

WASHINGTON COUNTY ABATE CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

DATE: 10/11/10

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

ATTENDEES: 38

GUESTS: Rob and Natalie Williams, Talen Ceccacci

MOMENT OF SILENCE

BLESSING: Len Punzel
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Bill Michels
MISSION STATEMENT: Rich Henderson
READING OF THE MINUTES: Margo Virchow

CORRESPONDENCE: None

COORDINATOR'S COMMENTS:

JIM HENDERSON FOR ROGER YARNELL

Roger is home recuperating from a broken leg. We wish him a speedy recovery. Nominations will be open at the first meeting in November for 2011 Chapter Officers. If you're interested in running for a position next year, please talk to the current officer. Several of our members would love to mentor their successors.

OFFICER REPORTS:

VICE COORDINATOR:

JIM HENDERSON

No report.

TREASURER:

MARGO VIRCHOW FOR SHARON YARNELL

Sharon is home helping Roger recuperate. She sent her report in as follows:

Deposits: \$40 products income

Expenses: \$600 to Columbia Co. Fairgrounds for ½ of our deposit for 2011 EOS; \$105 to J&S Gof Carts; \$570 to Hudson Portable Toilets for EOS; \$57.51 to Hudson Garbage for EOS; \$89.50 to Steven Seely for Team OR course; \$74 to Dan Hoots for Team OR course; \$12 to RC Fryer for Toy Run flyers.

Balance: \$82.39 remaining seed money for the Not-So-Ugly Trailer, Working balance = \$4,946.70

We have a few Toy Run raffle tickets available to purchase or check out to sell. The rest will be available at the next meeting. Really want to sell all 2,000 tickets to please buy some or check out a pack of 50 to sell. If you haven't yet received your WaCo bucks for working EOS, please see Ed at the break.

LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR:

ED VAUGHN

Motorcyclists' Call to Action: Ray LeHood and David Strickland working with NTSA to institute "safety checks" (read road blocks) for motorcycles only. HR 1498 would ban using federal money to fund safety checks. This is backed by all motorcycle groups. We all need to write to our representatives, and to Ray LeHood, to let them know we think federal funds are better spent on training. Ed has contact information for all.

STATE BOARD REP:

ALLAN NICHOLS

The annual planning session was last weekend, Several things that were pended or didn't get completed last year got priority attention at the meeting. STEAM will be February 26, 2011. Location TBA.

Last year the state spent over \$4,500 on travel expenses for officers (this is in addition to the \$2,500 spent on conferences), many of which were board reps. Chapters have been asked to start covering their board rep's travel expenses to relive some of the burden. (Secretary's note: Our current state board rep has never submitted an expense report to the chapter or state to be reimbursed for travel expenses to state board meetings).

The processing period for chapters to get their tax info to the state treasurer and auditor has expired. Any chapter not caught up by the November BoD meeting will immediately be put on suspension (there are 7 chapters in process, only 2 of which are new chapters). Any chapter not caught up by December will have to file as a single entity as the state is not willing to pay penalties again because of chapters not being up-to-date.

BikePac reports there is a bill that is going to be read in the upcoming legislative session for helmet reform that would allow all riders over 21 the choice to wear helmets. They have requested our presence when the bill is read to show support for legislators that are fighting for it.

Motions:

To purchase an instruction CD for the use of Quicken, not to exceed \$100, to be checked out by chapters with no other means of obtaining this info – PASSED.

To renew the state's MRF sustaining membership at a cost of \$100 – PASSED

To increase the annual membership fee by \$5 across the board – PASSED

To allow multi-year memberships with a discount of \$5 for 2 years, \$10 for 3 years, and \$25 for 5 years – PASSED

To create a sustaining membership to individuals and families at the same address for \$100 with recognition in the state news mag and a rocker patch – PASSED

To move that chapter treasurers be required to attend on e training course of 2 hours before the BoD meeting in January or February, or at STEAM. Any chapter not in compliance by the March BoD will be placed on probation with all voting rights revoked until compliance is obtained – PASSED

To adopt the operations manual as presented, subject to future amendments by motion and approval by the BoD – PASSED.

Elections were held and the board remains largely intact from last year. There are several positions still open. See the full list in the state news mag.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

GREG VAUGHN

Toy Run flyers are here tonight. Please take them and make sure they get to your local bike shops and businesses to promote the run. No poster size signs currently, but could certainly make some.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY:

Members: 274

CONNIE CECCACCI

Drawing \$ 66.25

EDUCATION DIRECTOR:

Absent. No Report.

MARK SCHNETZKY

NEWSLETTER EDITOR:

The next issue should be up on the site by the end of the week.

GREG VAUGHN

WEBPAGE EDITOR:

No report.

ROBERT BEADLE

QUARTERMASTER:

No report.

GORDON SAHNOW

HISTORIAN:

No report.

MIKE DARNEILLE

CHAPTER PRODUCTS:

Absent. No report.

DAVE MEEKER

WAYS & MEANS:

Balance = \$999.00

TINA STOCKER

Buy tickets at break.

RUN COORDINATOR:

Fall Road Clean-up is this Saturday, October 16. Please plan to attend. (Informal poll netted 10 volunteers. Toy Run: November 20th. Still waiting to hear back from the City of Hillsboro. Details are in place with the Elks with spaghetti feed at the end. Will be the same route as last year, with one small detour for construction at the end. Have not yet spoken with the Fire Department rep, Aliya Jennings.

JIM HENDERSON

Birthday Party 2011 – The Elks are penciled in and will need a \$300 deposit to seal it. More details in the coming months.

RUN COORDINATOR II:

No report.

STEVE COFFMAN

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Allan Nichols: There are several committees that meet prior to the state BoD meetings, at 11:00 a.m.
Gunny: NCOM Regional convention is in Honolulu, HI at the end of January. Gunny found round trip airfare for \$329.

Kay Sipple: Daughter Zipporah is getting married on October 24th at 2:00 p.m., Rood Bridge Rd. the River House at the park.

Linda Henderson: We have 2 members who recently died in their sleep: Ron Vork from SE Chapter and Kathleen Sutter from Willamette Valley Chapter.

Trace and Connie Ceccacci: Big thanks to all for help at EOS with the wedding. Really appreciate it and we couldn't have done it without you!

We collected \$33.00 for the Washington County Food Bank tonight.

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

50/50 DRAWING: \$23.00 Robert Beadle won

MEMBERSHIP DRAWING: \$66.25 Chris "Thunder" Ryder was not present to win.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margo L. Virchow

Washington County ABATE Recording Secretary