

# WASHINGTON COUNTY ABATE CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** 10/26/09

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

**ATTENDEES:** 34

**GUESTS:**

## **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**BLESSING:** Len Punzel

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Bill Michels

**MISSION STATEMENT:** Rich Virchow

**READING OF THE MINUTES:** Margo Virchow

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Letter from Luke Stocker

## **COORDINATOR'S COMMENTS:**

**ROGER YARNELL**

Nominations for Chapter Officer Elections will begin at the next meeting. We have a list of Officer duty descriptions here on the table for anyone who may be interested. Please think about stepping up. Please make sure that anyone you nominate is qualified to fulfill the duties of the position. The new chapter photo for the state newsmagazine will be taken at our Toy Run. Thanks to Mike Darnielle for volunteering to take the photo. In the meantime, the photo of our road clean-up crew will be submitted to run for the next couple of issues. Also, thanks to Twin Rivers Chapter for sending us two tickets to their anniversary party on November 21<sup>st</sup>. Those will be used as a door prize at the next chapter meeting.

## **OFFICER REPORTS:**

### **VICE COORDINATOR:**

**JIM HENDERSON**

No report.

### **TREASURER:**

**SHARON YARNELL**

**Deposits:** \$100 transfer from 50/50 seed money, \$ 2 from Ted Tracy – excess from the Pendleton Blanket purchased for meeting of the minds.

**Expenses:** \$39 Ted Tracy to tow the state stage from EOS; \$200 to Ron Fryer for Toy Run Ticket printing; \$18 to Ron Fryer for Toy Run flyers

**Balance:** \$149.38 remaining seed money for the Not-So-Ugly Trailer, Working balance = \$5,087.87

Toy Run tickets are here! Please purchase or check out tickets to sell. We want to sell all 2,500. If you accept a check, it must be made payable to Washington County A.B.A.T.E. in order to get tickets and it is not tax-deductible. You can certainly accept checks for an additional donation made payable to Hillsboro Toy and Joy.

### **LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR:**

**ED VAUGHN**

The regional NCOM meeting was very informative. Discussion by criminal attorneys about your rights when you're stopped by police. You have to do what you're told, you don't have to do what you're

asked. You don't have to give permission for them to search your vehicle. You have the right to remain silent and to request an attorney.

**STATE BOARD REP:**

**ALLAN NICHOLS**

This year's planning session had the lowest attendance yet. But great participation and accomplishment by those who did show up. The new Operations Manual is completed and will be available for review. Hope to have it ratified at the January State BoD meeting. Some officer positions will go away, namely the II positions, although an officer can appoint as many assistants as he/she would like.

State positions still to be filled: Education Director I & II, Quartermaster. Allan Nichols was elected Vice Coordinator North!

Several motions passed: (1) To form a computer group to meet 1 hour prior to board meeting to assess needs and problem solving for users. (2) To upgrade the state website to include PayPal for Fossil tickets, products, and membership dues. (3) The State will pay for computer skills education for state officers and chapter treasurers, subject to pre-approval by State Treasurer and passing grade required for reimbursement. (4) To accept the proposed projected budget as presented to be an estimate of ongoing expenditures. Any specific project is to be presented and approved at the time.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:**

**RICH VIRCHOW**

Toy Run flyers are on the bar. Please take them and distribute them to as many places as you can. Posters are available for businesses, truck windows, everywhere we can post them.

**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY:**

**Members 322**

**CINDY HENDERSON**

**Drawing \$ 164.25**

**EDUCATION DIRECTOR:**

Absent. No report.

**TED TRACY**

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR: VACANT**

**WEBPAGE EDITOR:**

No report.

**ROBERT BEADLE**

**QUARTERMASTER:**

**PAUL HERING**

The old Ugly Trailer has been emptied out except for winter storage. The new State Trailer will be used for hauling toys at our Toy Run.

**HISTORIAN:**

Absent. No report.

**TRACE CECCACCI**

**CHAPTER PRODUCTS:**

Absent. No report.

**DAVE MEEKER**

**WAYS & MEANS:**

Balance = \$1088. Buy tickets at break.

**TINA STOCKER****RUN COORDINATOR:****LEN PUNZEL**

All permits are in hand for the Toy Run. Mike Durbin again came through with the gift certificate to Paradise and we thank him for that donation. It was a hardship for him with the down economy. Will have a pasta feed at the Elks after the Run. Tickets will be on sale soon to benefit Hillsboro Toy and Joy.

We received a thank you card from the Washington County Food Bank for the 188 lbs of food we've donated this year.

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

Absent. No report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Gunny thanked the chapter again for sponsoring the hospitality suite for NCOM. Not all of the \$200 approved was used, and the excess is being returned to Sharon.

**NEW BUSINESS:****ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Rich Virchow: Halloween party at the Hillsboro Elks this Friday, 7:00. \$12 with costume, \$14 without costume includes dinner.

Roger Yarnell: The Darnielle's and the Coffman's had reported on a woman who went down on her bike a month or so ago, and asked Len to pray for her. They saw her at a bike shop and report that she's doing well.

Roger Yarnell: Congratulations and best of luck to Sean Darnielle who leaves in 17 days for Navy basic training!

Roger Yarnell: Jon Yarnell has 35 days until he comes home from Afghanistan!

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

**50/50 DRAWING:** \$27 Sharon Yarnell

**MEMBERSHIP DRAWING:** \$164.25 Sue Anderson was not present to win.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Margo L. Virchow*

Washington County ABATE Recording Secretary