

# WASHINGTON COUNTY ABATE CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** 11/23/09

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** 7:32 p.m.

**ATTENDEES:** 38

**GUESTS:** Angela Howard and Rachel

## **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Luke Stocker's address

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

Thanks to all who helped with the Toy Run. It went very well! Thanks to Len for a great job organizing it and to all the set-up people who worked. That same night, 23 WaCo members attended the Twin Rivers anniversary party and had a great time. Nominations will be open again tonight for 2010 officer positions. Job descriptions are here on the table.

## **OFFICER REPORTS:**

**VICE COORDINATOR:** **JIM HENDERSON**  
No report.

**TREASURER:** **SHARON YARNELL**

**Deposits:** \$1249 Toy Run tickets sold; \$79 50/50 money won by Linda Henderson at Toy Run & donated back to Toy and Joy; \$63 profit from Elks lunch, also given to Toy and Joy.

**Expenses:** \$25 Award Specialties for Beaverton Honda; \$600 deposit to Columbia Co. Events for EOS; \$1400 to Hillsboro Toy and Joy.

**Balance:** \$149.38 remaining seed money for the Not-So-Ugly Trailer, Working balance = \$4,410.34

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

Now is the time to be making contacts and getting to know your local reps. If anyone does not know who their reps are, see Ed for help. Will have more reports as campaign season gears up, and from MRF or NCOM as they come.

**STATE BOARD REP:** **LINDA HENDERSON FOR ALLAN NICHOLS**

Jordan Kelley received ODOT's report on motorcycle deaths for the year. Only deaths were reported, not the total number of crashes. 54 deaths this year, 29 of which were single-vehicle crashes. Many were alcohol-related. Reminded us that education is part of our mission statement and it's important to update our training with Team OR courses.

New operations manuals have been given to reps to take back to the chapters and review. Ours should be at the next chapter meeting. The City of Spray has returned the \$100 donation to A.B.A.T.E. for the outdoor toilet as their grant was not approved. Laura Steward has donated a coat to be raffled at Fossil 2010. Also, the TV show The Biggest Loser had a part in Fossil and Gene Mortimer is involved. Looking for ways to help them and a vendor spot was offered at Fossil so they can provide cut wood for campsites. Looking for used exercise equipment donations as well.

Kay Sipple reports that Central OR, Salem, and Twin Rivers chapters will have to file individual tax returns for the 2008 year as the reports were not received as needed for Kay to file. Combined checking and savings balance: \$29,621.29.

Gate counts will be required as part of sanctioning reports for insurance pricing purposes. Any run that does not turn in a gate count will not be sanctioned for future events. Deadline is December 12.

Trace is working with Kay on electronic payment abilities on line, such as PayPal.

Ted reported that everything owned by the State is now at the Sherwood storage yard and he needs 4 or more guys to help him put shelving up so things can be organized. One of the golf carts that had not been returned by the previous quartermaster has apparently been sold. Ted will check into this.

Insurance company that provides accidental death benefits will be sending out marketing cards soon. Linda emphasized that you do not need to complete the cards to make your coverage effective. Coverage is automatic with dues payment, cards are to solicit more business.

Motion passed to create a ¼ page space in state newsmagazine to express support for our servicemen and women and family worldwide.

Announcement of new Jackson County Chapter – Welcome! New MRF reps. are Jay Jackson and Heidi Disrud – Congratulations!

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:**

**RICH VIRCHOW**

The True Apostles Toy Run is 11/28 at Columbia Harley Davidson. Sign in is at 9:30 a.m. 12/5 is the North Coast Toy Run. Sign in at 10:00 at the Relief Pitcher. 12/5 also Shriner's Toy Run, leaves at noon. 12/5 5:00 is the Forest Grove Light Parade, meet at Lincoln Park at 4:30 with lights on yourself and/or your bike.

**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY:**

**Members 315**

**CINDY HENDERSON**

**Drawing \$ 236.25**

**EDUCATION DIRECTOR:**

Absent. No report.

**TED TRACY**

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR: VACANT**

**WEBPAGE EDITOR:**

Absent. No report.

**ROBERT BEADLE**

**QUARTERMASTER:**

**PAUL HERING**

Just a reminder that the old Ugly Trailer is for sale to the highest bidder. We are also selling our water tank – 300 gallons with the trailer included. See Paul for her more details.

**HISTORIAN:**

**TRACE CECCACCI**

Absent. No report.

**CHAPTER PRODUCTS:**

**DAVE MEEKER**

Absent. No report.

**WAYS & MEANS:**

**TINA STOCKER**

Balance = \$1369.

We made \$239 at the Toy Run. Buy tickets at break.

**RUN COORDINATOR:**

**LEN PUNZEL**

Thanks to all for a successful Toy Run. We had great weather and the ride went smoothly with 80-90 bikes. Thanks to Paul for his coordination with the Hillsboro Elks. It's been a great year, thanks to all for your hard work.

Billie Jean thanked Len for an organized, escorted route this year and appreciated the law enforcement participation.

**RUN COORDINATOR II:**

**JOHN KITTSON**

Absent. No report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

See nominations under new business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Nominations for 2010 Chapter Officers:

Chapter Coordinator:	<b>Roger Yarnell accepted</b>
Vice Coordinator:	<b>Jim Henderson accepted</b>
Treasurer:	<b>Sharon Yarnell accepted</b>
Recording Secretary:	<b>Margo Virchow accepted</b>
Membership Secretary:	Cindy Henderson declined <b>Connie Kintz accepted</b>
State Board Rep:	<b>Allan Nichols accepted</b> <b>Glenyce Jackson accepted</b>
Sgt. At Arms 1:	<b>Bill Michels accepted</b>
Sgt. At Arms 2:	Gordon Sahnnow declined

	<b>Brian Campbell accepted</b>
Public Relations:	Rich Virchow declined Jordan Kelley declined
	<b>Greg Vaughn will consider</b>
Ways & Means:	<b>Tina Stocker accepted</b>
Products Director:	<b>Dave Meeker accepted</b>
Education Director:	Ted Tracy declined Deb Skaggs declined Gunny Hutcheson declined
	<b>Kiri Schnetzky accepted</b>
Legislative Director:	<b>Ed Vaughn accepted</b>
Chapter Historian:	Robert Beadle declined
	<b>Trace Ceccacci will consider but would like someone else to step up</b>
	<b>Mike Darnielle accepted</b>
Run Coordinator:	Trace Ceccacci declined Len Punzel declined Paul Hering declined Rich Virchow declined
	<b>Jim Henderson accepted</b>
Run Coordinator 2:	Rick Skaggs declined Billie Jean Williams declined
	<b>Steve Coffman accepted</b>
Quartermaster:	Gordon Sahnnow accepted
Newsletter Editor:	<b>Greg Vaughn accepted</b>
Webpage Editor:	<b>Robert Beadle accepted</b>
Chapter Chaplain:	<b>Len Punzel accepted</b>

Nominations will be open again at the December 14 chapter meeting just prior to elections.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Len Punzel: 12/7/09 Run Committee Meeting – PrimeTime 7:30 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME:** Monday, December 14, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. PrimeTime in Forest Grove

**50/50 DRAWING:** \$26.50            Stephanie Barnes

**MEMBERSHIP DRAWING:** \$236.25 Rich Virchow won the drawing!

**CHAPTER MEETING ADJOURNED:** 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Margo L. Virchow*  
Washington County ABATE Recording Secretary