

# WASHINGTON COUNTY ABATE CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** 11/24/10

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

**ATTENDEES:** 25

**GUESTS:**

## **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**BLESSING:** Len Punzel was absent  
**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Bill Michels  
**MISSION STATEMENT:** Brian Campbell  
**READING OF THE MINUTES:** Margo Virchow

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Contract from Columbia County Fairgrounds for 2011 EOS, Forest Grove News-Times article announcing the opening of Banks Bicycle Repair, Service, & Rental (Len Punzel's business).

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

Thanks to all who volunteered at the Toy Run. Had a good turnout, considering the weather, and was a successful event. The Fire and Police Departments, and the Elks were all happy. Estimate about 80 motorcycles and had a great time. Nominations are again open tonight for 2011 Chapter Officers

## **OFFICER REPORTS:**

### **VICE COORDINATOR:** **JIM HENDERSON**

Absent. No report.

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

**Deposits:** \$258 for lunch sales at the Elks after the Toy Run; \$1,045 in Toy Run raffle sales  
**Expenses:** \$45.97 Office Depot (paper and ink); \$247.80 to Hillsboro Elks for Toy Run lunches; \$1,100 to Hillsboro Toy and Joy Program.  
**Balance:** EOS Seed Money = \$3,400; Working Balance = \$1,787.32.

Still have WaCo bucks available. If you've worked an event this year that you haven't been paid for, see Sharon.

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

Governor's Advisory Committee came to Portland last week to hear opinions on lane sharing. 25-30 people spoke. All were in favor of conducting the survey regarding lane sharing. OregonLive.com also has a poll asking, "Are you in favor of lane sharing or do you think it's too dangerous?" Comments were made regarding the successful lane sharing protocols all over the world. Ed read a BikePac notice regarding a probable call to action that will be coming out to ABATE members regarding a Bill in the works promoting helmet choice for licensed, insured riders over age 21.

The MRF reports NTSB is calling on all states to enact helmet requirements for all motorcyclists on all motorcycles. The number of fatalities actually went down last year. NTSB has no law-making or

regulatory power, and MRF is disturbed by NTSB making recommendations with so little factual information or experience in the field.

**STATE BOARD REP:**

**LINDA HENDERSON FOR ALLAN NICHOLS**

Wilamette Valley and Klamath Chapters have both folded. Have 1612 members, down 150 from one year ago. Matt Price needs head counts from all the runs this year to accurately project next year's insurance costs. December deadline for newsmag submissions will be December 7<sup>th</sup>, not the 10<sup>th</sup>, due to large print jobs at the printing house this month. Randy Phipps will need to work with chapter Sgt. At Arms regarding Fossil duties.

STEAM will be Feb. 26. Geoff White is working on agenda. Really want as much participation as possible from chapters.

**Motions:**

1. To correct the Sanctioning Guidelines to the latest version (2007): Passed.
2. To take the membership dues increase to the chapters for review: Failed. Dues increase is still in effect.
3. To offer 10% discount to AIM for full page ad for one year passed. There is no full page ad price, the price is based upon doubling the half page ad. Cost to AIM will be \$900.
4. To move the February State BoD meeting to Clatskanie in conjunction with the LoCo chapter Crab Feed: Passed. Meeting will be at Colvin's Pub.
5. That in the event the state stage is put up for sale, that the SE Portland chapter be given the first bid: Failed.
6. That chapters commit 49% of their funds and formulate a call to action (phone tree, e-mail, etc) to contact members (state and chapter coordinators are responsible for coordinating the efforts of their members). Motion tabled. Chapter Reps, please take to your chapters for discussion. The number of 49% was put in for example purposes only and the number can be reduced. This motion is based on information that the 501© rules have changed for Not For Profit Corporations and that now such Corporations can donate to campaign funds (abbreviated version of the motion. See state BoD minutes for full version). Please discuss for the chapter members for feedback. \*
7. To formulate a network system between state legislative directors and chapter legislative directors to announce legislative alerts: Passed. This motion was passed several years ago, but a breakdown in communication to the chapters has occurred. The goal is to support the Adult Choice Helmet Reform Bill, create a network through the Legislative Officer by the December meeting.

