

January 9th, 2010, Eagles Lodge, Albany, Oregon
Minutes By Temporary Recording Secretary, Nic Oliver

Meeting was called to order by Ted Tracy, Coordinator, at 12:05pm with 14 of 14 Chapters represented. All Chapters present were eligible to vote.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence for downed Brothers/Sisters and Service men/women. Mike Flaharty, 2010 State Sgt-at-Arms South, Passed on 11-6-09.

Guests and First Time attendees: Rick Coleclasure, JaCo (Jackson County) and VP Old Guard Riders; Bill Rozza, North Coast; Nancy Witham, Hub City Chapter Representative training, Willy Shull

Motion made by Matt Price, Salem Chapter, to accept minutes from November 14th State Board meeting as printed in the Newsmagazine; Spanky, JoCo Chapter, seconded the motion. Motion passed

Coordinator Comments: Ted Tracy – Asked that Officers keep their reports short as we have a lot of motions to go through. Also stated that any Chapter Representative or Officer not able to attend the Board of Directors meetings need to call him and let him know so that he can put “excused” next to their names. Even if someone comes up just before the meeting starts and tells him would be better than not knowing and marking them absent.

Secretary Report & Correspondence: Nic Oliver (Temporary fill in) – A lot of newsletters from other States are available. Stated that a Secretary needed to be found as will be unable to fill the role for long. Asked that people speak clearly as he has one ear that is not working right.

Ted Tracy, our Coordinator, wants all Chapter Rosters for 2010 to be turned in right now. He wants them before the next Board of Directors meeting in February. Some Chapters have turned in their rosters and others haven't.

Vice Coordinator North: Alan Nichols – No report

Vice Coordinator South: Pat “Spanky” Allen – Reported that Jackson County was started at the last meeting and we should have a Klamath Falls Chapter in March. Also reported that he is planting seeds for more Chapters and memberships.

Vice Coordinator East: Gene Mortimore – Reported that the Round-up in Condon is now closed down. Also reported that the Shamrock in Fossil is now closed due to an IRS liquidation sale. So, one of our favorite hangouts in Fossil is now gone. Gene made a special mention that Rotten Roger has gotten a lot of equipment, including one of those fancy treadmills, for the biggest loser group in

Fossil and with Randy's help storing these items, they will be going to Fossil today. Thanks to everyone for this.

Treasurer: Kay Sipple – Reported that at the February meeting every Chapter needs to have their 12/31/09 Bank Statement, their conciliation report and the thumb drive with their Quicken information for the year turned in to her. She will be taking this information to the CPA right away. There will be no more excuses accepted. We cannot be late again as the IRS is targeting groups to change their status and we are under the spotlight for being so late so many times. If Chapters do not get their information in promptly, they will have to file their tax information on their own.

We currently have \$5,643.75 in Checking, \$16,636.48 in Savings. Insurance premium of \$3,600 has come due and was paid. Each Chapter has to have their own Federal Identification Number (FIN). Brian Stovall, River City Chapter, spoke on candy sales that his Chapter has been participating in and presented Kay with a check for \$175. Debra Lutje mentioned that the Chapter always rounds their 10% check up to the next \$25.

When Chapters send in their checks for their 10% to the State, do not use personal checks. They have to be a Chapter Check. The State Treasurer needs to be on every Chapter's account as a signer.

Membership Secretary: Linda Henderson – Reported that current membership is 1774 with 33 expired.

Sanctioning Officer: Matt Price – Reported that we had 50 events last year with an attendance of just under 12,000. Our insurance is paid for another year with an increase being added, which is normal. All events submitted up to today have been sanctioned, with the exception of Biker Night.

State Auditor: Connie Kintz – Not much to report yet. Due to having to go through the thumb drives and all the information contained, monthly reports will always be 1 month behind.

Newsmagazine Editor: Rot Path – Thanked everyone for attending the meeting today. Rot Path noted that tomorrow is the 10th of the month and Chapter Reports are due. He only has three so far.

Linda Henderson stated that Chapter Reports should include a summary of their Events that were held that month. Members are interested to see how every Chapter is doing.

Legislative Director: Randy Phipps – Spoke about the Federal HR3590, dubbed Obamacare. Also the State of Oregon will be having elections in November for about half of its Legislators. The State of Oregon's site has changed for getting this information to ORESTAR.

Sergeant at Arms North: Randy Phipps – Stated HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Sergeant at Arms South: VACANT

Sergeant at Arms East: Jim Middleton – Excused

Products Director: Dave Meeker – He reported that he has the “Pat Williams” patches available at \$2.00 each. He asked if we wanted a 35th Anniversary Patch made. It was suggested that designs be turned in for that. Also, Dave said that April will be the latest that a design for the 33rd Annual Fossil Run T-shirt designs can be submitted. So, get your designs in soon.

