

# Kootenai Road Dogs

Meeting Minutes

January 03, 2008

Coordinator Dale Ohrt called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

16 members and 1 guest attended. Quorum requirements met.

The Chapter current Membership is 48

-> Membership renewals are due March 01, 2008.

## Secretary's Report:

The December minutes were read and accepted.

## The Treasurers' Report:

## Guest Speaker:

None

## Safety & Training:

Rich Wharton reported that Vietnam has mandated a national helmet law.

## Legislative Activity:

None

## Runs & Events:

Dale Ohrt reported the January 01, 08 'First to Freeze' Run was a success.

January 06 State meeting, Mark 4 restaurant, Moscow, ID

February 22-24 Spokane Bike Show;

March 02 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Frosty Bunz Run; Roadhouse Cycles, Post Falls; Scott, 208-457-1150

March ? Hoodoo Blood Drive @ Spirit Lake;

Joel 208-704-5517

April 06 Abate State meeting in Moscow; Moose 208-245-2320

April ? NW Classics April Fool's Day Run in St. Maries;

Phil 509-922-9665

April 12? Hoodoo & Kootenai Highway Cleanup; Dale 208-762-2364

## Old Business:

- Ernie Crocker reported he has a file chest, boxes, and files to be transported to Moscow meeting from Beth Miller for the State Secretary position. Dave Cazel will take them.
- Denise Mills Gave a summary report on the Toys for Tots effort, where \$Sum was spent for toys on December, 13. All toys were turned over to the Marine Corps League that evening and were dispensed to children within 2 days.
- Dale Ohrt requested Denise keep a notebook on her team's outstanding efforts on this year's T4T project for future year reference.
- Ernie gave a summary report on the quantity of toys collected at the various Sponsor barrel locations and distributed by the Marine Corps. League: 1868 were collected,

2557 kids received toys and 1082 families. Lawrence's was largest collector of toys with 195.

- Ernie reported Tom Taylor was home and recovering after several days the hospital. A get well card was circulated for signatures.

**Holiday Family:**

- Denise Mills gave a summary report on the Holiday Family with 7 children. The family was provided 2 Christmas dinners, toys for the kids, and gift cards. Susan Taylor, Denise, Chris Benson, and Belinda Carson all contributed heavily to the Holiday Family effort.
- Denise reported on the special effort for the special family in distress. Denise, Tim, Susan and Tom Taylor, and Ron and Belinda Carson solicited and delivered a 30ft trailer filled with household goods, clothes, toys, beds, couch, sheets, cookware, and much more. GREAT JOB, everyone!!!

**New Business:**

- Dan Ertz agreed to coordinate the Chapter's participation in the May "Motorcycle Awareness" Run.
- Bill Rickett will Captain the May Kootenai "Freedom Run".
- Dave Cazel will be seated at the State meeting as State Membership Secretary position.
- Dave Cazel suggested the Chapter issue a regular newsletter and, also, maintain a website. Dave suggested issuing hard copy newsletters for members not online. Ernie will discuss website costs and options with Mike Zanger and report back at the next meeting.
- Denise suggested the Chapter have a 'catchy' pamphlet to hand out to prospective members, describing the purposes and goals of ABATE.
- In the interest of new membership, Dan Ertz suggested attending STAR training classes to hand out the Chapter tri-folds. Dale Ohrt said he will have tri-folds and membership forma at the QuadRig booth in the Spokane Bike Show.
- There was discussion about membership growth ideas, including activities at the Awareness Run, possible riding in the Fourth of July parade, a booth at the county fair, and participation in the Car d'Alene event.
- Denise suggested the Chapter get a camera for recording events and maintaining a historical log. Further suggestions included posting photos on a website and having press publications.
- Rich Wharton suggested planning next year to have the certificates ready before the January meeting.
- After discussion, it was agreed Denise will get 8 1/2 x 11" frames for the Toys for Tots Sponsor Certificates. Denise will have all of the 45 certificates prepared for pick up at the Shell station.

**Open Forum:**

**Holiday Fund Raffle:**

A motorcycle model was won by Cindy Wharton.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38pm.

The next meeting will be February 07, 2008.

Paul Riess, Secretary