



ABATE of Alaska
Board Meeting Minutes
03 September 2015

I. ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM - Quorum is present.

Four of Seven Board Members needed to establish Quorum:

Dan "Havoc" Coffey
+Dan "RC" Owens
Geoff Oliver
+Barb Smart
+"Big Dave" Monroe
+Tom Evans

II. INTRODUCTION OF ANY GUESTS & MEMBERS – Meeting called to order by Ed at 7:16 pm tonight. Steve Stripling and Chris "Rigel" present. Steve talked about 2016 advertising for ABATE, and suggested that Neighbors Windows and Doors keep ABATE in their future budgets.

III. AGENDA/MINUTES APPROVED – Board Meeting Minutes for 06 August 2015 were mailed out for review on 16 August 2015, and again on 02 September 2015. Motion by Big Dave, and seconded by Tom, to approve agenda with following amendments. Passed unanimously.

IV. REPORTS:

- A. Gaming – Dan "RC" Owens. Will redo a new one for next year.
- B. Legislative – Boyd McFail. Been watching those legislatures.
- C. Finance – Bobbe Reilly. See attached reports. ABATE is doing fine this year financially. Talked about grant audit – attended by Big Dave, Ed and Barb – which ABATE did well on also. All paperwork has been sent out by Bobbe to state of AK in Juneau. State has implemented new payment plan called ISIS, so it has been about 4 weeks now – no state response. State of AK is taking about 60-90 days regarding payments, even with bills, according to Big Dave. Discussion about ABATE needing other sources of revenue, such as getting sponsors for events because ABATE has been financing all of the events so far. RC pointed to Toy Run event as an example of a now sustaining ABATE event, thanks in part to Laura.
- D. Membership – Bobbe Reilly. 227 active members in ABATE. Wild Apricot software is working marvelously, and thank you Big Dave for recommending it.
- E. Newsletter – Bobbe Reilly. Next newsletter will be in January 2016, which will include Meet and Greet event. RC suggested rotating reports from different officers in newsletter.

- F. PR – Ed Rutledge. Boyd asked if ABATE is selling or asking for donations on T-shirts. According to Big Dave, per friendly IRS guidance, as ABATE is non-profit, cannot sell them and must ask for recommended minimum donations instead now.
- G. Products – Brad Campbell.
- H. Riders Ed – Barb Smart. Emptied gas tank and will deal with it next spring. RC mentioned that a sign “M/T and date” needs to be hung on gas tank, due to federal regulations. She suggested buying one new conex, placing it in front of old one to shield it, and painting side of old one that still shows. Discussed inscribed signage and three concrete benches for memorial to be done next year. Crowley will deliver. Ed made motion for Barb to get old fence posts for her usage, and seconded by Tom. Passed unanimously. Classes won’t run past 18-19 Sept at this time, due to weather. Barb suggested keeping ABATE ads going until 18 Sept, and Steve said he would do so.
- I. Web Master – Big Dave Monroe.
- J. Run Coordinator – Julie “Birdy” Forsyth. RC suggested some SOP guidelines for Run Coordinator position in future. Big Dave made motion to spend last quarter creating SOP Run Coordinator by end of year, with RC seconding it. Passed unanimously.

V. OLD BUSINESS –

- A. SMSA event to be attended by Barb Smart in Baltimore on Sept 24-27. Motion by Ed for ABATE person to attend SMSA, with cap of \$3000, to Big Dave. Motion passed unanimously. Big Dave suggested querying Barb if she can attend event or not, via emails. Follow up: Barb cannot attend therefore Havoc will go instead.
- B. Meeting of the Mind – Big Dave and Tom have all their reservations done. Boyd still is working on his at the moment. Board set limit of \$3,000 per person for this event. Bobbe asked for event write afterwards for newsletter.
- C. Freeze-up Run – Bobbe had the letter-sized poster of event, 19 Sep 2015. Barb asked for credit card sized posters for future events, which more people will take with them. Ed will take his motorhome up there early, filled with ABATE products. No band this time, just karaoke.
- D.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. More discussion about giving away couple 1-year and 2-year memberships of ABATE.
- B. COC meeting in Fairbanks will be attended by Big Dave this weekend.
- C. Yearly elections – Big Dave said that nomination form needs to go out in next couple weeks, so can list the nominations at the September General membership meeting. Get a jump on the election process.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. By-laws – Tom suggested sending out blanket email to all members, with verbiage that would allow them to see changes. More discussion about same old topic of decertifying membership, keep executive group to fix particular by-law of unreasonable stipulation of 100 percent members approved required, and then

- recertify all members. Barb suggested talking to non-profit lawyer and ask how ABATE by-laws can get in compliance with state.
- B.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Tom will assist Bobbe by calling state regarding ABATE's reimbursement funds, after Bobbe filed paperwork in a timely manner. **DONE**
- B. Big Dave nominated Tom as sub-chair for committee to create Run Coordinator SOP. Chris "Rigel" to help Tom out on this process.
- C. Suggestion for premade hand receipts will be done by Bobbe.
- D. Ed to talk with Brad regarding products.
- E. RC and Tom will both the three conex suppliers to get one for ABATE.
- F. Ed to check on the three concrete benches for the Memorial.
- G. Steve to talk to his other business advertisers to keep ABATE in their future budgets.
- H. Big Dave will look into setting up e-commerce site for ABATE in the future.
- I. Barb and Big Dave will get ulus with ABATE of Alaska logo on it for Meeting of Minds.
- J. Motion by RC and seconded by Big Dave that all future trips by ABATE members on ABATE business will have a write-up of the event for next publication of the newsletter.
- K. Big Dave will send out members email for notifications on election nominations in next few weeks.
- L. Ed will contact Division of Corporations about procedure in fixing defect in ABATE's by-laws.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Next scheduled Board Meeting Date is Thursday, 01 October 2015.
- B. Next Members Meeting is Thursday, 17 September 2015, 7:00 pm at Sea Galley.
- C. Motion to adjourn by Tom and seconded by Big Dave to adjourn; meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.

X. Officers: Indicate if Present.

+Ed Rutledge
+Bobbe Reilly
+Lynn Fibranz
+Boyd McFail
Julie Forsyth
Jon Sonju
Mike P
+Dan "Spyder" Schneider
Brad Campbell

Lynn L. Fibranz – ABATE Secretary