

**ABATE of North Idaho**  
**BOD Meeting Minutes**  
**April 1, 2012**  
**Silver Saddle, Potlatch, Idaho**

Meeting was called to order 1207 hrs. There was a quorum, St Joe. Chapter was absent. The agenda was amended to appoint a Sergeant-At-Arms. Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

The State Coordinator appointed James Pine of Hell's Canyon Chapter to be Sergeant-At-Arms.

**Treasurer's Report.** ANI is in a strong financial position and is expected to strengthen over the riding season by reducing costs of the Spring Opener and increasing attendance at the Spring Opener, providing we have good weather for the Spring Opener. Dave C. will not be available to hold the Treasurer's chair in 2013. Begin searching your chapters for volunteers to accept nominations for the coming year.

**Coordinator's report.** The focus this quarter should be on the Spring Opener. May is motorcycle awareness month.

**Deputy Coordinator's Report.** The kick offs for the Awareness rallies and the riding season are this month. Tickets for advanced sales and advertising for the S.O. will be distributed today during the break.

**Secretary's Report.** All the duties of the secretary regarding the meeting minutes have been digitalized and are on disc. The meetings are digitally recorded and transcribed to disc each quarter. The only print version of the minutes is in the Eagle. We're moving ahead with technology. Dave C. will not be available to hold the secretary's chair in 2013. Begin searching your chapters for volunteers to accept nominations for the coming year.

**Membership Secretary's Report.** Currently ANI has 249 active members. Renewals are underway and the most up to date rosters were distributed to the chapters.

**Chapter Reports:**

**Clearwater Chapter:** Clearwater will have their Highway Cleanup on April 28<sup>th</sup>. The Clearwater Chapter has joined the Orofino/Clearwater Chamber of Commerce and the chamber volunteers will join the Clearwater Chapter in cleaning up the highway that day along with a news article and photo op on the effort. The awareness rally is May 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Hoodoo Chapter:** The chapter had its annual membership drive in February and on March 17th held its semiannual blood drive with a great turnout. April 7 will be the semiannual highway cleanup and with the construction on Hwy 95 the parking will be relocated to Athol Elementary School.

**Kootenai Chapter:** The chapter assisted with the annual "Frosty Bunz" ride in the County and provided road captains. This year there were over two hundred riders. April 7<sup>th</sup> is the highway cleanup with Hoodoo chapter and also on that day the chapter will hold its Spring motorcycle inspection to be held at Lawrence's Motorcycle shop. May 12th is the Freedom Breakfast and membership drive at Applebee's restaurant. May 19<sup>th</sup> is the Freedom Run fundraiser. Dirne Clinic ride is May 27<sup>th</sup>. The clinic is a free clinic for the community and Kootenai provides Road Captains for the exposure in the

community. Kootenai hosts the May Motorcycle Month Awareness Rally on May 5<sup>th</sup> in Coeur d'Alene.

**Hell's Canyon:** The chapter held its annual Valentine's Day ride and its St Patty's day ride. Both were a success and aided by good weather for February and March in North Idaho. Chapter members spent 8 hours on March 31<sup>st</sup> in stuffing 10,000 eggs for the annual Hell's Canyon Easter Egg hunt to be held in Lewiston and they are preparing for the first ever membership drive.

**Committee Reports:**

**Newsletter:** We're doing well with the advertising campaign for the Eagle. The upcoming issue is mostly ads and flyers promoting the upcoming riding season. ANI should be on sound footing for publishing of the Eagle during the balance of the year.

**Legislative:** The only bill effecting motorcycles this session is the "no Texting" Bill. The short coming of the bill is that there are no enhanced penalties for causing an accident or causing an injury accident while texting. Currently it is just a citation. The guy that hit Dave B. last year may have been texting and we all know what Dave has been through. We will discuss this with the legislators during the off session.

**Safety and Education:** no report but there was discussion directing chapters to get out to the schools drivers ed classes for show and tell on motorcycle awareness and education.

**By-Laws:** No report

**Products:** No report

**Website:** The website is up and running and currently up to date to the extent we have the information. Please submit your upcoming chapter events so we can publish them in the Runs and Events calendar.

We can be found at [www.abateofnorthidahobikers.org](http://www.abateofnorthidahobikers.org).

**Guest Speaker:** Scott Storch on behalf of the **National Motorcycle Rider's Memorial Association**. The ultimate goal of the NMRM is to establish a physical site where fallen riders may be honored and remembered by their fellow riders. It is their hope that it will be about the journey and the destination. Currently the Board of Governors of the NMRM is reviewing locations in Eastern Washington on the banks of the Snake River for the ultimate location. They are soliciting help and financial support from motorcycle organizations like the AMA, MRF, and ABATE. **A motion was made to join the NMRM, the motion was moved by Dave B. was seconded and approved unanimously.** The web site for the Memorial is [www.nmrmmemberlodge.org](http://www.nmrmmemberlodge.org).

**On going Business:**

**Spring Opener Progress report:** Contracts are let for the location and the entertainment. Everything else is on schedule. Food vendors have not been identified as of this meeting.

**New Business:**

**MRF Best of the West in Las Vegas June 15-17 2012.** This is why ANI exists, to support and advocate for motorcycle rights. We should all attend if we get the chance. **A motion was made by Dave B. and seconded to reimburse an attendee from each chapter for transportation and room expenses for the lesser of airfare or gasoline**

**and room cost The reimbursement is conditioned upon the attendee submitting receipts and a report to the chapter on the conference. The motion was approved unanimously.**

Hopefully the chapters would underwrite the conference registration. Each chapter will be responsible for nominating an attendee and the attendee must make their own reservations. The reimbursement is conditioned upon the attendee submitting receipts and a report to the chapter on the conference.

**Record Retention:** After lengthy discussion about the magnitude of the storage ANI is maintaining to keep the historical records of the organizations. **A motion was made by Rod H. and seconded by Paul R. The motion passed unanimously** to pare down the number of boxes involved with storage. The existing records will be reviewed during the Spring Opener and the future record retention will comply with the current governmental guidelines and any other documents will be converted to digital storage. All unnecessary paperwork will be destroyed at the S.O. The motion passed unanimously.

**Open Forum:** After discussion, **Dave C. made a motion to authorize the STATE Treasurer to contact the bank used by each of the ABATE of North Idaho chapters and request copies of any and all monthly bank checking and savings account statements. The motion was seconded by Pauline D. and passed unanimously.**

The Dirne ride on May 27<sup>th</sup>, Sunday needs chapter support for this nonprofit community health organization. Please come out and support this effort. Also the thunder boat races are coming up this month and in May on the Clearwater And St Joe Rivers.

The next BOD meeting will be July 8<sup>th</sup> at a location to be announced.

Meeting adjourned 1423 hrs.