



A.B.A.T.E. of North Idaho, Inc.

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July 12, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 12:00pm Quorum: Yes Pledge of Allegiance: Yes Prayer: By Dan Benson, State Chaplin

Attendance: **Dan Ertz** (Coordinator), **Paul Riess** (Deputy Coordinator), **Belinda Wright-Ertz** (Secretary), **Karen Stewart** (Treasurer), **Pauline Durst** (Membership Secretary), **James Pine** (Sgt. at Arms), **Dan Benson** (Chaplin), **Dave Bremenour** (Hells Canyon Coordinator), **Roy Fisher** (Hoodoo Coordinator), **Bob Merkel** (Hoodoo Dep. Coordinator), **Belinda Carson** (Kootenai Coordinator), **Guests:** Laura Ingalls (Kootenai), Chris Benson (Kootenai), Dave Cazel (Kootenai)

Approval of agenda: accepted

Prior Meeting's Minutes : Accepted

Guests: American Income Life Representative was scheduled, but unable to attend. Discussion followed on who has received cards and problems with follow through with American Income Life. Pauline Durst will call our rep and check into the various issues.

Coordinator's Report/Address: Dan Ertz read his report on the Heartland Steam Conference

Deputy Coordinator's Report : Paul Reiss handed out copies of his Heartland Steam Conference report.

Secretary's Report – Belinda Wright-Ertz - No report other than she has emailed everyone with minutes/information through the month, and Med Star has about 19 members.

Treasurer Report – Karen Stewart – Karen provided a handout of Income and expense from Spring Opener. She shared information on the promo tickets that were used - (2) ICMS, Inland Empire ABATE, Kindred Spirits, Highway Man, Man from Orofino? Bank balance shows more than start of year. .

Membership Secretary's Report – Pauline Durst – Pauline shared that ANI currently has 190 active members , Hoodoo – 55, Hells Canyon – 56, Kootenai – 65, State 14

Ambassador at Large – Roy Fisher – All is good.

Chapter Reports: Hells Canyon – Lining up event on July 25th to go to Montana to hook up with Members in that area. Those members Usually pay their yearly dues at that time. Members are planning on going on "The Ride For Life" ride on Saturday, July 18th. Current Deputy Coordinator, Jenn Schultz will be replaced with Paul Lasswell.

Chapter Reports: Hoodoo - Poker Ride was good. Toad Rock Trip had great riding and all had a great time. They are picking up new members, current count is 69 total Chapter Members, need to get the information to Pauline. Fat Bastards Float is coming up, July 25th, great camping, great fun.

Chapter Reports: Kootenai – Kootenai was pleased to see the numbers at the Spring Opener. Great Event. Ride for Life coming up. Kootenai members have donated money to purchase birthday gifts for foster kids and will be riding to a Kids Camp on July 29th to attend the Birthday night for the kids. Toy Run coming up. Toys and donations will benefit Children's Village. They are currently setting up committees to take care of each of the details for the Toy Run. Kootenai currently is without a Deputy Coordinator.

Committee Reports: Legislative - Dave Cazel – 2015 had a successful session. Autocycle, was able to keep off the books as motorcycle due to physical description of vehicle (ie side by side seating, etc). It was determined that it was a motor vehicle and next year the legislators will come up with a more defined description. Dave shared a bit of the background of how the maker of the Autocycle tried to get the vehicle classified as a motorcycle and how that would benefit the maker. Dave is asking what do riders want in Idaho? He had heard we are looking into Civilian Road Guards and Windshield Obstructions (handicapped hangers). Dave said

there is a law in Idaho regarding items hanging from the rearview mirrors and currently the law is not being enforced. Southern Idaho is having issues with Tar Snakes. People are working with ITD on how they can patch those areas of the road more safely and still economically. July 30th is the ICMS meeting and they will be discussion lane sharing. ANI is invited.

Committee Reports: Facebook - Nothing new with Face Book, we do have a large following from different areas of the US and other countries. Hells Canyon Chapter got congratulations for winning the Membership Trophy from different part of the country. Posts are getting hundreds of "clicks" and we are getting close to 500 likes (375). Send anything you want posted to Belinda.

Web Page – Bob Merkel is still missing Officers Postings. Encouraging members to visit the links and the website is also missing some of the chapter minutes.