Education Director: Geoff White -- Absent

Education Director II: VACANT

Public Relations Director: Debra Lutje – Reported that she is working on the Poster Project. She said that she needs family friendly photographs with a biography included, that is names, ages, what the setting is, when the photo was taken, etc. Debra reported on an article in a local paper that she wrote. She stressed the need to get to know your local papers. She also reported that Mucinex is up to their old tricks again with the anti-biker advertisements.

State Run Coordinator (Fossil): Howie Long – Howie reported that he has someone, Rick Prentiss, for the number two position and asked if we needed elections but was told that he could have anyone he wanted assist him. He reported that the tickets for Fossil this year will remain the same price as last year. There will be Day Passes available for \$15 member, \$20 Non-member. Stewarts Leathers has donated a \$600 Jacket and we need to really promote this. Using a raffle ticket and not just the two-part off the roll ticket was suggested. RV's will again be restricted from Bear Hollow as it is too small for RVs and bikes. Sheldon Wayside is only about 3 miles further down the road and has room for RVs. Each group of 10 or more will be allowed one support vehicle of under 20 feet in length into the park.

Reported that PR is on track and that Door Prizes are needed. Also stated that he needs help with Vendors and the Flyers. He also asked the each and every Chapter take as their responsibility one aspect of Fossil as their project this year. For more information each Chapter should contact Howie.

State Run Coordinator II: VACANT

State Swap Meet Coordinator: VACANT – Patricia Carner reported that the Fall Swap Meet made about \$3,500 in 2009. The vendors were happy, except for one who was asked not to come back. There have been changes at the Armory and there is now more space available for more vendors. The date for the Spring Swap Meet is April 25th and this is confirmed and set. There needs to be a lot of Chapter help to make this work. Each Chapter needs to get involved.

Historian: Tonia Judd – Absent

Web Page Editor: Trace Ceccacci – Stated that he has not updated the Officer list on the website yet. Nic was asked to get what he can to Trace as soon as he can. Every Chapter needs to be sure that their contact information is correct. There have been a lot of reported problems.

Quartermaster: VACANT

ABATE's BikePAC Representative: Randy Phipps – Nic Oliver, Executive Director reported that there have been some issues with the upcoming Awareness Rally. An immigration rally tried to take

the date but the Secretary of State has reserved it for the Rally. It is set for May 1st this year and there will be a live band again. Nic stated that we need at least 1,000 bikes in attendance this year to make a statement as this is an election year and outgoing and potential incoming Legislators will be watching. The street in front of the Capital will be closed again and while the Speakers are talking no bike will be allowed to be started or run in front of the Capital. People will either have to push their bike down the street before starting it or wait for a break between speakers. It is very rude and disrespectful to rev up a bike when a speaker is talking. We need to impress these people and not show them that we are jerks.

Nic also asked that anyone that wants to, submit their ideas for flyers. These will be decided upon at the February 6th BikePAC meeting and ready for distribution by March 1, 2010, hopefully. Nic asked that everyone that can, please put these out everywhere and anywhere there is a bulletin board, window or wall that will allow them to. We need everyone, including sport bikers, scooter riders and everyone else that rides a bike or trike. We work for everyone's welfare and rights.

Matt Price pointed out that there is a box on your Oregon Tax Returns that would have the government give \$50 to BikePAC of Oregon, if you choose to avail yourself of that option.

The next meeting on February 6, 2010 will be a Full Board meeting.

Confederation of Clubs Representative: Pat "Spanky" Allen – Gunny reported that a lot of problems have shown up in Southern Washington State involving discrimination issues on wearing colors into public establishments. Different scenarios were given and in every case the owners of the establishments opened their doors to the bikers without any problems and with open arms.

The next Governor's Advisory Committee meeting is on January 15, 2010 at 6:30 pm in Salem, on Union Street. The US Defenders program is up and running and Mike Friend is the ABATE Representative. Also spoke on the upcoming NCOM Conference in Florida this year. Gunny suggested that every Chapter send to representatives to this conference.

Confederation of Clubs Representative II: Jay Jackson – No report

Unfinished Business –

2010 Officers – Nominations

Sgt-At-Arms South – Bill Foster nominated, accepted, voted and was elected.

Recording Secretary – Glenyce Jackson nominated, accepted, voted and was elected.

Education Director II

State Swap Meet Coordinator

Quartermaster – Dwayne Sterba nominated, accepted, voted and was elected

Ted Tracy stated that he has stepped down as the MRF Representative and Jay Jackson has volunteered for the job. Rick Disrud will be helping him.

Congratulations the new Officers

The 2010 Officer Data Forms need to be filled out and turned in now to the Secretary for compilation. Ted wants this information NOW!

Also, the Chapter Roster forms need turned in now before our Coordinator has a coronary.

