



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

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October 3, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 11.57pm Quorum: Yes Pledge of Allegiance: Yes Prayer: By Dan Benson, State Chaplin

Attendance: **Dan Ertz** (Coordinator), **Paul Riess** (Deputy Coordinator), **Belinda Wright-Ertz** (Secretary), **Pauline Durst** (Membership Secretary), **James Pine** (Sgt. at Arms), **Dan Benson** (Chaplin), **Roy Fisher** (Hoodoo Coordinator), **Bob Merkel** (Hoodoo Dep. Coordinator), **Belinda Carson** (Kootenai Coordinator), David Bessey (Kootenai Dep. Coordinator), **Dave Cazel** (Legislative)

Guests: Monica Washburn (Hells Canyon),

Lila Hurst (Hoodoo), Jack Clark (Hoodoo), Lane Triplett (ICMS)

Please note above attendance: (2) Dan's, (2) Dave's, (2) Belinda's and a Triplett

Approval of agenda: accepted

Prior Meeting's Minutes : Accepted

Hells Canyon Board Members were not present and it was asked of the Board if a Proxy would be accepted for James Pine and Monica Washburn to act in their stead. It was agreed by the Board.

Guests: Lane Triplett provided facts and percentages on motorcycle crashes and fatalities, he will be sending the report in its entirety to the BOD. He said the information is also on line through the ITD via the booklet – page #62. He reported that Wayne Wierson has officially retired and was a recipient of a Life Member Award. He mentioned that the Awareness Rally funds were submitted two weeks ago for reimbursement to the Office of Highway Safety and spoke a bit about funding from the ITD that ultimately gets their funds from NITSA. The funding for Awareness and Education is not in the form of a grant, it is on a “Memorandum of Understanding”. If anyone has a desire for more funding it has to be requested by the beginning of the year. The terminology for grants needs to be very specific as to how the funds are going to be used and be specifically used for motorcycle safety and/or awareness. Lane mentioned that ICMS membership is down which seems to be the trend of MRO's and SMRO's around the country. Legislatively next year ICMS will be looking at cleaning up the terminology in the law regarding the AutoCycle and also looking at Tar Snakes (soft patches over cracks in the roadway that are slick). The Tar Snake issue will be the challenging one as there are 288 + 6 Hwy Districts in the State of Idaho and they all do things their own way. Lane Splitting was another issue that was brought to the table and no one that needs to be on board is in favor of it, so that concern is dropped for the time being. Lane Splitting is a States issue, while the Auto Cycle is a National Concern. ABATE of North Idaho was invited to attend ICMS Can Dance that will take place November 15th. At that function a drawing will be held and one lucky member of ICMS will win \$1,000, need not be present to win. Lane also mentioned NCOM Regional meeting will be held in Boise October 17th. Lane spoke of complaints that have been received for ITD's skills test stating that it was too hard to do with certain motorcycles. The section of the test that specifically is in question is the “cones”. General consensus at the ANI Board meeting was that it isn't the size or type of motorcycle that is the problem, that test requires skill and that is the purpose of the cones. There was also discussion on endorsements being specific for the type of motorcycle used in taking the skills test. Lane said that item has not been addressed and would be a challenging issue. Lane also mentioned that the prices for rider training were going to go up.

Coordinator's Report/Address: Dan Ertz had a brief speech in regard to how the world was factioning, someone is always trying to put a wedge between groups. The Biking community is very accepting and it is important to be mindful of not driving a wedge between Chapters and/or Board Members. Dan is proud of everyone in ABATE of North Idaho and proud to represent them in 2016.

Deputy Coordinator's Report : Paul Riess preferred to pass as he said there were a lot of things on the agenda.

