

Kootenai Road Dogs

Meeting Minutes January 8, 2009

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

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Dale gave thanks to all new officers, and special thanks to Ernie Crocker for laying the ground work for a smooth running chapter.

Dale passed around a copy of the California Abate News Letter for all to see.

16 members attended-no guests

Membership Report:

The Chapter membership is 49

Secretary's Report:

The November minutes were read and accepted by acclamation.

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance	\$6,216.31
Receipts:	
Holiday Fund Raffle	\$13.00
New Member	
Laura Burquist	\$25.00
Wal-Mart	\$200.00
Cash	<u>\$20.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$258.00

Disbursements:

Denise Mills	\$37.10
Coeur d'Alene Hardware (stamps)	\$42.00
ABATE of North Idaho	\$20.00
Wall-Mart-Toys for Tots	\$4,801.09
Shortstop Shell	
(Penny campaign ice-cream	
Party)	\$49.11
Toys-For-Tots	\$150.00
Les or Mary Burton-Holiday Family	<u>\$330.00</u>
Total Disbursements	\$5429.30

Balance January 8, 2009 ----- \$1045.01

Holiday Fund:
Toys for Tots:

Total Spent on Toys for Tots, 2008-\$5,151.09

Gift Card:

Time Warner Cable-\$200.00

Announcements & Correspondence:

We received a nice thank you letter from the Holiday Family which Dale read.

We also received a Christmas card from Curtis and Ramona of Biker Information Guide.

Guest Speaker:

None

Safety & Training:

Be careful on the ice.

Legislative Activity:

Dave Cazal: On the federal front, the new administration has nominated a gentleman from Illinois (name not mentioned) who is reported to be very biker friendly and is a former MWF Champion award winner. More to come on this.

There are the usual items going before various state legislatures, like SMOG control, Noise control, Helmets and Ins.

Of special interest, NY City has a code that if your bike is over 80 decibels it may be confiscated. You must have a factory stamp or a noise test certificate. There are no measurement devices so it is primarily up to the local law enforcement discretion whether a motorcycle is too loud or not. The city of Denver CO. has a similar ordinance.

Other things to consider are emission controls and “no modification” rules, red lights and red light cameras, especially note that red light cameras have become money generators for many cities and are being pushed by the manufacturer. These may be tempting for cities strapped for funds.

Also noted is the “Gang Laws” going into effect under the National Security, Patriot, and Rico Acts. While we have to respect the problems, the result may be that groups will be busted just for wearing colors.

There was some discussion on highway infrastructure such as toll bridges and turnpikes being sold to private enterprise which could feasibly cause problems for bikers.

Ernie stated that these are issues we can help with because the MRF rep is there in DC and can spend time with our legislative representatives.

Old Business:

News letter: Ernie has sent the first Newsletter out to some of us via E-Mail. Thank you to Ernie. It is the Secretary’s job to distribute the letter to members in the chapter, and to deliver a few copies to the various bike shops in the area. Several uses were noted for the letters. Dale suggested that most of the news letters be transmitted by E-Mail. The list of shops where ABATE news letter should be distributed is EZ Rider, Lone Wolf, Lawrence’s, Helmet Outlet, Honda, Yamaha,

It was noted that on Saturday March 14th Lone Wolf is sponsoring a “meet your reps” and this may require extra news letters.

It was suggested that articles be written on First to Freeze ride and a summary article on the Toy Run. Paul Riess and Susan Taylor will author the First to Freeze and Tim Reynolds will author the Toys for Tots round-up.

New articles need to be in by 20 of January for the next new letter. Send articles to a&ieditor@verizon.net

Rich Wharton made a motion that we print 100 hard copies of the letter. Dave Cazel second. Motion carried unanimously.

Project Captains for 2009:

Freedom Run: Tim Reynolds

Awareness Run: Dave Cazel will be local coordinator on that.

Highway Cleanup: Dave Cazel

Toys for Tots: Remains open Tim and Denise are considering

News letter articles can go to Dale, Tim, or directly to the editor.

Safety and Education: Dan Ertz -tentative we will ask.

501-C-3:

Dale reported that to get a 501-C-3 would be cost prohibitive especially when we would only be using it to get corporate donations for toys for tots. We can't really piggy back as the cash has to be cycled through national. It was the General consensus that this be dropped as it would prevent us from lobbying, which is one of the primary functions of our club.

New Business:

Membership dues are due and payable. We need more members. Dues can be sent to PO Box 2989 Coeur d'Alene for non chapter affiliated.

Sandy Crocker offered the idea of lobbying Wal-Mart for gift cards throughout the year as a way of getting around the corporate donation limit, and offered to pursue the idea. She will report next meeting.

Dave and Tom Taylor noted Wal-Mart also chipped in with 10% off which amounted to \$500.00 already

Freedom run is 5-9 and project captain Tim Reynolds requested volunteers to step up to run games, coordinate stops, and lobby business for donations to the raffle.

Roadhouse -- Ernie

Lonewolf ---- Tim

Helmet Outlet – Susan and Tom Taylor
Highside Custom—remains open
Lawrences-----Dave Cazel
Meal Planner remains open.

Ron Lovelyn won the raffle for a patch H D Legend Continues

Open Forum: No response

Dave Cazel motioned for meeting to adjourn
Dale Ohrt seconded. Meeting Adjourned

Respectively
Richard Wharton - Secretary