

Kootenai Road Dogs

Meeting Minutes

December 04, 2008

Coordinator Dale Ohrt called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Iron Horse Restaurant.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

13 members attended

Announcements & Correspondence:

Dale circulated the 'Bailing Wire' newsletter from ABATE of CA. Dale said we had received the certificate of 'Sustaining Membership' from MRF.

Membership Report:

The Chapter membership is 46.

Secretary's Report:

The November minutes were read and accepted.

Treasurer's Report:

\$5,300+ Funds are available for purchasing T4T toys.

Guest Speaker:

NONE

Safety & Training.

NONE

Legislative Activity: Dale noted the proposed Fed helmet certifications include requirements on DOT sticker application.

Awareness:

Dan Ertz said the frosty and sun-shaded roads are a threat and to watch out for ice.

Runs & Events

Dec 13 Bikers Christmas at the Grail, Huetter Rd, 11:00 am, Pastor Ernie, 762-3953
Dec. 14 Bikers Christmas service at Cruisers bar, Stateline, ID, 11:00 am,
Dec 14 NW Classics, VFW @ Sprague & I90, Spokane
January 01 Lucky's First to Freeze Run, Lawrence's 12:00 noon; Lucky will do a 'Dutch Oven'
cook feed this year.
Jan 11 State ABATE meeting, 12:00 pm, Sandpiper Grill, Moscow, ID,

Old Business:

- **New Officer Elections:**

A committee was selected and the 24 returned ballots we counted.

Coordinator – Dale Ohrt; Deputy Coordinator – Tim Reynolds;

Secretary – Richard Wharton; Treasurer – Susan Riess;

Membership – Belinda Carson Sgt.at Arms– Ron Carson

Ambassador–at Large – Susan Taylor

- **Toys for Tots:**
Denise gave a recap of the T4T, so far, this year. The sponsor Certificates and 'Thank You' notes are nearly completed. Denise will hold an Ice cream party for the grade-schoolers who contributed to the school's 'Penny Drive' T4T fund raising. There was a discussion regarding the status of ABATE NI corporation as it pertains to Walmart's level of charitable contributions. A 501 C3 corporate status is necessary to reach their maximum contribution level. Denise said she has some additional T4T contributions.
Denise & Tim have done an outstanding job this year in fund raising by their 'Hound Dogging' their sponsor participation, and the 'Penny Drive'. **The Chapter salutes Denise & Tim for their outstanding efforts. THANK YOU!**
- Holiday Family –Les and Mary Burton are this year's Holiday family. Our support will be both food and money. Dale will coordinate with Susan T on the effort. Ron & Belinda Carson said they had bought and contribute a full Christmas dinner for the Burtons. THANKS Ron & Belinda!! In addition, the Chapter will give \$sum.
- Ernie announced he be the editor for the State newsletter. He has circulated a draft of the December/January first issue to the State BOD officers for review. At first, the newsletter will be issued quarterly with the goal of monthly publishing. Each chapter is responsible for composing articles of interest. The newsletter will be printed and mailed to all ABATE members and copies available at various bike shops and other points of biker interest.

New Business:

Dale reviewed the 2009 Projects & Captain responsibilities, to date:
 Awareness Day Run – first Sat. in May; Normam - St.Joe Chapter, assign later
 Freedom Run – 2nd Saturday in May; Tim Reynolds
 Safety & Inspection – 04/09, Dan Ertz
 Highway Clean up – 04/11 & 10/03; assign later
 Toys for Tots – assign later
 Newsletter articles – monthly; Tim Reynolds
 Safety & Education – assign later

Remember, Chapter members should bring canned foods to the January 08 meeting.

Open Forum:

Dan Ertz suggested the State news letter should get sponsors and offer business card sized ads from a broad range of biker supporting businesses, such as bike shops, bars, restaurants, insurance agents, and others. For a modest annual fee, the ads can generate adequate income to offset news letter printing costs. Sponsors could be approached after the first newsletter is issued.

Holiday Fund Raffle: Two Items were raffled. A model chopper m/c was won by Denise Mills and a 'surprise' was won by Paul R. The Holiday Fund received \$sum.

Next meeting will be January 08, 2009.

Meeting was adjourned at 08:25 PM

Paul Riess, Secretary, who is out of here.