

## KOOTENAI ROAD DOGS MEETING MINUTES

April 3, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Laura Ingalls at 7:00 p.m. at Fedora's Pub and Grill.

Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 21 members and no guests present.

**GUEST SPEAKERS:** There were no guest speakers.

**AGENDA:** The agenda was approved as written

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** (Cindy Bessey) The secretary's report was accepted and approved as written.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** (Susan Riess) The Treasurer's report was read by Susan Riess.

**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT:** (Midge Nunn) There are 22 reinstated members as of the meeting time.

**SAFETY, EDUCATION, AND AWARENESS:** (Karen Stewart) After the Awareness Rally parade and swap meet Karen has inviting everyone to a potluck at Lucky Pines Mobile Home Park at 102 Woolsey Ct., Post Falls, ID. May 3, 2014 at 3:00 ish. ICMS had input in the new State Manual.

**AMBASSADOR AT LARGE:** (Duane Justice) Duane reported on April 12, Saturday, Lone Wolf is having an open house and our ABATE Chapter will be allowed to set up a booth outside. The time is from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. A sign up sheet for volunteer support was passed around.

**RUNS AND EVENTS:** There was a Fun Run/Poker Run March 29, 2014, put on by the COC for the State of Washington.

**ADMINISTRATIVE:** (Laura Ingalls) 208-661-1289 There is a need to have a member's only email list for North Idaho Kootenai ABATE. Paul Riess volunteered to help Midge Nunn compile a member's only email list by the May meeting. It is not necessary for people outside the Chapter to know our issues.

Laura discussed the issue of good members dropping out of ABATE because of all the back biting, fighting, and bickering that goes on among the members.

This is an adult organization and such actions reflect negatively on the North Idaho Chapter of ABATE, and the members involved.

Laura indicated she will not be attending the meetings at Dads Diner in Potlatch April 6th. Belinda Carson and possible Ron will be attending in her place.

**OLD BUSINESS:** (Mike Lundy) Mike reported a portion of our stretch of the road for the highway cleanup is closed for construction. The Chapter is responsible for the highway cleanup from mile marker 445 – 448. It was decided that we make plans to do a highway cleanup in the fall of 2014.

2014 Spring Opener (Dan Ertz) Dan reported there is a need for merchandise vendors and food vendors. The vendor fee is \$100 up front with \$75 given back at the gate with 2 memberships and tickets to the opener. Advanced tickets are available now for sale.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The membership time frame was discussed. Laura asked for feedback regarding changing the renewal of memberships to the anniversary when the member signed up. It was changed about 12 or 15 years ago to a fiscal year so the reissuing of memberships is dealt with once a year instead of ongoing. Discussion ensued. A vote was called for regarding the membership renewal time frame. The vote was unanimous to keep membership renewal dues as is.

The first class for the STAR program starts April 25th. This class is full. There will be back to back classes that will be posted on line at IdahoStar.org. June classes have not yet been posted. There will be trike classes in Late May or early June. Check on IdahoStar.org for dates. The Spring Opener by STAR will be in Lewiston in June.

The Awareness Rally is planned for May 3rd. CMA offered their trailer so we can be a proper host. There was a request for volunteers to help with getting signatures on the insurance waivers.

The Freedom Run is planned for May 17th. The route plan, posters and brochures will be available by the end of the week of April 7th, and will be available at the May 3rd meeting. This is our only fund raiser. Everyone is encouraged to come out and participate.

Harold announced a plan for a fun run for the Union Gospel Mission here in Coeur d'Alene. The run will begin at Lawrence's, and end at Suzy's Cafe. There will be drawings. More information will be available at the May 1 meeting.

North Idaho ABATE Spring Opener is June 6-8; Spokane's Spring Opener will be second weekend of June.

Meeting was adjourned.

**OPEN FORUM:**

**DRAWING:** The 50/50 was won by Belinda Carson.

**NEXT MEETING:** May 1, 2014, at Fedora's at 7:00 p.m.

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