Chapter Membership Contest - Traveling Trophy was awarded to Hells Canyon. Congratulations. The determination was based on a percent of numbers increased. The time frame was from December 1st to May 31st.

Spring Opener 2015 – Bob Merkel read the Washington ABATE State Paper Article that was very positive. The Spring Opener has risen from the ashes. Bob said volunteers don't get paid, they are priceless and was very appreciative of all the hard work people put in to make the Spring Opener successful. All vendors and band wants to come back. His suggestion we need to start the budget early and book the band early. He has made a contact list so it will be easy for the Chairman next year. Items that were noted: * James spent 2 full days on duty – He needs major help next year. * Vendor Membership were discussed and we will do the same next year, providing 1 free membership to each vendor – money collected for vendor fee to go toward membership fee and if Vendor joins a Chapter, that Chapter will get their portion of the fee. *Bob suggested we invest in an Easy Up and a sound system. * It was also moved by Paul Reiss and Seconded by Bob Merkel that ANI will purchase a cash register. Paul will find one and connect with Karen to find out what options she suggests.

Med-Star- It was discussed that we look into the bylaw that indicates a 70 day grace period on dues. Med Star year starts May 1st with the funds to be into MedStar for processing at least 2-weeks before that. Membership Dues are due March 31st. Since members purchasing MedStar need to be current the 70 day grace period will cause the ANI member responsible for MedStar sign up and MedStar a lot more paperwork, removing then re-instating members for MedStar. It was agreed that Pauline would change the Bylaw to 30 days and send a copy of the current Bylaw and the Proposed Bylaw out to the Coordinators to bring to their members.

ANI By-Laws- ANI By-Laws were discussed and that Chapters have their individual By-Laws but also must adhere to the ANI By-Laws. Dan Ertz was given funds from the defunct Clearwater Chapter for patches sold and it was determined by the By-Laws that if a Chapter Folds, any funds left in that Chapter goes to the State. Karen received the funds which were under \$100. It was also discussed that ANI members not on the BOD have a voice at the Board Meetings only through their Chapter Representatives. Individual Chapters can also have someone fill in as proxy if their BOD member is unable to attend a State Meeting. The procedure for this was discussed. Members are encouraged to download the By-Laws from the website and read them. It was also discussed that per the By-Laws the Coordinator can appoint a position to the Board. Dan Ertz asked if any board members had an issue with him appointing a Legislative Officer. Dave Cazel has been providing a Legislative Report at the BOD meetings, but is not a member of the BOD. Dan Ertz made Dave Cazel the Legislative Officer and he is now an official member of the BOD.

Roye Fisher Reimbursement- Roy had to go back and pick up the ANI Trailer and it was agreed that he receive reimbursement for gas from the Spring Opener Budget.

Meeting of the Minds Travel- Dave Cazel provided an expense report for Meeting of the Minds and the expenses exceed what was voted on as maximum reimbursement per mile (.14) and there are other costs indicated on the report that were not discussed when ANI put in a travel Budget. It was moved (Pauline) and seconded (Paul) that an exception be made for Dave to travel to Meeting of the Minds in Milwaukee, WI and his expenses be covered. Dave Cazel also received two ANI Tee Shirts to take to Meeting of the Minds for the silent auction.

2016 Meeting Dates - SUNDAY, JANUARY 10TH, 2016, SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2016, SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2016
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2015 (to accommodate ICMS)

ANI Teeshirts - Dan Ertz also asked for two ANI tee shirts to be taken to the White Wood Social Hour in South Dakota for their tee shirt swap between states. It was also moved (Bob) and seconded (Belinda Carson) that we put in a minimum tee shirt order to accommodate ordering larger sizes for a purchase request.

Nominations for Executive BOD 2016 –

Coordinator - Dan Ertz (Kootenai)

Deputy Coordinator - Paul Riess (Kootenai) , Bob Merkel (HooDoo)

Secretary – Belinda Wright-Ertz (Kootenai), Monica Washburn (Hells Canyon)

Treasurer – Karen Stewart (Kootenai)

Membership Secretary – Pauline Durst (Hells Canyon)

Ambassador at Large – Roy Fisher (HooDoo), Duane Justus (Kootenai)

Meeting adjourned at 2:35pm

Open Forum