Secretary's Report – Belinda Wright-Ertz - Reported briefly on the Whitewood Social Hour in South Dakota, especially Kansas who gets a grant from their Transportation Department to help with printed material, yard signs and tote bags. She brought a sample of the bags and one of their brochures. She mentioned that we are receiving newsletters from other States and they are a great read, Dan passed them around. She also reported on some folks are working on the History of ABATE of North Idaho and she was making copies from the “secretaries archive box” to help them with that endeavor. She is getting ready to turn over the position to Monica

Washburn, putting files and forms on disc for her, etc. She thanked everyone for all of their support for the past year and a half. It has been lots of fun and she will miss the connection with everyone.

Treasurer Report – Karen Stewart – Karen was not present but sent a spreadsheet with Dave Cazel and it was passed around. Paul Riess said he would work on the Budget for 2016, he also mentioned that for audit reasons we might consider having two people involved in the finances, one with the checkbook and the other making the entries into the books. Bills were presented including an Invoice for the patches from Theresa Blankenship and an Invoice from Lyle's Enterprises for the Tee Shirts. Dan Ertz volunteered to pass the bills on to Karen.

Membership Secretary's Report – Pauline Durst – Pauline shared that ANI currently has 202 active members , Hoodoo – 57, Hells Canyon – 66, Kootenai – 65, State 14

Ambassador at Large – Roy Fisher – Roy is also Coordinator for Hoodoo Chapter and he mentioned that both positions were a big commitment and Duane Justus would be taking over for 2016. Dan Ertz shared that Roy did an excellent job for ABATE of North Idaho. Duane Justus was unable to make the meeting due to a business meeting out of town.

Chapter Reports: Hells Canyon – James Pine presented the report for Hells Canyon. They had a ride headed toward Grangeville which involved member recruiting and poker run. Their Halloween Party is scheduled for October 24th at the VFW Hall. They normally have about 100 kids, have a costume contest and provide a safe place for kids to go. He invited all to attend. November 7th they join with the Combat Vets and go on a Veterans' Day Ride. He is going to speak with the Combat Vets and invite them to join ABATE as a Chapter. James also mentioned a Rally held for a young man who passed away recently. Jenn Schultz has the information and Belinda Wright will contact her to get information to send a card to the family. James also mentioned he was getting started early for their Easter Event.

Chapter Reports: Hoodoo - Roy Fisher presented the report for Hoodoo. He mentioned the upcoming Highway Cleanup on October 10th with Kootenai Chapter. He also mentioned that they were getting great attendance at their meetings.

Chapter Reports: Kootenai – Belinda Carson presented the report for Kootenai. She also mentioned the upcoming Highway Clean up. Kootenai also provided funds for "Birthday Presents" for foster kids at a kids camp organized by Lake City Community Church. Several members rode to the camp and handed out the gifts. Foster kids normally don't have Birthday Parties and the camp organized a huge Birthday Party for all the kids. Kootenai's Toy Run benefiting Children's Village will be October 4th. The ride will include stops at all area Super 1 Foods to pick up toys and Santa will hand out candy canes to the kids. Then to Coeur d'Alene Powersports for Chili and Salad and then to Children's Village to deliver the toys and cash donations. Children's Village houses up to 24 kids and depends on private donations as they do not get State or Federal Funding. Kootenai also donates to a "Holiday Family" that is coming up as well as Elections for 2016 Officers.

Committee Reports: Legislative - Dave Cazel – Submitted a report for Meeting of the Minds. The report also has been submitted for publication on the Website and Facebook. He stated that 34 States were represented, which is almost 100% of the ABATE Chapters. The purpose of the meeting is to take ideas from ABATE up to MRF, Dave represented ABATE of North Idaho and ICMS. He will provide the Legislative Agenda for Facebook. Dave shared that everyone in Idaho has a voice in Legislative Issues. The fundraiser s did well, the Hoodoo Hippie Tee Shirts were a hit. The Tar Snakes were discussed, and he mentioned due to the several Highway Districts it will be a huge issue to work through. The Autocycle was also discussed. They are going to work on language not applicable to the Autocycle and clean that up. If anyone wants to get more information they can go to gov.org, Bill #17, Section 49 2448. Road Guards were also discussed. The States that have Road Guards have thousands of members and there are not enough members in Idaho to afford the liability insurance that is required. Two items coming up in 2016 that he will be working on is enforcement of the Covered Loads Law and Windshield Obstructions.

