

# WASHINGTON COUNTY ABATE CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** 05/09/11

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** 7:28 p.m.

**ATTENDEES:** 34

**GUESTS:** Welcome back, Jason! And welcome to Mel's son Devon.

## **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Bill Michels

**MISSION STATEMENT:** Rich Virchow

## **READING OF THE MINUTES:**

M/S: Linda Henderson/Yvonne Sahnaw: To approve minutes as written. 19 in favor, 1 opposed.  
Motion carries.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** One returned newsletter, given to Linda Henderson.

## **COORDINATOR'S COMMENTS:**

**ROGER YARNELL**

Our road clean-up was this past Saturday. Thank you to the eight people who showed up. It took 5 hours to do the job with so few people. We really need more people to participate if we're going to continue. We all have commitments and there is a lot of competition for our time, so we may need to consider discontinuing if people are too busy.

## **OFFICER REPORTS:**

### **VICE COORDINATOR:**

**RICH VIRCHOW**

This year's May Awareness Rally was the best in years. There was a good crowd, and a big improvement in the quality of speakers. Representatives Andy Olson and Katie Eyre Brewer were present, both supporters of motorcyclists' rights. It's important to stay visible and keep working at our issues. Upcoming events: Papa's Toys this Saturday, NW Veterans Motorcycle Club Poker Run flyers on the bar.

### **TREASURER:**

**CONNIE CECCACCI**

**Deposits:** None

**Expenses:** \$75 to state for Mid-Summer Run sanctioning; \$425 to state for EOS sanctioning

**Balance:** EOS Seed Money = \$3,400 (sanctioning not yet deducted); Working Balance = \$2,846.75

### **LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR:**

**STEVE COFFMAN**

No report.

### **STATE BOARD REP:**

**GORDON SAHNOW**

Fossil tickets available tonight. Member price is \$30 in advance, \$35 at the gate (\$5 more for non-members). This is your last chance to get them at a meeting, but they will still be available on the state website through PayPal or at the gate.

Douglas Findlay sent his thanks for our willingness to support his coming up to speak at May Awareness.

May 14<sup>th</sup> is the next state board meeting.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:**

**GORDON SAHNOW FOR GREG VAUGHN**

Greg was absent but Gordon reported that he saw our ad at the Valley Theater and it was great! Excellent photo, would need to be seen 2-4 times to take in all the text, but typically each ad is seen that many times in the time before the movie starts.

**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY:**

**STEPHANIE BARNES**

Members: 259

Drawing \$ 73.55

3 memberships expired this past month: Colleen Glenn, Gary Piercel, Tristan Snell. Buy tickets at break.

**EDUCATION DIRECTOR:**

**MARK SCHNETZKY**

No report.

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR:**

**GREG VAUGHN**

Absent. Have some extra copies of the latest chapter newsletter on the bar.

Roger's note: Congratulations, Gunny on your lifetime achievement award! Gunny reported that Sam Hotchberg gave a wonderful speech, and he was happy to have Ted, Paul, and Kay there to cheer him on. Gunny said that Tim and Bonnie King from Oregon also honored with the Silver Spoke Award. Next year's NCOM meeting is in Indianapolis, and we should start saving our pennies to attend.

**WEBPAGE EDITOR:**

**ROBERT BEADLE**

Absent No report.

**QUARTERMASTER:**

**GORDON SAHNOW**

No report.

**HISTORIAN:**

**MIKE DARNEILLE**

Absent. No report.

**CHAPTER PRODUCTS:**

**DAVE MEEKER**

The May Awareness Rally was fun and had a good representation from the clubs. EOS is coming fast. It's our 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual. Need artwork submissions for the T-shirt by August 22<sup>nd</sup> chapter meeting.

**WAYS & MEANS:**

**TINA VAUGHN**

Balance = \$957.00

The \$150 for our ad at Valley Theater came out of Ways & Means funds. Buy tickets at break.

**RUN COORDINATOR:**

**ED VAUGHN**

This Saturday is Papa's Toys. Troy Davis would love our help parking cars, so please come out. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at Stewart Stiles, enter on Holladay St. An informal show of hands showed 9 people planning to attend.

Come to the Roll 'N Ride June 18, starting at Iron Horse Garage. There will be a pancake breakfast at 9:00 a.m., sign-in at 10:00, and leave at 11:00. Lunch provided by the chapter at the end point.

Sanctioning for the Mid-Summer Run and EOS has been sent in. Will have EOS tickets available at Fossil. Please distribute EOS business cards at every opportunity.

Next run committee meeting is Monday, June 6, 7:30 at PrimeTime.

**RUN COORDINATOR II:**

**JERRY CRUZ**

Thanks again to everyone who showed up to the road clean-up.

This Saturday after Papa's Toys, the Branded Band is playing at the M&M Lounge. They are a potential band for EOS, so anyone who wants to preview them is welcome to go.

**<10 minute break>**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Veta Holscher: There is a fundraising dinner for Lacey House on May 21<sup>st</sup> at the Elks. \$50 each, formal attire.

Kay Sipple: NCOM was great. Gunny was awarded the Ron Roloff Lifetime Achievement Award. There was an AIM attorney from New York that told of New York's recent "safety check" stop for motorcycles only. Police were not following the federal mandate regarding legal helmet detection. They targeted a date during a very large rally so many bikes coming in from out of state. No records were kept with statistics, but more than 1,000 tickets were issued.

Connie Ceccacci: We collected \$25.50 for Lacey House tonight, including \$2.50 that Julian Ramirez donated from his winnings.

**NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME:** Monday, May 23, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. PrimeTime in Forest Grove

**50/50 DRAWING:** \$25.50

Julian Ramirez won

**MEMBERSHIP DRAWING:** \$73.55      Billy Wing of the Chinchillas was not present to win.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Margo L. Virchow*

Washington County ABATE Recording Secretary