

## *HooDoo Hippie Minutes*

Meeting Minutes September 6, 2008

Stand-in Coordinator, Julia Merkel, called the meeting to order at 11:10 am.

14 members attended and the roster was duly signed by all present.

Motion to seat Lori Wilkins as Secretary/Treasurer was seconded and approved. No oppositions. Lori Wilkins was voted in.

ABATE Website: [abateofnorthidahobikers.org](http://abateofnorthidahobikers.org).

### **Newsletter:**

It was duly noted that Julia will be starting the HooDoo Newsletter this month and will be preparing a one page newsletter every month with a running event calendar included.

**Products:** None.

### **Membership Report:**

The Chapter membership is 57 as of August 31, 2008

**Secretary's Report:** None

**Treasurer's Report:** None

### **Safety & Training:**

Paul Reiss wrote a letter to the STAR Program in an effort to jump start interest in a quad/three wheel motorcycle class. The class will commence in 2009.

The MRF is sending Julia a safety video from Illinois ABATE. Illinois has a copyright so if anyone wants a copy it must be paid for or, we can *share* it.

## Legislative Activity:

- HIPPA HR 1076 Recreational Injury Technical Correction Act: Aims at ending discrimination for anyone involved in legal transportation and recreational activities. Contact your local representatives and let them know you want this passed! This is an **ACTION ALERT!**
- Legislation in California put into "action alert" the posting of "Motorcycles OK" signs along HOV lanes and is awaiting the *Governator's* signature (terminator-governor).
- The MRF has stated that August 11, 2008 will remain an historic day in the history of the motorcyclist's rights movements as they were able to get an audience with the Republican National Committee. "From our rather humble beginnings, we have risen to where the national political parties are taking us seriously. The meeting was candid and direct with the MRF citing, by name, the appointees and their actions that the MRF had grievances with. Their concerns were attentively listened to, but it was noted that nothing could be done in regard to the current administration." The MRF will be working on getting a meeting with the Democratic Party and their presidential candidate after the convention.

## Nominations of HooDoo Officer Positions:

Coordinator:	Rod Haux
Deputy Coordinator:	Cathy Kirk
Secretary/Treasurer:	Lori Wilkins
Membership Secretary:	Kitty Sorahan
Ambassador at Large:	Catherine Solomone Jack Clark
Sergeant at Arms:	Rick Menzel Tony Solomone
Quartermaster:	Cathy Kirk

## Old Business:

It was noted (in a very heated manner) and discussed at great length that Joel Arnoldi and Rod Haux were both nominated for board positions at the State level but were **disqualified** due to the lack of paperwork processed by the HooDoo Chapter. It was expressed to the Board the need for our officers to be more responsible in processing the paperwork which is sent in to the

State. In this case it was the lack of remittance of membership dues.

It was noted and discussed at great length the lack of representation from our Chapter at the Spring Opener. It was further noted that our Chapter appears to have the longest schedule of the day in accordance to the number of members we currently have in comparison to other Chapters. It was suggested that our Chapter bring the matter of a revised schedule in front of the State Board. The Spring Opener is scheduled for the 1st weekend in June of 2009.

It was noted that the Best of the West auction generated \$1,000. Best of the West had about 145 people attending, and were from as far away as Alaska and Hawaii.

### **New Business:**

It was suggested that our meetings be changed to a different time. It was agreed upon to hold our meetings at noon on the first Saturday of each month and to table a new start time prior to the summer of 2009.

It was noted that the changes to the current Bylaws were approved. Julia made available at the meeting copies of the pages with changes made for members to insert in their copies of the Bylaws. One further proposal is being considered from HooDoo (4.7) due to the fact that there were a couple of Chapters who didn't have copies of it and had to review it prior to voting it in.

Old Trailer title found and given to Tom Taylor via Dave Cazal.

It was noted that we have a new Chapter out of the Lewiston area called "L.C. Valley" with 23 Charter members.

### **Runs & Events:**

Oct. 4th Highway Clean-Up with Kootenai Road Dogs. 10:00 a.m. across from Silverwood on I-95 (be there at 9:30). Chili feed to follow at the Linger (provided by Julia and Cat). Monthly meeting to follow at 2:00 p.m.

Oct. 5th                      State Meeting in Moscow @ Noon, @ Sandpiper Grille,  
REP'S. Be there!

Nov. 1st                      Annual Toy Run

Nov. 22nd                    Blood Drive 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at VFW Hall in Spirit  
Lake, Idaho (S.R. 41) *changed* from a Sept. 20th listing, *everywhere*

Dec. 6th                      HooDoo Christmas Party. Monthly meeting to start at  
4:00 p.m. followed by dinner. The band begins at 7:00. There will be a  
male/female gift                      exchange with a \$15 limit.

### **Open Forum:**

It was noted and discussed at great length the need for HooDoo officers to volunteer **for the members**. In other words, it was the general concensus by our members that persons who volunteer for officer positions need to "dress up and show up" and represent members in all matters, especially at the State level.

It was noted and discussed that the HooDoo Chapter has a lack of subcommittees. The suggestion of having several people in charge of an event instead of overwhelming one person with all the responsibility was met with open arms. The key to success in chapter events is committment of members and sharing the responsibility!

Carla Street spoke regarding Christmas packages to soldiers in our community. She asked that we keep our ears to the ground for names of soldiers currently overseas. She has a Support our Troops jar for donations.

It was noted and discussed the need for HooDoo to set-up booths at different events to attract new members.

It was noted and discussed the need for organized monthly meetings. We will be starting our meetings on time and that time was changed to NOON.

It was noted and discussed the need to get our members more involved with ABATE; i.e., having a ride after our monthly meetings to promote meeting attendance. Also, we can use our monthly newsletters to promote meetings . . . a newsletter is a strong tool to keep our members interested . . .

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The 50/50 raffle at the meeting generated \$35. Rod Haux was the winner of the raffle. Rod donated the entire amount to the Hoodoo Chapter!  
Next meeting will be October 04, 2008 following the Highway Clean-Up.  
Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM .  
Lori Wilkins, Secretary.