

ABATE of North Idaho
BOD Meeting Minutes
July 8th 2012
Pines RV, Harvard, Idaho

The meeting was called to order 1210 hrs. All chapters were represented and all officers were in attendance. Prior meetings minutes were approved as printed in the Eagle.

Treasurer's Report was deferred to the Spring Opener discussion in the on-going business portion of the meeting.

Coordinator's Report: Rod mentioned that the Spring Opener was a success and he thanked everyone who volunteered to make the SO a success.

Dep. Coordinator's Report: Paul deferred to the discussion of newsletter committee

Secretary's Report: None

Membership Secretary: ANI has 144 members in good standing.

Chapter Reports:

Clearwater Chapter: Clearwater has 53 paid members. The chapter has been very busy with the wounded warrior campaign, Craigmont Parade, Spring Opener duties, and organizing the Friendship Run. They are focusing on Driver's ed classes for the upcoming academic year.

Hoodoo Chapter: Their blood drive continues to be a success and the blood is available to any ANI member as needed when in the hospital. Just mention ANI. There are over 60 credited pints available. The riding schedule of the chapter is very full. There is a holding the Fat Bastard Float trip on the Joe this fall. Contact the chapter.

Kootenai Chapter: Current membership is 52. The highway clean up with Hoodoo had 18 members helping and 33 bags of trash were collected. The concurrent bike inspection helped 16 bikes and found two bikes with 22 lbs of air after sitting all winter. The awareness rally on 5/5/12 was a success as was the annual Freedom Run fundraiser. They had 28 members attend the SO and had many volunteers for the event. Special thanks to Jeff Hobbs and Diane Schnoess for the bike show and Phil Neff for the rodeo trophies.

St Joe Chapter: St Joe is currently reviewing their organization and its possibility of going forward. The attendance at meetings and volunteers for the chapter's activities have been left wanting. Currently they have 6 members.

Hell's Canyon Chapter: Members attended the Badger Mountain Boogie and recruited for new members. They attended the Highwaymen's and Nomads annual party. The chapter is focusing on creating an ABATE Recruiting weekend event and a year end ride.

Committee Reports:

Newsletter Report: The current mailing is 320 issues and the bulk distribution is 2200. This has turned into a labor-intensive effort on behalf of the editor. To ease this effort it was decided the chapters would fold, label, stamp and mail to its members and continue with its area of bulk distribution. The merchants and advertisers are still enthused about the Eagle. Advertising is still of prime importance. Everyone needs to bring in some ads.

Legislative Report: We have the state election along with the federal election this November. All 105 Statehouse seats are up of election. Learn about the candidates. ANI along with ICMS will again distribute a questionnaire to all the statehouse candidates. The new national Highway transportation funding bill has not been submitted but the old legislation has been extended for another 3 months.

Safety and Education: The focus and formulation of the driver's ed interface is be focused upon by the chapters after the school year starts.

By-laws Report: none

Products: none

Guests: none

On going Business: Spring opener: The event was profitable though not is good as 2011. There were nine vendors and attendance was 234. Thanks to all the volunteers who put the effort into the event. The rodeo all around cowboy and cowgirl was won by Glen Wessell and Darla Wessell. The bike show was a huge success. Focus on the spring opener's objectives should occur before forming the committee for next year's event. Should it primarily be a party or should it primarily be a fundraiser? The conflicting goals haven't seemed to blend well together.

New Business: Nomination of State officers: Only one person was nominated for each of the state officers. As such, there will be no contested elections this fall. The following officers will be seated at the January 2013 meeting. Their Bios for the Eagle are due by July 30th.

Coordinator: Dave Bremenour

Dep. Coordinator: "Moose" Whittrock

Treasurer: Karen Stewart

Secretary: Kim Glass

Membership Sec: Pauline Durst

Amb. At Large: Jim Ingalls

Best Of the West Conference: Held June 14-16 Las Vegas and was attended by Dave Cazal, Karen Stewart, Scott Storch, Paul and Susan Riess. It was an extremely hot ride both down and back. Twelve western states were represented along with many clubs from the immediate Las Vegas area. This was an historical event, the first regional meeting with active COC support and involvement. Issues addressed included (deep breath) motorcyclist profiling, in-state communication, lane splitting, helmet laws, high handlebar laws, distracted driving law penalties, judicial methods for extracting unwanted officials, police education and awareness, parade jurisdiction by state agencies, motorcycle riders rights violations, HOV lane laws, toll road placard issues for motorcyclists, accident abandonment laws, law enforcement co-operation for events, windshield laws, vertical plate laws, motorcycle only checkpoints, expert witness status and two abreast in the same lane laws We have to get involved, organize, educate, recruit, volunteer and campaign (spelled camp-pain) for pro-motorcycle candidates...Good advice for any state, including ours. Is complacency an issue in Idaho? If so we need to remain vigilant nationally and continue to listen, learn, support and provide an example to other states and our nation.

One breakout session was an introduction to the US Defenders Program. It provides manpower support for motorcycle rights organizations and is a communications device. It is designed to hold clubs accountable as well as standing by the coalition of

independent riders. As one of its communications devices, the Defenders program is setting up a website documenting profiling offenses in an effort to support legislation outlawing these practices. The meeting concluded with a vow to sign all COC members in Texas up in the MRF, showing their backing and support.

Another breakout was 3R's created by Wayne Wierson of ANI and ICMS. He introduced the 3R concepts of being Responsible, riding Responsible and taking Responsibility. Being Responsible and riding Responsible stresses setting personal limits before partying and judgment impairment and then sticking to them. Taking Responsibility means stepping up and intervening to prevent others from riding under the influence. *(thanks to our soon to be ANI Treasurer-Karen Stewart for portions of the above report.)*

Territorial Boundaries of ANI: There are no chapter boundary's as we are ABATE of North Idaho, a single entity, with subsets, chapters.

Dissolution of the St Joe Chapter. A letter of intent will be mailed by the chapter to all former and current St Joe members to solicit their intent for the further membership.

Meeting adjourned 1535 hrs.