

WASHINGTON COUNTY ABATE CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

DATE: 02/23/09

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

ATTENDEES: 45

GUESTS: Slider Gilmore

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**

Steam was great. We did Washington County Chapter proud with our attendance. Great job to Patricia Carner, with help from Ted Tracy, Jordan Kelley, and Jim Henderson. Thanks to all for your participation.

OFFICER REPORTS:

VICE COORDINATOR:

JIM HENDERSON

No report.

TREASURER:

SHARON YARNELL

Deposits: None since last meeting

Expenses: None since last meeting

Balance: \$4,000 seed money for EOS, \$400 remaining seed money for the Not-So-Ugly Trailer,

Working balance = \$1,522.79

Advance tickets for the birthday party still available until March 23. \$8/single, \$15/couple

LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR:

ED VAUGHN

BikePac issued a list of bills being introduced this session. Relevant bills to us include: HB2554 the vulnerable user bill; the freedom of choice helmet bill; a bill that would allow a helmet exemption tag on driver's licenses for certain medical conditions with a doctor's note; several house and senate bills related to distracted driving penalties, specific to cell phone usage; SB319 to allow special motorcycle plates; SB432 to require insurance companies to reduce rates for those taking motorcycle education courses. E-mail Ed for more details and a complete list of bills.

STATE BOARD REP:

ALLAN NICHOLS

Board meeting was Feb. 14. 10 of 13 chapters represented. We have the 2-year contract for Bear Hollow and Gene Mortimer has been busy getting the park ready for Fossil. Volunteers would be welcome. State Treasury: \$1,700 in checking, \$12,000 in savings, \$3,000 CD. IRS bill so far this year

is \$1,900. State Auditor wants to remind all Chapter Treasurers that reports sent to the State Treasurer also need to be sent to him. Fossil RC II reports that locals will be allowed to come into the run on Sunday night for \$5. There will be more accountability for Fossil finances this year. Need from each chapter for Fossil: 5 door prizes; 5 gallons of gas for the generator; very large trash bags; toilet paper. Fossil Run Committee meets just prior to each state board meeting at 11:00 a.m. State Quartermaster reports that all state equipment now in one place. Operations manual committee is waiting for financial and sanctioning sections, but work is almost complete. New motions: M/S Lee Austin/Rod Hatter: To run a monthly ad free of charge for Francine West & the High Speed Wobblers for ½ page for the Musicians Toy Run Benefit. Motion was amended to ¼ page. Motion passed. M/S Rod Hatter/Randy Phipps: That Ted be authorized to get quotes & costs to have trailer brakes installed and if under \$100, get the work done. If over \$100, bring figures to next board meeting. Motion passed.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

RICH VIRCHOW

Birthday party flyer wasn't in the last newsmagazine issues for several reasons. Paperwork was turned in at the state board meeting on the deadline date for the issue. Flyers now need to be sent in electronic format. It will be in the next issue. Flyers are on the bar for the birthday party. Roll 'N Ride sanctioning will be submitted this week.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY:

Members 302

SHIRLEY CHRISTOFERSON FOR CINDY HENDERSON

Drawing \$ 129.00

EDUCATION DIRECTOR:

TED TRACY

STEAM was great. Slider Gilmore is the newest member of WaCo ABATE! His talk was fantastic. Thanked him for being here. Slider thanked WaCo for hospitality and said he really enjoyed his time in Oregon. Share the Road campaign signs are available tonight. Ted showed samples and encouraged everyone to post signs where they have visibility to do so. Patricia said she is asking for \$5 donations for each sign, but will give signs to those who will post them but are not able to donate. Patricia is also teaching First Aid/CPR/AED certification courses. March 8 is the first class: 6 hours to get certified, 4 hours to get re-certified. Cost is \$25 each, sign-up sheet going around the room. Class filled quickly, so sign-ups for a second class were accepted.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: VACANT

WEBPAGE EDITOR:

No report.

ROBERT BEADLE

QUARTERMASTER:

No report.

PAUL HERING

HISTORIAN:

No report.

TRACE CECCACCI

CHAPTER PRODUCTS:

Absent. No report.

DAVE MEEKER

WAYS & MEANS:

TINA STOCKER FOR LUKE STOCKER

Balance \$ 1135.00

Need auction/prize donations for the birthday party. Bring them to Tina ASAP, but will accept donations up until the day of the event. Buy tickets at break.

RUN COORDINATOR:

LEN PUNZEL

Still need donations for the birthday party. Please bring them to a meeting or drop them off at Cindy Henderson's house. Basket assembly will happen the weekend prior to the party. John Kittson is working on the route for the Roll 'N Ride, and it will be fun. Looking toward EOS as well.

RUN COORDINATOR II:

JOHN KITTSON

Absent. No Report.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion/Second: Dian Punzel/Robert Beadle: That Washington County Chapter take on the Washington County Food Bank as our charity this year. Jim Henderson moved to table the motion until the Executive Board can decide on the legitimacy of the motion (specifically regarding spending chapter funds on charitable causes). Motion passed to table the original motion until next meeting.

Motion/Second: Len Punzel/Jordan Kelley: To move the date for the End of Summer Run from the third weekend in September to Labor Day Weekend. Motion/Second to table: Jill Tracy/Cindy Henderson. Motion passed to table original motion until next meeting to allow more time for discussion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Patricia: Spring Swap Meet date has been moved to May 31 at the Portland Armory. Ted added that we need volunteers to help with that.

Jordan: P 4 Slider! (Nod to Slider Gilmore for his fantastic speech and slogan from STEAM)

Patricia: Second First Aid/CPR/AED certification class will be held April 18 at Banks Dance Academy Executive Board to convene directly after tonight's meeting. Anyone wishing to express opinions is welcome to attend but only E-Board members can vote.

Next Run Committee Meeting: Monday, March 2 at 7:30 p.m. PrimeTime in Forest Grove

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

50/50 DRAWING: \$43.00 Slider Gilmore donated back to the chapter

MEMBERSHIP DRAWING: \$129.00 Barbara Kramer was not present to win.

CHAPTER MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:44 p.m.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING:

Six of seven executive board members present: Roger Yarnell, Jim Henderson, Sharon Yarnell, Cindy Henderson, Rick Stocker, Margo Virchow. Other members present for parts of meeting: Linda Henderson, Paul Hering.

The purpose of this meeting is to determine the legitimacy of the motion made by Dian Punzel during the chapter meeting, to take on the Washington County Food Bank as our charity this year.

Jim Henderson pointed out that the Bylaws state specific purposes for which chapter funds shall be used, and direct financial donations to charities do not fall under the stated purposes. He read from Article XII, Finances, as follows:

- A. The fiscal year of ABATE shall be January 1st through December 31st.
- B. All funds obtained from membership dues, donation, and organization benefits shall be used for:
 1. Rider and non-rider education
 2. Distribution or dissemination of organizational information
 3. Legislative action
 4. Organizational requirements and general costs incurred in the operation of the organization itself, none of which shall go to any Member or Officer with the exception of reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenditures directly related to ABATE activities authorized by the State Board of Directors and/or the State Executive Board.

Much discussion ensued regarding uses of chapter funds. Because the motion made tonight by Dian Punzel does not specifically ask for direct funds from the chapter to support the Washington County Food Bank, the Executive Board voted unanimously that the motion is, indeed, legitimate. Support could include donations of food, clothing, or other necessary items from chapter members brought to any chapter meeting or event.

Executive Board Meeting Adjourned: 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margo L. Virchow

Washington County ABATE Recording Secretary