

Kootenai Road Dogs

Meeting Minutes

July 03, 2008

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

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

13 members and 1 guest attended. Quorum requirements met.

Dale introduced his brother in law Mark.

The Chapter current Membership is 51.

Dale recommended the email addresses of members be updated.

Secretary's Report:

The June minutes were read and accepted.

The Treasurers' Report:

Announcements and Correspondence:

Guest Speaker:

Tom McLaughlin reported the motorcycle races take place in Billings MT during the last week of July. Tom has a house there available for AMA members to stay.

Safety & Training:

Dave Cazel gave an account of an article in the AMA June magazine interview with Jay Leno, where Jay spoke about the real dangers inherent in the sport. Jay cautioned that 'do-gooders' are always attempting to place constraints on motorcycles, such as air bags or mandatory helmet laws.

Legislative Activity: None

Awareness: None

Runs & Events:

July 8 Honda Riders Dinner Ride; Mike 208-765-5005
July 13 ABATE State Meeting, Mark IV, Moscow, ID
July 11-12 River City Rod Run; Post Falls, Scott 208-475-1150
July 12-13 Honda Riders Glacier Park Run, Mike 208-765-5005
July 19 8th Annual Ride for Life; Dan 208-659-8499
July 20 6th Annual Ride for Life Bikers Church; Priest Lake, Pastor Ernie 208-691-5008
July 24-26 Cruisers 4th annual min-Sturgis; Sheri, 208-773-4706
July 25-27 100 Years of Motorcycles; Spokane; www.100YearsofMotorcycles.com

Aug 1 to 3 Clearwater ABATE Birthday Run-Wilderness Campout; Jesse Dill, 464-1129
Aug 2-3 St. Joe Riders 'Too Broke for Sturgis' Elk River ID, Larry, 626-3396
Aug 10th Honda Riders Mt. Raineirs/Packwood; Mike 765-5005
Aug 14th Honda Riders Bayview Dinner Ride; Mike 765-5005
Aug 15-17 Annual Ladies on the Loose "Dude Ranch Run" Jinny, 457-1150;
Aug 22-24 NW Classics Springdale Rodeo, Springdale WA; Keith 509-891-4547,
Bootmaker 509-294-1249
Aug 23-24 Honda Riders Lolo Pass run; Mike 208-765-5005
Aug 29-Sep 1 Statewide Friendship Run, Pierce ID; Chuck 208-476-0189

Old Business:

- The following proposed addition to the State Bylaws was read by Dale. This Proposal will be presented at the July State meeting.

Proposal: Article IV section 4.7

Whereas, any Chapter not participating at the State Meetings with at least two representatives in attendance for two consecutive meetings will be suspended for the next three State Meetings. At the fourth meeting after suspension, the Chapter can submit a written request for reinstatement of their Charter with proof of ten or more members. The State Board will vote on whether to grant the reinstatement.

While suspended the Chapter cannot use the ABATE of North Idaho logo or name for any function. All existing bank accounts of the Chapter under suspension shall be turned over to the State Treasurer, and the account will remain frozen until such time the Charter is reinstated, or not. If the Charter of the Chapter is permanently disbanded, the Chapter funds will be combined with the State Bank account. If the Charter is reinstated the Bank account will be returned to the Chapter. If the Bank account of the suspended Chapter is not turned over voluntarily, no further Charter application can ever be granted to the Chapter.

If a new Charter application is submitted by ANI members who were not involved at the Board level of the suspended Chapter, the State Board may grant a temporary Charter, with the conditions the newly reinstated Chapter abide by the State By-Laws and participate at every State Board Meeting for the next year. After a year the State Board will vote on a permanent Charter for the Chapter. Chapter Board Members involved in a suspended Chapter will lose their own ANI memberships, and if the Chapter is not reinstated, those original Chapter Board Members involved will lose their ANI memberships permanently.

Suspension of a Chapter or an officer will be recorded and a copy filed in the archives of the corporation and made an integral part of the minutes of the Board of Directors.

- Spring Opener – The Spring Opener at the Pines RV Park on June 6 to 8 was a wet, soggy one.
- Dave Cazel gave a full report on the MRF “Best of the West” held June 13 to 15 in Vancouver WA. Dave’s key points follow:
 - Hawaii ABATE is remote and depends upon the continental orgs to protect rider rights.
 - Alaska ABATE is working for standardized road signage.
 - Utah ABATE is broken and is in progress of rebuilding its organization.
 - Texas reported their chapters total over 270 and members are aggressive in monitoring State politicians & agencies. Bikers can be the ‘swing vote’ in elections. Abate members are required to contact their rep on m/c issues.
 - Oregon won the lawsuit with MSF regarding m/c training programs.
 - There may be a national list of NHSC ‘Approved’ helmets.
 - Idaho DOT received \$100k from Fed this year for m/c awareness. ICMS has requested an audit.
 - Jeff Henning in D.C. continues working on revising HIPA insurance and the ‘Right to Repair’ laws. The current bills are HR-1076 & SB-616.
 - Denver has dropped their ‘noisy pipes’ law.
 - Dave handed out info regarding handling the press and other media.
 - Harley Davidson has 183 dealers offering a form of MSF rider training.

- Dave met with Stacey Axmaker of ID STAR and Mel Lish of Evergreen Safety Council to promote Trike & sidecar training within the STAR program.
- Dale requested, again, each 'Project Captain' provide a written report on their project, such that future years' events can benefit from current efforts.
- Toys for Tots – Denise Mills requested Walmart for a donation of prizes for T4T. She requested the Chapter pay for new/additional 'Dogging' signs. She and Tim are looking for a location for the post run potluck. Denise suggested other fund raising events, such as a yard sale.

New Business:

- State Offices- possible nominees for State positions are: Tom Taylor for Amb. at Large and Tim Reynolds for Sgt. At Arms.

Open Forum:

- Tom McLaughlin said the AMA website has a 'State Alert', where all state m/c legislative actions are reported.
- Dave Cazel showed the flyer for the "Ride for Life" run on July, 19.

Holiday Fund Raffle:

Ted Long won a model motorcycle provided by Lawrence's.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

The next meeting will be August 07, 2008.

Paul Riess, Secretary