABATE of Oregon. Kevin "Old School" Saxton was presented to the Board as the Coordinator/Chapter Representative for the new Chapter. "Old School" stated that "Spanky", our new Vice Coordinator South, was the one that worked to put this together and that he had been a member in the past and is now glad to be back. Spanky stated that with Nic's, Jordan's and Ted's help, he was able to do this and may have 1 or 2 more new Chapters in the works. Vote to accept Jackson County as a new Chapter was Unanimous. Join us all in welcoming the New JACKSON COUNTY CHAPTER!!!! Thank you Spanky for doing such a great job!

Ted then announced that the new MRF Representatives for Oregon are Jay Jackson and Heidi Disrud. Ted tried to say that he did a terrible job as Representative but no one believed that.

Spanky spoke on "Wreaths Across America" and how this benefits the Veterans and current Servicemen/women. Anyone wanting more information on donating should check out their website or contact Spanky.

Announcements:

Next State Board of Directors Meeting: December 12th, 2009; at the Eagles Lodge, Albany, Oregon, at Noon, with Computer Training to start at 11am.

11/21/09 Biker Night at Tommy's Welcome Inn at 142 S. Main St. in Jefferson. Put on by Salem Chapter and bring a can of food and a new toy. For more information contact Quiet Mike at 503-678-6302 or Sheryl at 541-327-2953.

11/21/09 WaCo is having their Stan Johnston Memorial Toy Run. For more information go to wacoabate.info.

11/21/09 Twin Rivers 1st Annual Anniversary Party at the Spare Room, 4830 NE 42nd in Portland. For more information contact Tom Brewer 360-835-0450 or Lee Austin 503-760-9015.

12/5/09 Shriners Hospital 30th Annual Toy Run. Bring an unwrapped toy. Ride meets at 10am at Tri-Met at 4012 SE 17th in Portland. For more information contact Edd 503-771-0188 or Glenn 503-916-9412 or Mike 503-255-5415 or Shag 503-695-3460

12/6/09 AMO 21st Annual Toy Run in memory of Wayne Wilkinson, Hosted by the Albany Eagles Lodge #2255. Meet at the Albany K-Mart parking lot on Pacific Blvd at 10am. Bring and unwrapped gift and a can of food. For more information contact Robert Ingram 541-812-1679.

12/6/09 LoCo is having a Potluck Dinner at Colvins Pub & Grill at 6pm. Come have a great time with great people. For more information contact Lower Columbia Chapter

Josephine County announced that they will be having a Pot Luck dinner for Christmas. More information to follow or you can contact Josephine County Chapter of ABATE.

Meeting adjourned at 1431hours or 2:31 civilian time.