\* Discussion among our chapter members present regarding motion #6 was strongly opposed to the motion as written.

No new nominations were made for Vice Coordinator East, Public Relations Director, Fossil Coordinator, or Sergeant At Arms South.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:**

**GREG VAUGHN**

The last remaining business for this year is the sanctioning for the Birthday Party on April 4. Greg will try to have this in place in time for the December 7 deadline for the state newsmagazine.

**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY:**

Members: 263

**CONNIE CECCACCI**

Drawing \$ 185.25

**EDUCATION DIRECTOR:**

**MARK SCHNETZKY**

Still waiting to hear back from Al Sims of Hub City Chapter regarding billboard advertising. Tips discussed on winterization of your motorcycle. ☺

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR:**

**GREG VAUGHN**

The next issue should be out prior to our December chapter meeting. It will mainly be a year-in-review issue.

**WEBPAGE EDITOR:**

**ROBERT BEADLE**

No report.

**QUARTERMASTER:**

**GORDON SAHNOW**

No report.

**HISTORIAN:**

**MIKE DARNEILLE**

Absent. No report.

**CHAPTER PRODUCTS:**

**DAVE MEEKER**

Absent. No report.

**WAYS & MEANS:**

**TINA STOCKER**

Balance = \$1,240.00

Toy Run door prize income = \$138. Buy tickets at break.

**RUN COORDINATOR:**

**JIM HENDERSON**

Toy Run turned out better than expected. Good route, police were very helpful. Working on the birthday party and next year's EOS contract.

**RUN COORDINATOR II:**

**STEVE COFFMAN**

Absent. No report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Nominations for 2011 Chapter Officers:**

Chapter Coordinator: Roger Yarnell accepted

Vice Coordinator: Jerry Cruz accepted

Rich Virchow accepted

Gary Niess declined  
Gordon Sahnaw declined  
Rick Skaggs declined  
Treasurer: Connie Cecacci accepted with the agreement that state treasurer will  
audit WaCo chapter's books to be in compliance with financial policies  
Recording Secretary: Margo Virchow accepted  
Membership Secretary: Stephanie Barnes accepted  
Connie Ceccacci declined  
State Board Rep: Paul Hering accepted  
Gordon Sahnaw accepted  
Allan Nichols declined  
Greg Vaughn declined  
Sgt. At Arms 1: Bill Michels accepted  
Sgt. At Arms 2: Brian Campbell accepted  
Public Relations: Greg Vaughn accepted  
Ways & Means: Tina Stocker accepted  
Education Director: Mark Schnetzky accepted  
Legislative Director: Steve Coffman accepted  
Ed Vaughn declined  
Gunny Hutcheson declined  
Chapter Historian: Mike Darnielle accepted  
Run Coordinator: Ed Vaughn accepted  
Jerry Cruz accepted  
Mike Darnielle declined  
Run Coordinator 2: Ed Vaughn accepted  
Steve Coffman accepted  
Jerry Cruz accepted  
Quartermaster: Gordon Sahnaw accepted  
Newsletter Editor: Greg Vaughn accepted  
Ted Tracy declined  
Webpage Editor: Robert Beadle accepted  
Chapter Products: Dave Meeker accepted by phone  
Chapter Chaplain: Len Punzel declined by phone  
Mark Pratt declined by phone  
Roger Yarnell declined

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mark Schnetzky: December 4<sup>th</sup> is a pancake breakfast at the Scholls Grange from 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Mark Schnetzky: Thanksgiving Day – Open potluck from 1-5 p.m. at the Tigard Grange. Call Julie to coordinate food if you'd like to participate.

Roger Yarnell: True Apostles Toy Run this Saturday. Leaves at noon from Columbia H.D. Bring a new, unwrapped toy.

Connie Ceccacci: Next meeting is where we draw the membership prize until someone is present to win it.

Linda Henderson: There will be no run committee meeting in December.

We collected \$27 for the Washington County Food Bank tonight.

**NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME:** Monday, December 13, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. PrimeTime in Forest Grove

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

**MEMBERSHIP DRAWING:** \$185.25      Taylen Ceccacci was not present to win.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Margo L. Virchow*

Washington County ABATE Recording Secretary