

## ABATE OF NORTH IDAHO – APRIL 6, 2014 MEETING MINUTES

Meeting was called to order at 12:00pm at Dad's Place, Potlatch Idaho. Those in attendance:

Board: Dan Ertz (State Coordinator), Paul Riess (Deputy Coordinator), Pauline Durst (Membership Secretary), James Pine (Sgt. At Arms), Karen Stuart (Treasurer), Belinda Wright-Ertz (standing in for Secretary) / Chapters: Hells Canyon – Dave Bremenour, William C'???? / Hoodoo – Bob Merkel, Jack Clark / Kootenai – Ron Carson, Belinda Carson Guests: Mr. Robert A. Beshey (the deer slayer), Roy Fisher, Lila Hirst

Jim Ingalls, Ambassador at Large and Laura Ingalls, Kootenai Coordinator – excused for Health reasons

A Quorum was met. Dan Benson, State Chaplin, was in Arizona, but sent along a prayer, read by Dan Ertz.

Agenda – Changes/ Corrections: Change on Dan's address -corrected to read RUSH / New Business addition – website

Coordinator's Address: (Dan Ertz) Reminder to all Chapters to be mindful of meeting the Mission Statement and to Expand Membership. ABATE cannot survive without members. RUSH Campaign introduced (Round Up Some Help). Blank paper with RUSH Logo on top handed out to attendees to write their own promotions to get more members signed up, i.e. contests, etc. Article in ICMS paper stated ABATE Chapters were disorganized, need to work on putting forth a better presence. Reminder that BOD job to help Chapters with any needs they may have.

Deputy Coordinator's Address: (Paul Riess) Notion for paying members dues for AMA, ICMS and MRF has fallen flat. Possibility members don't feel they need the help and would prefer to pay the dues themselves. The request will go out again to ABATE members, put forth in a different way, possibly in contest form for signing up members.

Secretaries Report: Nominations will go out again for a Secretary as the current appointed secretary has not made the last two meeting. A Hells Canyon member is preferable to have another member on the board, but any nominations will be accepted. If no interest, Belinda Wright-Ertz will take the position.

Membership Secretary: (Pauline Durst) Missing Membership numbers for Kootenai. What she has is: Hoodoo 38 members – 1 renewal / Kootenai 73 members – 23 renewal / State 48 members – 13 renewal / Hells Canyon 38 – 2 renewals – Total of 197 members – 39 renewals Members have a grace until the Spring Opener then they fall off the roster.

A discussion in regard to Membership Applications should contain the information that Death and Dismemberment Insurance is included with the Membership.

Treasurer's Report: (Karen Stuart) Not much Activity

### Chapter Reports:

*Hell's Canyon* – Valentine's Day Ride – Gave Roses at stops / St. Patrick's Day Ride – Great Turn out / Process of working on Easter Egg Event they are shooting for 10,000 candy filled Easter Eggs with gifts purchased from money donated by Merchant's. Usually have kids totaling in 700 range – last year had 758 kids.

*HooDoo* - Giving free Hot Dogs after meetings and find they have about 17 to 20 people attending meetings / Poker Walk in March had 30+ people, Chapter made over \$250 with a \$150 payout on the Poker Hand. Things are looking more positive / Looking for a "cause" in the community / Old members are coming back / 38 members with 30 renewals

*Kootenai* – (Belinda Carson) Toy Run a success, doing something different in 2014, still Toy Run, but not affiliated with the Marines / Hosts for May Awareness Parade / Freedom Run on May 17<sup>th</sup> / Belinda Carson doing ALS Ride for Evergreen Chapter probably in August / Membership on slow side / Bike Blessing April 20<sup>th</sup>

Committee Reports: (Paul Riess) Has been the Editor of the Eagle for (5) years. Started the publication to increase membership, has not performed in that capacity. Ads are down and the May edition will cost ANI approximately \$379. Members are not supporting the paper with articles or pictures. There are 2,000 papers printed each time, 260 are mailed out. The remainder are hand delivered and are not getting to the outlying areas. May will be the last printing of the Eagle unless taken over by another person. Paul has resigned.

Discussion followed re: if the Eagle is important and is the website important. It was agreed that both are very important avenues, but also agreed that the members are not supporting either. Discussion also followed that Jim Ingalls turned in a bill to ANI in the amount of \$379 for mileage for the months of August through September and November through December. It was unclear if the mileage was for delivering papers or selling ads or both. It was agreed that ANI is a volunteer organization and cannot start paying mileage to volunteers. It was also stated that this has been taken to a vote at a previous meeting and the billing failed to pass the vote.

Legislative: Need to get behind supporting or opposing Representatives on an issue via email or phone calls. They need the input.

Safety & Education: Discussion regarding if any of the Chapters are going to the High Schools and making a presentation to Drivers Education Classes. It was mentioned that STAR had a video that could be used. It was also discussed to get the link to STAR on the ANI website and to check to see if the video can be shown on the website.

Bylaws: Nothing to Address

Spring Opener Report: Currently expenses are running under budget. Currently in the Promotion part, and everything moving along well. Tickets are available. Security is as follows: Hoodoo – all day Friday. Hell's Canyon – 6am to 12pm Saturday. Kootenai – 12pm to 8pm Saturday. Dan requested that a schedule of people signed for Gate and Security up be submitted to him and needs to be posted during the event. James requested contact information for the Sgt. at Arms of each Chapter.

Awariness Rally: Expenses are basically covered for the Rally. The only ride that is taking place for North Idaho is in Coeur d'Alene. The ride is the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in May. There will be a speaker in front of the Courthouse at 10:30am, and the ride will start at 11:00am. The route will travel down Sherman and if anyone wants to there is a Swap Meet in Rathdrum.

Website: MUST HAVE INFORMATION TO POST. Get information to Bob Merkel. He needs updated Officer's Photos with a light hearted bio included. Double check your Contact Information on the website to make sure it is accurate. Bob stated that he would like to work together with the Eagle.

A recap of the meeting was gone over by Dan Ertz and a request for any follow up questions. Guests were acknowledged and the meeting was adjourned at 1:50pm.

Guests: Roy Fisher /Hoodoo Member – Moved from Washington State, served on BOD in Washington and is interested in getting more involved in Idaho. Lila Hirst/Hoodoo Member