

# WASHINGTON COUNTY ABATE CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** 02/22/10

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

**ATTENDEES:** 42

**GUESTS:** Dixon and Cheryl from SE Portland, Brett & Marci Latourneau

## **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**BLESSING:** Len Punzel absent at start of meeting  
**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Bill Michels  
**MISSION STATEMENT:** Rich Virchow  
**READING OF THE MINUTES:** Margo Virchow

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Letter from Cathy Swanson with invitation to the Elks Inaugural Ball on March 27<sup>th</sup>.

## **COORDINATOR'S COMMENTS:**

**ROGER YARNELL**

Black Monday at the Capitol last Monday and today. 35-40 people were there today. Primary elections are coming up in May and the people elected will represent us for the next 2 years. Make sure you're registered to vote, then VOTE! Work the system. Find the candidates who support your cause, then help them get elected. Pound signs, volunteer for them. First time candidates will remember your help, even if they don't get elected this time around.

## **OFFICER REPORTS:**

### **VICE COORDINATOR:**

**JIM HENDERSON**

No report.

### **TREASURER:**

**SHARON YARNELL**

**Deposits:** None

**Expenses:** \$19.25 to Jim Henderson for Birthday ticket printing; \$946.05 to Hillsboro Elks to pre-pay room and dinner costs for birthday party.

**Balance:** \$149.38 remaining seed money for the Not-So-Ugly Trailer, \$3300.00 remaining seed money for EOS, Working balance = <\$169.64> Actual balance = \$3279.74.

The birthday party is a huge fundraiser for us. Bring all your friends, donate items, bid on items, invest in your chapter!

### **LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR:**

**ED VAUGHN**

We're in an election year. There are 16 senators and 60 representatives up for election. Heidi Disrud is working on a list of candidates and their views on our issues. BikePac is looking for a Secretary/Treasurer. Things are quiet on the Federal level. MRF recommends staying vigilant. It was a last-minute slip-in that allowed insurance companies the loophole to deny benefits for injuries sustained during "risky" activities.

**STATE BOARD REP:**

**ALLAN NICHOLS**

Allan has been chosen to represent the state at the national NCOM convention! State is incurring the costs. PayPal is up and running for Fossil ticket purchase. Next step is products and membership once we have the bugs worked out.

Matt Price requests flyers to him as early as possible, as much as 6 months prior to event. He needs to have accurate head counts of our events so we don't take a huge hit in insurance costs. Jay Jackson, MRF rep, asked that all chapters become sustaining members of MRF (WaCo already is a sustaining member).

Randy Phipps reminded everyone that help is needed at both the Spring Swap Meet and at Fossil. Howie Long reported the Fossil flyer will be on the website soon. Debra Lutje still needs photos for the Poster Project.

Motion passed: That ABATE join the Defenders Program from the Confederation of Clubs, whose purpose is to accomplish legislative action. Each chapter coordinator will be the local commander for calls to action.

Motion passed: To send Allan Nichols and Spanky to NCOM.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:**

**GREG VAUGHN**

Absent. No report.

**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY:**

**CONNIE KINTZ**

**Members 304**

**Drawing \$ 125.50**

**EDUCATION DIRECTOR:**

**KIRI SCHNETZKY**

Absent. No report.

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR:**

**GREG VAUGHN**

Absent. No report.

**WEBPAGE EDITOR:**

**ROBERT BEADLE**

Absent. No report.

**QUARTERMASTER:**

**GORDON SAHNOW**

No report.

**HISTORIAN:**

**MIKE DARNEILLE**

No report.

**CHAPTER PRODUCTS:**

**DAVE MEEKER**

Any officer who needs a rocker, see Dave at the break.

**WAYS & MEANS:**

Balance = \$1503.00.  
Buy tickets at break.

**LINDA HENDERSON FOR TINA STOCKER**

**RUN COORDINATOR:**

**JIM HENDERSON**

Birthday party is March 6. The theme is Hawaiian. This Saturday, Feb. 26 at noon is the basket assembly party and run committee meeting. Our Road clean-up will be June 6. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at Al's Garden Center. Planning on doing parking for Papa's Toys again May 8.

**RUN COORDINATOR II:**

**STEVE COFFMAN**

No report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Jerry Cruz: Thanked everyone for donations to "Healing Hands for Haiti" trip. The conditions are surreal there. Still a huge need for tents and rice.

Jay Jackson: Glenyce worked with her local legislators and got a resolution passed to designate May as Motorcycle Awareness Month in Washington state.

Jay Jackson: Invites all to join MRF. They work very hard for our rights. It costs \$6,000/day to keep the office open and pay our lobbyist. Jay has pins and patches here tonight.

Len Punzel: Just re-opened his shop. Rebuilt a Nighthawk that is for sale. Call Len for details.

Jim Henderson: Birthdays: Carlene Cruz 2/16, Tina Stocker 2/21, Karen Coffman 2/26

Roger Yarnell: 5/1 May Awareness Rally with live music by Bootleg Women 10:00-noon and a bike show; 5/8 Papa's Toys

**NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME:** Monday, March 8, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. PrimeTime in Forest Grove

**50/50 DRAWING:** \$30.00      Bill Michels

**MEMBERSHIP DRAWING:** \$125.50      Greg Linker was not present to win.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Margo L. Virchow*

Washington County ABATE Recording Secretary