

# WASHINGTON COUNTY ABATE CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** 05/11/09

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** 7:31 p.m.

**ATTENDEES:** 40

**GUESTS:**

## **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**BLESSING:** Len Punzel

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Luke Stocker

**MISSION STATEMENT:** Kay Sipple

**READING OF THE MINUTES:** Margo Virchow

**CORRESPONDENCE:** MRF Renewal Certificate for sustaining membership, NCOM newsletters, Thank you Letter from Troy Davis for our help with parking at Papa's Toys, along with a \$300 donation in appreciation of our efforts. He hopes we will consider helping again next year.

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

Papa's Toys was a great time! Thanks to Jim Henderson for coordinating our efforts. It was a fundraiser for Doernbecher's Children's Hospital. The Davis family also donated a huge amount of food to the Elks in December for their basket program. Big thanks to all those who worked the event: Jim and Linda Henderson, Rick Stocker, Cindy Henderson, Bill Michels, Rich and Margo Virchow, Roger and Sharon Yarnell. May 27 chapter meeting will be cancelled as most of us will be coming home from Fossil. Dave Meeker has pre-sale tickets for Fossil.

We've all seen Luke Stocker grow up through his years of participation in our chapter. He has watched others make the choice to serve their country in the military, and been a part of our work to fight to retain our rights. Now he's decided to enlist in the Army. Congratulations, Luke and thanks for your service! Luke leaves on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **OFFICER REPORTS:**

### **VICE COORDINATOR:**

**JIM HENDERSON**

No report.

### **TREASURER:**

**SHARON YARNELL**

**Deposits:** \$300 Donation from Troy Davis for Papa's Toys participation

**Expenses:** \$89.50 to Steve Kaufman for Team OR course

**Balance:** \$4,000 seed money for EOS, \$336 remaining seed money for the Not-So-Ugly Trailer, Working balance = \$3,132.56

### **LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR:**

**ED VAUGHN**

HB 2554, the vulnerable user bill, passed the house 58-2. Was referred to the senate and has had one hearing. Senator George opposes the addition of motorcycles, saying he feels motorcyclists are fast enough to be able to get out of the way and the addition would detract from farm equipment and

other, slower vehicles. NCOM has reached out to the sport bike community and sees them as a valuable ally. Last year the sport bike community had over 2,000 participants at their convention. Encourages us to extend a hand to our local sport bike community to all pull together – we're working for the same issues.

The May Awareness Rally had 250 bikes show up. Nic Oliver opened the ceremony and was followed by Mark Kemper, president of the CMA. Other speakers included David Peterson, Vice Chair of the Governor's Advisory Board, Bob Reichenberg of Team OR, Andy Olsen from the Albany area, Jim Thompson from the West Benton County area, and Rep. Wingard from Salem.

Additional speakers were Jim Freeman from the Medford area, who rode his bike right up to the microphone, and Senator Atkinson who brought the gas tank from his first motorcycle. Full details from the rally are available on BikePac's website

**STATE BOARD REP:**

**ALLAN NICHOLS**

Received a thank you note from the City of Fossil for our donation to the outdoor restrooms. There will be a work party at Bear Hollow on May 16. Please call Gene Mortimer for details. There is call service at Bear Hollow for some wireless carriers. Still looking for volunteers to work security, the information booth, and still need door prizes. But everything is on schedule as of today. Patricia Carner has pre-sale tickets here tonight.

The state is contemplating having a local run (Salem area) on Labor Day weekend. Will vote at the next meeting on chapter's feelings. Informal vote showed WaCo would be in favor.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:**

**RICH VIRCHOW**

Mid-Summer flyer was not in the May issue. Rot Path e-mailed to apologize and say it was his error. It will be prominently featured in the June issue. Flyers on the bar for Roll 'N Ride and Mid-Summer Run, as well as yellow pocket cards that list our next 4 events. Upcoming events for other chapters: 4/16 Rhody Run by Willamette Valley. The route is published and you can join the run at any point along the way. Also 4/16: Country Bumpkin Run in North Plains, benefits the Senior Center. 7/17-19: Cow Chip. 7/25: Ruckus Run benefits Oregon dog rescue efforts.

**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY:**

**CINDY HENDERSON**

**Members 327**

**Drawing \$ 215.00**

Remember we are having a membership drive/contest. We will have an update on the status at our next meeting.

**EDUCATION DIRECTOR:**

**TED TRACY**

Team Oregon flyers are on the bar. The experienced rider course is excellent and encourage everyone to brush up on their skills. Ted has ordered 10 more Share the Road signs from the state.

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR: VACANT**

**WEBPAGE EDITOR:**

**ROBERT BEADLE**

Need photos of the May Awareness Rally if anyone has them.

**QUARTERMASTER:**

No report.

**PAUL HERING**

**HISTORIAN:**

Absent.

**TRACE CECCACCI**

**CHAPTER PRODUCTS:**

No report.

**DAVE MEEKER**

**WAYS & MEANS:**

**Balance \$ 1,070.00**

Currently shopping for prizes for our summer events. Buy tickets at break.

**LUKE STOCKER**

**RUN COORDINATOR:**

Need volunteers for EOS to chair the bike games and the kid zone. Please see Len at the break to find out what the responsibilities are for these jobs. Still need some volunteers to work checkpoints for the Roll 'N Ride. Sign-up sheet will be on the table at break. Our state representative Chuck Riley will be at BJ's Coffee in Forest Grove this Saturday from 9:30 – 10:30. Len will be going there to discuss some issues relevant to our cause and encourages others to join him. Rep. Riley also goes to the BJ's Coffee in Hillsboro on the first Saturday of every month for the same purpose. Ted pointed out that Mr. Riley has not support any of our issues in the past and he hopes Len will have success is speaking with him.

**LEN PUNZEL**

**RUN COORDINATOR II:**

No report.

**JOHN KITTSON**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Gary: Annual Memorial Ride will be held on May 25. Meet at Paradise. Ride leaves at 9:45 and goes to multiple locations for ceremonies, then ends up back at Paradise.

Jim: June 6 is our road clean-up date. Meet at Al's Garden parking lot at 10:00 a.m.

Dave: Don't forget the Swap Meet on May 31. Come help out!

Len: There is a box here for the Washington County Food Bank donations. Will be at every meeting.

Bob: On June 3, PIR starts Wednesday night Cruise-Ins every Wednesday

Roger: Next meeting for the run committee members is on Monday, June 1 at 7:30 at PrimeTime.

**NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME:** Monday, June 8, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. PrimeTime in Forest Grove

**50/50 DRAWING:** \$29.00 Ted Tracy

**MEMBERSHIP DRAWING:** \$215.00 T.H. Javens was not present to win.

**CHAPTER MEETING ADJOURNED:** 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Margo L. Virchow*

Washington County ABATE Recording Secretary