Randy Phipps spoke on the Annual Officer Reports that all Officers were directed to write at the beginning of 2009. So far, he has only 3 and that leaves a lot undone. Get these in people.

New Business:

Motion 1: Made by Lee Austin, SE Portland Chapter; seconded by Rod Hatter, Willamette Valley Chapter; "To extend the running of a quarter page ad in our newsmagazine for Francine West and the High Speed Wobblers for 2010". Discussion regarding their work for the Toy Run and promoting the wheelchairs and toys for kids. Voting results: Yea – 12, Nay – 0, Abstentions – 2. Action: Motion Passed

Motion 2: Made by Dwayne Sterba, Lower Columbia Chapter (LoCo); seconded by Matt Price, Salem Chapter; "Move Feb. Meeting to LoCo Clatskanie before Crab Feed". Voting Results: Yea – 9, Nay – 0, Abstention – 5. Action: Motion Passed. Directions will be put in the newsletter. Address is Colvin's Pub and Grill, 123 S. Nehalem St., Clatskanie, OR 97016.

Motion 3: Made by Nic Oliver (originally Rot Path but needed a Chapter Representative) Hub City Chapter; seconded by Randy Phipps, Twin Rivers Chapter; "That ABATE of Oregon purchase a 5 or 6 port Ethernet router for installation in the Eagles Secretary office in order to provide uninterrupted internet access for ABATE members during State Board meeting. Estimated cost about \$50.00." Trace said he had one of those and would let ABATE use it. Action: Motion Withdrawn – no action taken

Motion 4: Made by Nic Oliver, Hub City Chapter; seconded by Bob Highfill, Lincoln County Chapter; "That we accept and ratify the Operations Manual as the official and only set of guidelines and procedures for ABATE of Oregon Inc, subject to future revisions as deemed needed by the Board of Directors". Discussion included trying to get a set of guidelines and procedures needed that each Chapter now has and this will get everyone on the same page and able to work the same way and make any additional revisions on it. This will take care of one Chapter have one set of rules and another Chapter having a different set of rules and getting everyone on the same page. This will make the work easier and faster. Brian stated that the filing with the State of Oregon has to have the ByLaws included and it was pointed out that this is not the case anymore. The Articles of Incorporation do not need nor want this information included anymore. There seemed to be a lot of confusion as to what is going on and no one wanted do deal with this without a lot of bickering over what deals with what. There seemed to be a consensus but a small group that still wants changes that would remove our protection from Federal and State rules by eliminating needed guidelines. A motion to table and take back to committee was presented by Randy Phipps, Twin Rivers Chapter and seconded by Rod Hatter of Willamette Valley Chapter. Action Taken: Motion tabled and sent back to Committee.

Motion 5: Made by Lee Austin, SE Portland Chapter, no second was received. The reason being that the motion was to make the MRF report a part under the Legislative Director report and it was

decided that all that was needed was a consensus that everyone would like this and it can be done without a motion. Action taken: None needed – MRF report will be added as a subsection to the Legislative Officer's report.

Announcements:

Next State Board of Directors Meeting: February 13th, 2010, Colvin's Bar and Grill, Clatskanie, Oregon, at Noon, with Computer Training to start at 11am.

Mel Yeager has an extra copy of Windows 7 for sale to the highest bidder. The proceeds will be going to BikePAC of Oregon. So make and bid, who knows, you might just win! Go to mel_yeager@msn.com to place your bid. Hurry! This won't last long. It is a \$200 program and you might get it cheap and the proceeds go to fighting for Motorcyclist's Rights!

1/23/2010 Hub City is having a **"BIKER NIGHT"** at the Front Street Bar and Grill at 2300 Front Street (the corner of Front and Davidson). Dinner available till about 8:30pm. Live band. Donations at the door. Great door prizes. For more information go to hubcityabate.com

1/30/2010 Twin Rivers Chapter presents "Cabin Fever" at the Spare Room. For more information contact Twin Rivers Chapter

2/13/2010 Lower Columbia Chapter is having a Crab Dinner. Everyone is welcome. Contact Lower Columbia Chapter for more information. Tickets \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door.

3/6/2010 Washington County Chapter is having their Anniversary Dinner. For more information go to Waco.com

4/25/2010 ABATE of Oregon Spring Swap Meet

May or June will be the Southern Oregon Swap Meet by JoCo

Aug 2010 JoCo's Run to the Coast

Aug 2010 JoCo/Douglas County's SOS Campout

Sept 2010 JoCo's Last Chance Social

Oct 2010 JoCo's Grants Pass Toy Run

The next CoC meeting will be at the Round Table Pizza at 4141 122nd Ave/117th NE Portland

Meeting adjourned at 1430 hours or 2:30 pm for you landlubbers.