



ABATE of Alaska
Board Meeting Minutes
02 July 2015

I. ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM - Ed Rutledge, Bobbe Reilly, Big Dave, RC Owen, Tom “Zookeeper” Evans, Dan “Spyder” Schneider, and Lynn Fibranz. Quorum is not present.

II. INTRODUCTION OF ANY GUESTS & MEMBERS – Meeting called to order by Ed at 7:20 pm tonight. Quorum is present. Mary Paye spoke about 2017 grant monies ideas. Tooth and Claw group spoke about Long Haul for Woodhull event on Friday, 03 Jul ‘15.

III. AGENDA/MINUTES APPROVED – Board Meeting Minutes for 04 June 2015 were mailed out for review on 14 June 2015, and again on 18 June 2015. Motion not made to approve agenda w/following amendments.

IV. REPORTS:

- A. Gaming – Dan “RC” Owens as Primary here.
- B. Legislative – Boyd McFail not here.
- C. Finance – Bobbe Reilly here.
- D. Membership – Bobbe Reilly here.
- E. Newsletter – Bobbe Reilly here.
- F. PR – Ed Rutledge here. Had a list to what t-shirts ABATE still had available for sale, and asked for pricing on short-sleeve and long-sleeve t-shirts.
- G. Products – Brad Campbell not here.
- H. Riders Ed – Barb Smart not here. Had knee surgery on Tuesday.
- I. Web Master – Big Dave Monroe here. Paid up for next 2 years, 2018, on website.
- J. Run Coordinator – Julie “Birdy” Forsyth not here.

V. OLD BUSINESS –

- A. Range Dedication (status update).
- B. Wild Apricot software update by Big Dave.
- C. Drivers Ed in schools.
- D. Christmas in July – event is Sunday, 19 July. Boyd will be Santa, with Jan as head elf. Terry will be putting new trailer together. Big Dave sent out toy donations email blast, specifically for teenagers. Can drop off toy donations at AK Leather per Barb. No stuffed animals as too much wear and tear too quickly. Laura is doing coordination of all the hospitals this year. Need to redecorate the sleigh. Dan mentioned that increasing numbers of bikers participating, with average around 80-

- 100 for last year. Bobbe asked about a police escort, but RC said none is required for this event. RC answered questions about how event works generally, from volunteers. Bikers in pack ride parade style. Bike games along the hospitals, and then to AK Vets for feast afterwards. Providence Hospital limits number of people who go into ICU to deliver gifts. There are >no< pictures taken at hospitals. Saturday, 18 July '15, is event prep day – putting batteries in toys, sled decorated, trailer put together, etc.
- E. 2015 grant
 - F. Mary Paye and 2017 grant. Mary talked about 2017 grant monies. Looked at budget and came up with some funding thoughts, and Buy American waiver. Buying of motorcycles-first year or second year funding. Possible other safety gear purchases for classes, such as helmet. Also suggested scholarship program from grant monies, such as grant pays 50% of MSF class. Big Dave suggested getting road guarding to be legalized and approved in AK – state versus city laws about it. Mary asked about partnering with other ABATES, such as Kenai, to do training class in field. Logistics discussed – property, setting up range, etc. Need to have good idea of 2017 ideas for ABATE by August 2015. Creative ABATE ads versus standard MSF ads about motorcycle safety – MSF ads more favorable looked at for grant monies. Discussion about grant monies for fixing connex roof, where motorcycles, gear, supplies, etc. stored in it. Trike training here in AK – only Valley ABATE teaches it at the moment.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. July Newsletter – Bobbe said it would come out on 06 Jul '15 for review, due back to her by 08 Jul '15, so can mail it out on 10 Jul '15.
- B. Financial Review
- C. COC request – Bobbe talked to them. She was asked that more ABATE Officers and Board Members attend them.
- D. Membership meeting; topic for the month, formation of committees
- E. Signature of “Thanks” letter to Young, Murkowski, Sullivan
- F. Sponsors for ABATE
- G. Legislation Enacted Against Distracted Drivers (texting, phone use, applying make-up)
- H. Legislation Requiring Completion of a driver’s training course for driver’s license qualification. Had 2 volunteers to help Boyd with it, according to Bobbe.
- I. Returning Drivers Education in school for Graduation Requirement
- J. Passage of lane splitting
- K. Others as suggested by membership
- L. Formation of Membership Committees to increase movement forward and membership participation
- M. Flowers for Barb to be sent to AK Leather – had knee surgery on Tuesday. Bobbe asked to spend \$50 on flowers, and was OK’d.

V. MISCELLANOUS

- A. ABATE Secretary finally got AMA insurance, after having to contact AMA directly, due to issues with the account. Info will be mailed to Laura Goggins after meeting.
- B. Bobbe gave ABATE Secretary a mini Baby Ruth as treat.

- C. On next agenda – discussion about giving away couple 1-year and 2-year memberships of ABATE. Also Big Dave suggested ABATE give away some life-time memberships to honor people, 1 or 2 a year, at the Meet & Greet event.
- D. For next agenda, Ed picked up motorcycle signs “Be Aware! Look Twice! Safe a Life! Motorcycles are Everywhere!” signs. Cost to fix issue of “ABATEALASKA.COM” instead of “ABATEOFALASKA.COM” – Ed can spend up to \$500 to get sign issue fixed.
- E. For agenda – all Board and Officers need to attend all ABATE events, per RC and Big Dave.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Next scheduled Board Meeting Date is Thursday, 06 August 2015.
- B. Next Members Meeting is Thursday, 16 July 2015, 7:00 pm at Sea Galley.
- C. Motion to adjourn by Tom and seconded by Ed to adjourn; meeting adjourned at 9:14 pm.

Lynn L. Fibranz – ABATE Secretary