Committee Reports: By-Laws - Pauline Durst reported that she had changed the wording on Article 2.4.1 from a 70 day grace period for members to renew to a 30 day grace period. A motion was made by Paul Riess and seconded by James Pine to accept that change. All in favor, none opposed.

Old Business/ American Income Life - Pauline Durst had a meeting with Rick Allan and she was referred to Jenny Williams who dropped the ball in providing the cards for members to register for their \$4,000 Accidental Death benefit. Pauline shared

the members have the insurance, but if the card with the beneficiary is not filled out, the money goes to the Estate. Pauline will make a call to Jenny and try to get some results.

New Business/ Teller Committee - A teller committed was selected to count the ballots for Deputy Coordinator. Those selected were Dave Cazel (Kootenai), Lila Hurst (Hoodoo), Dan Benson (Kootenai). A motion was made to accept the Teller Committee by Roy Fisher and seconded by Pauline Durst. Said Committee retired to another room to count the ballots.

New Business/Spring Opener 2016- A report on the first Spring Opener 2016 committee meeting was presented by Dan Ertz and Belinda Wright-Ertz. Items mentioned were possibly moving the date to the second week of June due to Memorial Day and the fact that expenses are going up with changes needing to occur in admittance costs to help cover those expenses. A motion was made by James Pine and seconded by Roy Fisher that we add another \$1,000 to the budget of the Spring Opener for 2016, making the total budget \$6,000. Most important right now is to find a Chairman and Committee Members to serve. The next meeting is scheduled for November 7th at the Linger Longer in Spirit Lake after the Hoodoo meeting. It was mentioned the meeting place is dictated by the location of the volunteers and right now most all volunteers are from further North. Also discussed was the possibility of ABATE of North Idaho purchasing a sound system. Jack Clark presented two different types of sound systems and possible costs of each. This would be a purchase not included in the Spring Opener budget and the sound system would be available to the Chapters. It was also suggested to look at pawn shops.

Website- Concern was expressed in regard to the Website. It needs to be freshened up and it needs to be made to look like "our" Website. The Website and the Facebook page should look similar, right now they don't. It was requested to send update ideas to Bob Merkel.

Chapter Event Forms- Chapters need to turn in their Event Lists for 2016 at the January meeting. Belinda Wright-Ertz will provide each Coordinator with the proper form.

Swap Meet- Dan Ertz mentioned that Kootenai Ambassador at Large, Duane Justus, has been working with Inland Empire ABATE Chapter discussing the possibility of running a Swap Meet during the Inland Northwest Motorcycle Show and Sale, March 13-26 at the Spokane County Fair & Expo Center. Dan mentioned that he felt it should be an ABATE of North Idaho commitment as opposed to just the Kootenai Chapter. The Board was asked their thoughts and Roy Fisher made a motion that we should pursue running a Swap Meet during the Motorcycle Show, Belinda Carson seconded. Roy Fisher also volunteered to serve on a committee.

Brochures - Belinda Wright-Ertz brought a couple of Brochures from the Whitewood Social Hour in South Dakota, one from The State of Kansas and one from Blackhills ABATE Chapter. She suggested we look into creating a Brochure to hand out and look into grants to help pay for them. Dan Ertz asked Belinda to have something put together for the January meeting. Pauline Durst will provide a copy of the Clearwater Brochure for Belinda to look over.

Ballots- . Ballots were audited and counted by the Teller Committee and Bob Merkel is ABATE of North Idaho's Deputy Coordinator for the 2016 year. A thank you went out to Paul Riess, Belinda Wright-Ertz and Roy Fisher for their service in 2015. Meeting adjourned at 2:45pm

Open Forum