



ABATE of Alaska
Board Meeting Minutes
07 May 2015

- I. ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM** - Ed Rutledge, Tom Evans, Big Dave Monroe, Laura Goggins, RC Owens, Chris Rigel, Julie Forsyth, Bobbe Riley, Geoff, Brad Campbell, Dan Coffey, Barb Smart, Dan (VP, JBER Green Knights), Ralfey (volunteer), and Lynn Fibranz. Quorum is present.
- II. INTRODUCTION OF ANY GUESTS & MEMBERS** – Motion to call meeting to order by Tom, seconded by Bobbe. Meeting called to order by Ed at 7:06 pm tonight. Quorum present.
- III. AGENDA/MINUTES APPROVED** – Board Meeting Minutes for April 02, 2015 not mailed out for review as no quorum present.
- IV. REPORTS:**
- A. Gaming – Dan “RC” Owens as Primary here.
 - B. Legislative – Boyd McFail not here. RC said Boyd is still working on getting driver’s education back into school curriculum. Bobbe brought up lane splitting, with examples from CA – due to keeping motorcycles cool during hot temps. Bobbe will be coming out with Thank-You signatures for AK’s legislature.
 - C. Finance – Bobbe Reilly here. See attached status reports. ABATE not applying for 2016 grant monies, as ran out of time, as well as being 3rd year grant (paying 70% cost share). Buy American waiver discussion. ABATE needs to expend funds by 1 Sept on Suzuki motorcycles. Bobbe will research if ABATE has 10% match, or 50% match, on buying bikes under Buy American waiver. Bobbe mentioned banking fees for credit card charges. Question about last year’s donation to building funds by Dan Coffey. Received donations for Range Dedication of \$1,500.
 - D. Membership – Bobbe Reilly here. Signed up 11 people at Swap Meet, and 12 people at Bike Blessing.
 - E. Newsletter – Bobbe Reilly here. Picked up quarter ad advertiser for custom modified motorcycles for people with disabilities. Big Dave discussed buying advertising on-line for ABATE newsletter.
 - F. PR – Ed Rutledge here.
 - G. Products – Brad Campbell here. Per Bobbe: \$250 sold at Bike Show. \$135 sold at AK Leather Swap meeting. \$181 sold at Bike Blessing. Per Brad – need to make more signs, and talked about quotes received, as well as what to sell the signs for. Suggestion to go with local vendor, Roscoe’s, as being veteran owned and operated.

Brad will check with Roscoe's for quote on ABATE's signage "Be Aware, Look Twice..." Brad showed three types of older T-shirt products that are not dated. Big Dave said need to keep large quantities of undated products, to put event dates on in future. Suggested black t-shirt with white lettering. Bobbe will hook up Brad with Tees to Please personnel. Discussion of sleeve length, logo, flames, men's and women's sizes, etc. Brad also talked about headbands, heavy coffee mugs, gators, bandanas.

- H. Riders Ed – Barb Smart here. Got JBER contract for next three years. Tuition increase of \$10 per year also.
- I. Web Master – Big Dave Monroe here. Big Dave will post on FB that volunteers are needed for ABATE's events. Spent \$50 on FB and up to 2100 followings. Barb said FB page needs banner as well, and Big Dave said he would take care of that. Craig made Big Dave administrator on Craig's ABATE FB page. Spent \$50 on twitter as well.
- J. Run Coordinator – Julie "Birdy" Forsyth here.

V. OLD BUSINESS –

- A. Last weekend's Bike Blessing status – Coffey asked Bobbe about cost for it. Still being worked on, and ABATE will be sent a bill, as usual. Invoice for porta-potties. AZ no longer at City Church, as has moved to Portland, OR. Signed up 12 people there. ABATE paid \$35 for both there. Dan brought up need someone to send out thank you letters to people for event. Big Dave suggested a check list be done for next year's event.
- B. Bike Show report - \$400 for ABATE's booth there.
- C. Range Dedication (status update by Barb) – day of remembrance turned out well. Barb will testify at 26 May Assembly meeting, so it will become official. Have contracted to have chain link fence placed around range. Fuel tank security and safety issues need to be taken care of as well by ABATE. And platform for tent has been built. Heritage Land Bank women suggested to ABATE that tank be placed in pick-up truck, and that will take care of all the issues. Ed made motion to buy truck for this, and Tom seconded it. Motion pulled by Tom and Ed. Also, MOA wanted the Conex painted, so Barb got bid. She suggested selling old one for \$1,000.00, and get two new Conexuses instead. Barb told MOA that deadline would be mid-June for everything done. Northern Riders want to donate \$2,000 for motorcycle helmets. Big Dave made motion to pursue solution of putting fuel tank in pick-up truck, get liability on truck, and purchase Conexuses to replace the old one and the trailer; seconded by Tom. Discussion ensued. Passed unanimously. Laura asked about sending thank you notes to people who had donated to the range dedication.
- D. Wild Apricot software update by Big Dave. Bobbe raved about it for membership usage – have 245 current members right now. Software company is considering raising yearly rate to \$700, first time rates will be raised in 12 years. Big Dave will be working with Steve Stripling to use social media better for advertising, consistent with content of television and radio.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Break-up Run. Julie said have “Blue Voodoo” for event. Chris said ABATE is splitting \$250 cost of first band, and not paying at all for second band. Event is 16 May. Event starts at [former] Whaler parking lot at 11:30 am, and will be 50-50 poker run [see poster for stops]. www.allthingskabuki.com/home/kabuki-syndrome-101 Suggestion that Vets might reciprocate with card roulette wheel for event. Ed will sold old t-shirts at event for \$5 apiece to get rid of them. Attempt will be made to make some t-shirts for event.
- B. Christmas in July – event is Sunday, 19 July. Need coordinator for event as Julie has other obligations. Laura said \$5,000 on ABATE’s account for purchase of toys for the event. Bobbe needs a poster by mid-June to place in July newsletter.
- C. Need help on Eagle River Triathlon, occurring on Saturday, 6 June. ABATE gets \$700 for sitting on dangerous corners, controlling traffic, while event is going on. See Dan Coffey for details.
- D. May Motorcycle Awareness Month.
- E. AMA Insurance. ABATE needs insurance rep, whom will need to take AMA class as well. Laura volunteered to call AMA regarding info on numbers needed, and mail out current paperwork she currently had. Two people required are President and Legislative Officer. www.ama.com
- F. Red and White’s event, \$15 buffet, event on Sunday.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Goeff was on Steve Stripling’s radio show on Saturday, 02 May.
- B. ABATE computer used for sign-ups is being sold – Julie said she would take it.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Next scheduled Board Meeting Date is Thursday, 04 June 2015.
- B. Next Members Meeting is Thursday, 21 May 2015, 7:00 pm at Sea Galley.
- C. Motion to adjourn by Barb and seconded by Geoff to adjourn; meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm.

Lynn L. Fibranz – ABATE Secretary