

WASHINGTON COUNTY ABATE CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

DATE: 01/11/10

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

ATTENDEES: 42

GUESTS:

MOMENT OF SILENCE

BLESSING: None – Len Punzel absent
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Bill Michels
MISSION STATEMENT: Rich Virchow
READING OF THE MINUTES: Margo Virchow

CORRESPONDENCE: None

COORDINATOR'S COMMENTS:

ROGER YARNELL

We had a meeting last week for the run committee and officers. We have several new officers this year. Please, everyone, support the officers. Appreciate everyone who steps up. Give the officers space to do their job and bring their own style to it. You may not all be able to be at every event. Please make sure your duties are covered. We're all in this together, to accomplish the purpose in our mission statement and to have fun.

OFFICER REPORTS:

VICE COORDINATOR:

JIM HENDERSON

No report.

TREASURER:

SHARON YARNELL

Deposits: \$112.00 Products income.

Expenses:

Balance: \$149.38 remaining seed money for the Not-So-Ugly Trailer, \$3300.00 remaining seed money for EOS, Working balance = \$1,142.34.

Birthday party tickets will be available at the next meeting.

LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR:

ED VAUGHN

The Daily Courier in Grants Pass had an excellent article on new rider rules that went into effect January 1. All new riders will be required to pass a Team OR course to get their endorsement. Motorcycle fatalities in Oregon are 1/3 lower than the national average and studies are crediting Team OR education in part for that. The new law also requires insurance companies to give rate discounts to people who've completed Team OR courses. The fine for unendorsed riding has doubled. New fine is \$750. An intermediate rider course for unendorsed riders is \$129.

STATE BOARD REP:

ALLAN NICHOLS

Vice Coordinator South, Spanky, has been very busy working on new chapters in Coos Bay, Brookings, and Gold Beach.

Fossil: Again this year will allow one support vehicle for every 10 bikes, no more than 20 ft. long. There will be RV parking in the area, but not at Bear Hollow. The Roundup Room in Condon is closed, as is the Shamrock in Fossil. The long-time Sheriff in that area is ill and the prognosis is not good. Stewart Leathers is donating a coat valued at \$600. We need volunteers and door prizes. T-shirt designs ideas are due by the April state board meeting.

The Spring Swap meet will be April 25. Patricia Carner has graciously agreed to coordinate this one but would like someone to step up and take over in the future. Really need active volunteers.

Insurance for all our events is paid and the limit was raised from \$12,000 to \$13,000 in 2010.

May Awareness Rally: May 1 at the Salem Capitol. Rumor has it that we could lose the podium to speakers regarding immigration since we've had such a low turnout the past few years. We need to show up in force so this doesn't happen. There was also a request that we not fire up our bikes while people are speaking.

New officers: Sgt. At Arms South: Bill Foster
Recording Secretary: Glenyce Jackson
Quartermaster: Devany Sturba

Motion approved to extend a ½ page ad in the newsmagazine for Francine West as a thank you for raising money for the Shriners Toy Run. The new wing @ Shriners Hospital will be named "The ABATE Toy Run Wing".

Motion to ratify the operations manual was tabled and sent back to committee, which will meet at 11:00 a.m. before the next state board meeting. It will be in Clatskanie in conjunction with the LoCo Crab Feed.

Working on PayPal abilities on State website. There will be no STEAM this year due to lack of participation in past couple of years and lack of someone to organize it.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

GREG VAUGHN

Flyers are on the bar for the birthday party. Please take some to local bike shops and businesses. LoCo crab feed will be February 13. Have one flyer here, or see it in newsmagazine. NCOM flyers are also on the bar.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY:

CONNIE KINTZ

Members 302

Drawing \$ 73.00

Had 6 memberships expire in December and will work on contacting them.

EDUCATION DIRECTOR:

KIRI SCHNETZKY

No report.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR:

GREG VAUGHN

Still deciding on a format for the newsletter. Will try to have something on line by the end of the month. Will also work on resurrecting the contact mail list.

WEBPAGE EDITOR:

No report.

ROBERT BEADLE

QUARTERMASTER:

Starting inventory with Paul. If anyone has equipment that belongs to the chapter, get with Gordon to coordinate. Will also work on trying to get the chapter outdoor heater working. Still have the old Ugly Trailer and the water tank for sale. Will put the water tank on Craig's List.

GORDON SAHNOW

HISTORIAN:

No report.

MIKE DARNEILLE

CHAPTER PRODUCTS:

Any officers needing rockers please see Dave. This is the 35th year of ABATE of Oregon and Dave has been asked to come up with some commemorative products. If anyone has design ideas, contact Dave.

DAVE MEEKER

WAYS & MEANS:

Balance = \$1418.00.

Working on the birthday party. Need prizes for balloon pops, baskets, and auction items. Buy tickets at break.

TINA STOCKER

RUN COORDINATOR:

Birthday party is March 6. Dinner at 6:30, party at 7:30. Admission \$6 each or \$10 for 2 people. Dinner is \$10 + gratuity, roasted pork loin, baby red potatoes, salad, birthday cake. Most details are in place, basket party will be Feb. 27, location to be announced. The February run committee meeting will be combined with the basket party.

JIM HENDERSON

Other run dates for this year:

June 13	Roll 'N Ride
July 31	Mid-Summer Run
September 17-19	End of Summer Run
November 20	Toy Run

RUN COORDINATOR II:

Absent. No report.

STEVE COFFMAN

OLD BUSINESS:

January birthdays: Yvonne Sahnnow, Gordon Sahnnow, Debbie Skaggs, Linda Henderson, Roger Yarnell. Happy Birthday!

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Kay Sipple: Friday is Governors Advisory Committee BoD meeting in Salem. Talking about age requirements for passengers. 235 NE State St. Salem.

Kay Sipple: May 1 = May Awareness Rally. Very important to have strong showing there.

Sharon Yarnell: This Friday we're having a get-together at Hillsboro Elks for January birthdays. 7:00-7:30 or so. Will need to call an Elk member to sign you in if you're not a member.

Ted Tracy: Our new MRF rep. is Jay Jackson. MRF and NCOM reps. will now be given a place on the agenda at state board meetings to keep us informed on important issues.

Dave Meeker: 1/30 is Twin Rivers chapter Cabin Fever party. Spare Room and Megan James is the band.

Gunny: NCOM national meeting will be held May 6-9 in Orlando and we should really send 2 people so start planning now.

Jim Henderson: Papa's Toys will be on May 8 this year. Traditionally they ask for help with parking, and they've donated literally tons of food in our name to local agencies as a thank you for our help. Informal vote showed strong support to help again when they ask.

Denise Darneille: Son Shaun passed his battle stations this past week and is now a sailor in the Navy!

NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME: Monday, January 25, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. PrimeTime in Forest Grove

50/50 DRAWING: \$36.00 Sharon Yarnell

MEMBERSHIP DRAWING: \$73.00 Chad Spindler was not present to win.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margo L. Virchow

Washington County ABATE Recording Secretary