

# WASHINGTON COUNTY ABATE CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** 07/13/09

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

**ATTENDEES:** 38

**GUESTS:** Several brand new members!

## **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**

Our Sergeant At Arms, Rick Stocker, has stepped down for personal reasons. Roger has asked Bill Michels to fill this position until the end of the term, and Bill has agreed. Thank you Bill for volunteering! Roger asks that we all give Bill our support and step up to help him fill the duties. Tina Stocker will not be here tonight, so no door prizes or PA system. Anyone who rode or brought at least 2 cans of food will get an extra 50/50 ticket instead of door prize ticket.

## **OFFICER REPORTS:**

### **VICE COORDINATOR:**

No report.

**JIM HENDERSON**

### **TREASURER:**

**Deposits:** None

**Expenses:** \$18.00 to Sharon Yarnell for postage, \$45 to Billie Jean Williams for Team OR course, \$38.32 to State ABATE for 10% profit from Roll 'N Ride, \$8.80 to Len Punzel for postage, \$425 to State ABATE for EOS sanctioning

**Balance:** \$3,575 seed money for EOS, \$290 remaining seed money for the Not-So-Ugly Trailer, Working balance = \$2,678.78

**SHARON YARNELL**

### **LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR:**

Absent. No report.

**ED VAUGHN**

### **STATE BOARD REP:**

11 of 13 chapters were represented. The downed rider event previously announced for Run 21 has been cancelled. One of the owners of the Shamrock in Fossil passed away in his sleep last week. A card was passed around for the widow. River City Chapter committed 1 day a year for clean-up around the town of Fossil.

**LINDA HENDERSON FOR ALLAN NICHOLS**

Kay Sipple reports \$29,787 in combined savings and checking before going through today's mail and expense reports. Membership is 1727 – up slightly from last year at this time.

Rot Path reports he is missing chapter reports from Lincoln Co. and Willamette Valley. Other chapters are working to get reports in. He raised concern about LoCo not being represented at the BoD mtg. They did show up after getting lost in Albany. He apologized to LoCo for any hurt feelings from his submission in their space. A complaint from a former state officer came up now that past copies of the newsmag are available online. Their phone number is unlisted now. After much discussion re: privacy issues, Rot will work to hide personal information from current and future online publications. Nothing can be done easily about copies already on the website.

Dave Meeker has Fossil pins back in stock. Will be at Run 21 and Beaver Creek.

Fossil follow-up meeting will be held just before the State board meeting at Beaver Creek at Newport Hospital.

Historian Tonia Mosier will be working to complete photo albums of events. She may be at Run21, Beaver Creek, Cow Chip.

Ted reports he emptied the state trailer and rearranged. He is ready for Run21. He will need help setting shelving in the container. Has an 8 ft. casino table top of any chapter wants it. He will be rebuilding the ramp at Run21, with help. Will leave the state at Birkenfeld for EOS. WaCo will need to have the canopy dry before packing it up for storage. Rotten Roger will work on getting the Cushmans back from Robert Hale.

The legislature is out for the summer but things are still going on at the Federal level.

The next Confederation of Clubs meeting is July 19 at NW Vets in Salem.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:**

**RICH VIRCHOW**

Flyers on the bar for Mid-Summer Run and End of Summer Run, as well as yellow pocket cards that list our next several events. Thanks to Ron for hand-delivering our flyers and giving us such a great deal!

**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY:**

**Members 337**

**Margo Virchow for CINDY HENDERSON**

**Drawing \$ 268.50**

**EDUCATION DIRECTOR:**

**TED TRACY**

We had a member get “bumped” while at a stoplight from a vehicle that didn't stop in time. Because this member left himself an escape route and was paying attention, injuries were minor. Always, always, always leave yourself an out, especially at stops. Stay staggered to give yourselves extra room. Always keep it in gear at a stop for faster getaway reaction.

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR: VACANT**

**WEBPAGE EDITOR:**

Absent. No report.

**ROBERT BEADLE**

**QUARTERMASTER:**

No report.

**PAUL HERING****HISTORIAN:**

Absent. No report.

**TRACE CECCACCI****CHAPTER PRODUCTS:**

Income from Roll 'N Ride was \$128.00. Dave has 2009 yearbars in stock. EOS is coming up fast. Dave is accepting submissions for artwork. Must be submitted by July 31, and must include: 20<sup>th</sup> Annual End of Summer Run, Washington County ABATE, Birkenfeld, OR.

**DAVE MEEKER****WAYS & MEANS:**

Absent. No report.

**LUKE STOCKER****RUN COORDINATOR:**

Our Mid-Summer Run is coming up on August 1. Paul has come up with a cool route, including roads we haven't ridden for a while. The state news magazine says \$10 for the BBQ. Correct price is \$6. Paul added that we have a work party on July 31 and he is looking for volunteers to staff the checkpoints.

**LEN PUNZEL**

We have 22 vendors verbally committed for EOS. Need a Kid Zone chairperson. We have equipment and supplies for projects, as well as helpers. Just need someone to organize for about 4 hours. We will have a work party at Birkenfeld on Saturday, September 12 to get the property ready. More info to follow on what is needed.

**RUN COORDINATOR II:**

Going to look at a potential band for EOS this Saturday, July 18. Still looking for a Friday night band.

**JOHN KITTSON****OLD BUSINESS:**

Dave has officer rockers for anyone who needs one this year. The chapter pays for those. Paul reminded us that Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> is the Hillsboro Farmer's Market Bike Show/Information Booth that we committed to. Paul is passing around a sign-up sheet for anyone who wants to participate.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Ted Tracy: There was a good article in the Oregonian that focused on the Elks lodge and quoted our own Gary Niess several times.

Dian Punzel: Food Bank bag is on the door prize table.

Rick Skaggs: 7/25 there is a fundraising ride for OR Dog Rescue. 8/15 in Forest Grove is a wine/beer/food festival. Rick needs volunteers for security.

Wild Bill: Having his annual BBQ on July 18 and hopes to see us all there.

Warren: Have some people riding to Sturgis. If you're going and would like to ride as a group, let him know.

Gunny: BikeFest in Seaside this weekend.

Len Punzel: Vernonia Jamoree is 8/8/09. Bike and car show. Let's show them our support.

Ted Tracy: Driving to Run21 if anyone needs gear hauled let him know.

**NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME:** Monday, July 27, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. PrimeTime in Forest Grove

**50/50 DRAWING:** \$32.00 Linda Henderson donated her winnings back to the chapter!

**MEMBERSHIP DRAWING:** \$268.50 Chris Bird was not present to win.

**CHAPTER MEETING ADJOURNED:** 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Margo L. Virchow*

Washington County ABATE Recording Secretary