

Hells Canyon Chapter

Of Abate

February 2, 2008

Meeting held at the Wrangler in Lewiston, Idaho

Called to order: 2:00 p.m.

Officers: 6

Members: 14

guests: 2

Pledge of Allegiance Done

Secretary's report: read and approved

Treasures report: done by Dave

Membership Secretary's report: Clay reported 99 paid members

Old business:

Dave, Bill, and Mini me attended the state meeting. We are the largest chapter with 99 members. At the State meeting they tried to suspend River city chapter. The vote was 6-7, but it was not a 2/3 majority. The price jump at Peggies was brought up at State meeting and it was supposedly a misunderstanding, and if we have Spring opener with her again she will not change the prices. The outhouse shortage and placement was also addressed. The first part of the calendars was handed out.

New business:

The first and only Spring opener meeting was held in Plummer. Peggy from Countrylane showed and told us her place was booked during the first weekend of June due to an understanding that ABATE would never hold their Spring opener at her place again. She said that a person had told her this, and that this same person had requested fences around the campgrounds last year which she placed then she caught him cutting the fence. She said she would have us back if we could change the date or if we would like to try her new 40 acres at the bumblebee turn off. A lady from Pines RV in Harvard suggested her place. It would have 40 some electric outlets which can provide electricity to 80. It has a large indoor convention center with a kitchen in it, it only has two fire pits throughout the grounds and she will not allow any fires outside of pits. She will allow BBQ's or the outdoor fireplaces if they are inclosed. It has 4 bathrooms with 4 showers. It does not have a bar, but it has beer which the prices will stay these prices. 16 ounce draft \$1.00, can \$1.25, bottle \$1.50. It has a small convenience store, the closest restaurant is 2 miles and a real store is 8 miles. It has a small area for the rodeo, and a small covered picnic area where the band can be. You can bring in your own booze. The price for the weekend is \$1500. A committee was formed and those people will go look at Peggy's and Harvard and make a decision on which place would suit us best. There will not be another spring opener meeting, because everything else was covered at this meeting except location. Dave, Angie and Chuck are on the band committee. Hells canyon's gate duty will be on

Saturday 6-12. At State meeting a few Chapters brought letters proposing to change a few bylaws. One of these new bylaws is suggesting any Chapter who misses two state meetings in a row will have their chapter suspended for a whole year. Dave reminded everyone that new bylaws can not be brought to state level without going to a bylaw committee first. This committee needs to contain one member from every chapter. The members who attended the meeting expressed their feelings on what is happening at state level with suspending whole chapters. Tony announced that members of ABATE are here to protect motorcyclist rights and we are here voluntarily. We all pay our dues to state for them to fight for these rights. Our members feel that state has betrayed us all. State does not remember why we are an organization. We are not here to suspend whole chapters at a time. Instead of fighting to keep the faithful members who are part of ABATE for a good reason. Our members also feel that the member who was responsible for giving Peggy so much grief needs spoken to. A motion was made and passed, "A letter will be wrote voicing our concerns and opinions on suspending River city chapter with an illegal vote, and creating a bylaw committee for the new bylaw propositions with one member from each chapter before the bylaws should be addressed at a state level. We finished the rest of the calendar. We received a check from state for \$88 for Spring opener last year. A motion was made and passed, "The check will be handed over for the Easter egg hunt." T.T announced that she had previously created a book for the Easter egg hunt which contained pictures of previous hunts, and she feels that these books would inspire more people to donate. she asked if the chapter would be interested in buying supplies to create 4 more books for people to take with them when asking for donations. A motion was made and passed, "Hells Canyon chapter will buy the supplies for four more books." T.T addressed more Easter egg hunt business and announced some of the places where people are going to ask for donations. Anyone who wants to go somewhere needs to check with her to make sure these places have not already been visited. T.T also announced she felt the previous letter asking for donations was not sufficient enough for the Easter egg hunt, so she asked if she could add a letter to be handed out to the buisness, which would just ask for help with the hunt. A motion was made and passed, "This new letter can be handed out, if the other letter was handed out at the same time, since the other events were on them."

Announcements:

We were reminded one more time that if we have problems with other members we can not threaten them with suspending them from the chapter. If the problems are bad enough they will be brought to the chapter to decide if any action needs to be taken. T.T announced that Wes was unhappy that the extra pool table was brought in for broomstick and it was going to be held somewhere else this month. Dave reminded T.T that it was agreed by the members that broomstick will be rotated every month and Wes was at that meeting. Broomstick pool will be held at Timber Inn today after the meeting. \$5 a person to play.

50/50: won by Tony

Gag Gift: Won by Robin

Donations: tony donated back his \$8 from 50/50

Broomstick pool was won by Sherry and 2nd place was Tony, we had 14 players.

Meeting adjourned: 3:30