

# WASHINGTON COUNTY ABATE CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** 01/26/09

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** 7:30 p.m.

**ATTENDEES:** 53

**GUESTS:** None

## **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**BLESSING:** Len Punzel

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Luke Stocker

**MISSION STATEMENT:** Rich Virchow

**READING OF THE MINUTES:** Margo Virchow

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

## **COORDINATOR'S COMMENTS: ROGER YARNELL**

Welcome everyone. Fifth annual WaCo Birthday Party is coming up. Review of past years shows that our attendance has decreased each year. Economy is tight and we can't do anything about that, but we can all invite people. This is one of our main fundraisers for the year so let's promote it heavily. We will have free rides to home or hotel within 5 miles of the Elks.

## **OFFICER REPORTS:**

### **VICE COORDINATOR: JIM HENDERSON**

As parliamentarian, will spend time this year talking about protocols and education on topics such as how to properly make a motion and meeting agendas.

### **TREASURER: SHARON YARNELL**

**Deposits:** None since last meeting

**Expenses:** \$50 to Award Specialties for appreciation plaques for Paradise HD and Demarini Sports.

**Balance: \$4,000 seed money for EOS, working balance = \$2,517.61**

Will have advance tickets for the birthday party available at the next chapter meeting. Discount prices for advance tickets.

### **LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR: ED VAUGHN**

Apologize for missing last meeting. There is an awareness rally this Thursday, January 29 at the Capitol in Salem. BikePac reps will be available for help. Vic Gilliam is sponsoring a vulnerable user bill. Distracted driving will also get a lot of attention this session by legislators. Next BikePac meeting is February 7. Will e-mail details to all on the e-mail list.

### **STATE BOARD REP: ALLAN NICHOLS**

No report.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:****RICH VIRCHOW**

Flyers for the birthday party are on the bar. Please take some to your local watering holes and businesses. Also have flyers for STEAM and some copies of the CoC reports.

**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY:****CINDY HENDERSON****Members 288****Drawing \$ 92.50****EDUCATION DIRECTOR:****TED TRACY**

As we move into better riding weather, will be focusing on safe riding techniques. Safe group riding will be a recurring topic. STEAM is February 21 at the Hillsboro Elks. Food is included. Keynote speaker is Slider Gilmore and his talk could help you save the life of a friend or loved one who goes down on a motorcycle. Afternoon sessions will also be very informative. Don't miss this incredible opportunity.

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR: VACANT****WEBPAGE EDITOR:****ROBERT BEADLE**

No report.

**QUARTERMASTER:****PAUL HERING**

We have formed a committee to design the build-out for the new Not-So-Ugly trailer. Logo and signage sample for front and back shown tonight. Please contact Paul with feedback/ideas.

**HISTORIAN:****TRACE CECCACCI**

No report

**CHAPTER PRODUCTS:****DAVE MEEKER**

Apologized for missing last meeting due to transportation issues. Chapter officer rockers are available for new officers. See Dave if you need one.

**WAYS & MEANS:****LUKE STOCKER****Balance \$ 1078.00**

Need auction/prize donations for the birthday party. Bring them to Tina. Buy tickets at break.

**RUN COORDINATOR:****LEN PUNZEL**

Have found the band for the birthday party. Ted will sign them. Went to a chapter meeting of our newest chapter, Lower Columbia County (LOCO). They are putting on a crab feed February 14<sup>th</sup> at Calvin's Pool Hall in Clatskanie. \$15 advanced tickets, \$20 at the gate.

**RUN COORDINATOR II:****JOHN KITTSON**

No Report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Roger: Be thinking about which charity to focus on this year. In past few years we have supported Monika's House through the Domestic Violence Resource Center in Hillsboro. They can no longer take canned food due to storage issues. They do still take new clothing, cell phones, and many other items. Linda Henderson will bring a list to a future meeting. We need to choose which charity to support at an upcoming meeting soon.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Len: LoCo Chapter crab feed February 14

Gunny: NCOM meeting is May 7-11, 2009 in Reno, NV.

Jordan: Run 21 flyers are on the bar.

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Roger: Next run committee meeting February 2 at 7:30 p.m. PrimeTime in Forest Grove

**NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME:** February 9, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. PrimeTime in Forest Grove

**50/50 DRAWING:** \$38.00 Ted Tracy

**MEMBERSHIP DRAWING:** \$92.50 Cari Yohnka was not present to win.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 8:23

Respectfully submitted,

*Margo L. Virchow*

Washington County ABATE Recording Secretary