

# WASHINGTON COUNTY ABATE CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** 08/10/09

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

**ATTENDEES:** 38

**GUESTS:**

## **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**BLESSING:** Len Punzel  
**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Bill Michels  
**MISSION STATEMENT:** Rich Virchow  
**READING OF THE MINUTES:** Margo Virchow

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

Beaver Creek was a great run! Noticed that, with a chapter ¼ as big as ours, they had an abundance of volunteers in orange vests all weekend. Was very impressed with the commitment of Lincoln County members. We will need a lot of help at EOS and would appreciate everyone volunteering a shift or two with security or the gate.

## **OFFICER REPORTS:**

### **VICE COORDINATOR:**

**JIM HENDERSON**

No report.

### **TREASURER:**

**SHARON YARNELL**

**Deposits:** \$131 –Products income, \$500 seed money for MSR, \$695 poker hand income from MSR, \$170 BBQ income (\$420 minus \$250 awarded in prizes).

**Expenses:** \$500 seed money for MSR, \$426.72 food/supplies for MSR, \$100 property rental for MSR, \$9.00 to Sharon for printing costs.

**Balance:** \$3,575 remaining seed money for EOS, \$290 remaining seed money for the Not-So-Ugly Trailer, Working balance = \$3,525.26

Full accounting of MSR will be at next chapter meeting as not all expenses are in yet. Have EOS advance tickets for sale now. \$20 members, \$25 non-members. Will be \$5 higher at the gate. Will accept payments at our PO Box 202 Cornelius, OR 97113 until September 10 for tickets at Will Call. If you send payment to the PO Box, please also call the toll-free number to let us know 1-877-55-ABATE.

### **LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR:**

**ED VAUGHN**

The main session is finished for the year. There will be an emergency session after the first of the year, and if anything applicable to us comes up, will report at that time. Get ready to work on the campaigns of our friends to make sure they are voting our way.

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

Meeting was shortened due to Beaver Creek. There will be discussion at the Planning Session regarding possibly lowering the mileage allowance from \$ .35 to \$ .14/mile. There are two tabled motions to vote on in September:

To send 4 people to the ACTS Conference in Hood River (American Community for Traffic Safety). Cost before September 25 = \$95 each, or \$380 for 4. Cost after September 25 is \$125 each, or \$500 for 4. Room rates are \$185.30/night DBL, or \$366.60 for 2 nights.

To buy a new state cargo trailer, cost = \$3,000, including decals for advertising. The old one is in sad shape. Cost estimate for parts to maintain the current trailer for the next few years is \$500.

The Cushmans have not yet been returned. We have a potential buyer for them so we need them back. Will be pursuing this.

Officer nominations were made and will continue at the next meeting. Among those nominated for positions were our own Ted Tracy for State Coordinator, Jill Tracy for Recording Secretary, Linda Henderson for Membership Secretary, Dave Meeker for Products, Patricia Carner for Swap Meet Coordinator, Trace Ceccacci for Webmaster, and Gunny for COC Rep. Not all of those people have accepted the nominations yet. If you are interested in a state officer position please see Jordan or Allan for more information.

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

Flyers on the bar End of Summer Run, as well as yellow pocket cards that list our next several events. Sanctioning is in the works for the Toy Run and will be finished this week.

**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY:****Members 328****Margo Virchow for CINDY HENDERSON****Drawing \$ 90.50****EDUCATION DIRECTOR:****TED TRACY**

The Hillsboro Farmer's Market was a great success. Thanks to Paul Hering, Brian Reding, Bill Michels, Linda Henderson, and Patricia Carner for set-up. We got 5 new members and had a great time! They have asked us to participate again next year.

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR: VACANT****WEBPAGE EDITOR:**

No report.

**ROBERT BEADLE****QUARTERMASTER:**

There will be a final work party to prep the Not So Ugly Trailer for EOS. Date to be announced.

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

Absent. No report.

**TRACE CECCACCI**

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

We did have one person submit artwork for EOS shirts. Dave will special order shirts for people for color and style, but tonight is the deadline. If you don't pre-order, the colors available at the run will be black or ash.

**WAYS & MEANS:****LUKE STOCKER**

Balance = \$937. Income from MSR was \$142 and expenses were \$64. Working on trophies for EOS. Buy tickets at break.

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

The MSR was a great time! Special thanks to Paul Hering and Brian Reding for the route. Thanks to the cooks: Rick Skaggs, Jerry Cruz, Lori Western, Robert Beadle, Shirley, and any others. Thanks to Cindy for all her work to prep and host, to Sharon and Margo for checking in/out riders, all the helpers at the set-up party, and all who helped!

Bands are signed for EOS and details are firming up. Work party on Saturday, September 12 at the Birkenfeld property. Meet at Birkie's store at 10:00 a.m.

Toy Run – Len has been promised a fully-escorted route from the police. The same route is planned as last year and will be confirmed soon. Mike Durbin has promised a \$500 gift certificate again to use as the grand prize fundraiser. We will buy a \$250 gift certificate as 2<sup>nd</sup> prize.

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

No report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Dian Punzel: Still have the box here for Washington County Food Bank

Len Punzel: Dian has a bike now!

Rick Skaggs: This Saturday is Forest Grove Uncorked – need help with security, the first 6 to sign up get in free. \$10 admission – beer, wine, food, bands

Paul Hering: Have 3-4 pkgs of ribs left for sale

Gary Niess: 9/11 is a Memorial Run and candlelight vigil. Starts at Stewart Leathers, goes to 6 different fire stations. Camping overnight at Stewart Leathers and Swap Meet the next day.

Roger Yarnell: Kelly Christoferson did us proud at the Beaver Creek bike games. Came in 2<sup>nd</sup> in the potato hunt with Roger Yarnell, and 5<sup>th</sup> place in the egg toss with Rich Virchow.

**NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME:** Monday, August 24, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. PrimeTime in Forest Grove

**50/50 DRAWING:** \$32.50

Ron Fryer, who donated it to the Washington County Food Bank.  
Thank you Ron!

**MEMBERSHIP DRAWING:** \$90.50 Sharon Mize was not present to win.

**CHAPTER MEETING ADJOURNED:** 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Margo L. Virchow*

Washington County ABATE Recording Secretary