



ABATE of Alaska Board Meeting Agenda  
Scheduled: 04 August 2016, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

**I. Board Members -**

**Four of Six Board Members needed to establish Quorum**

(Indicate if Present)

- a. +Dan "Havoc" Coffey
- b. +Dan "RC" Owens
- c. Geoff Oliver
- d. Barb Smart – excused; healing well
- e. +“Big Dave Grizzly” Monroe – started meeting at 7:13 pm
- f. +Tom “Zookeeper” Evans

**II. OFFICER REPORTS (Optional) -**

(Indicate if Present)

- a. +President - Ed Rutledge
- b. +Vice President - “Big Dave Grizzly” Monroe
- c. +Secretary - Lynn Fibranz
- d. +Treasurer - Bobbe Reilly asked for an additional \$998 to be spent on web coverage insurance by ABATE. Motion made to do so by Havoc and seconded by RV. Passed unanimously.
- e. Sgt-At-Arms - Daniel Schneider
- f. +Legislative Affairs - Dan “Havoc” Coffey
- g. +Run Coordinator - Chris “Token” Rigel
- h. +Newsletter Editor - Bobbe Reilly. From now on, members will receive electronic copy of newsletter, to help cut down on costs. Still print around 100 hard copies, for motorcycle shops and business, Meeting of the Mind event, etc.
- i. Membership - Ralphie Morel
- j. Rider Education - Barbara “Barb” Smart - excused
- k. +Gaming - Dan “RC” Owens gave update on ABATE’s taxes.
- l. +Products - Chris “Token” Rigel
- m. Public Relations - Geoff Oliver
- n. +Webmaster - “Big Dave Grizzly” Monroe

**III. INTRODUCTION OF ANY GUESTS & MEMBERS –**

- a. Steve Stripling
- b. Ken and Judy with Last Frontier Motorcycles [volunteers]
- c. ???

**IV. UPDATE OF AGENDA & APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES -**

- a. Current Agenda Update – agenda items under Short Business, items a-d, added. Motion made by RC and seconded by Havoc to add items. Pass unanimously.
- b. Approval Past Meeting(s) Minutes – From May 05, 2016 (No Quorum for June 02, 2016 Meeting). July 2016 minutes.

**V. OLD BUSINESS –**

- a. Christmas in July has been set for Friday, July 24, 2016 – (Laura)
  - i. Follow-up Reports? Big Dave – good run, and ABATE took care of a lot of kids. ABATE was very prepared this year with lots of toys. Last minute donations were two bicycles from Paul Lowe, and multiple bags of stuffed toys from Mike Mino. There will be an article in the newsletter. Plus the McKinnel House was ABATE’s help on some of their projects. Despite the weather, around 80 bikes showed up for the event.
  - ii. Lessons Learned? RC – if you ride out with the Xmas in July group, then you should ride back with them to the BBQ. Poor riding etiquette to ride to another destination. Ended up giving lots of food away at the BBQ because of this issue.
  - iii. Comments? RC mentioned the Providence Hospital incident, where the staff only allowed one child to come down and get a gift, instead of the 20+ children there. Big Dave said ABATE would be discussing the issue with the Providence Board to resolve it. Tom Evans thanked the AK Vets, Bobbe Reilly, Laura, and Santa Boyd McFail, for all their hard work on the event. Big Dave suggested people check out FB photo posts of event and sled. RC suggested a small ABATE banner on the back of the sled for next year’s event.
- b. ABATE of Alaska Non-Profits Minimum Reserve
  - i. Any updates or follow-up? Big Dave to locate Laura’s email on it and send it out. ABATE needs to agree on the amount. [*keep for September agenda*] Discussion ensued regarding revenue decreases, and solutions to increase revenue, such as sponsors for events, and selling ads in newsletter and on radio.
- c. Decals Issue –Havoc mentioned having removable ABATE stickers, with logo and info, for vehicle windows and motorcycle shields, to put ABATE out there. Token is PR person, so Geoff and Token need to research different options on stickers, and window decals, etc. RC suggested placing ABATE decals on side of course bikers which the riders use during the classes. [*keep for September agenda*]
- d. By-Laws Changes and Issues [*on-going Old Business item - keep for September agenda*].
  - i. Ed will Google best practices, and conflicts of interest.
- e. ABATE of Alaska Officer Operations Manuals [*keep for September agenda*]
  - i. Run Coordinator
    - Tom and Chris to discuss and work on

- ii. Membership Coordinator
    - Ralphie, and Big Dave to discuss and work on
- f. Upcoming events/runs-
  - i. Freeze-up Run (September 17, 2016) = location still to be announced. Suggestions were Sheep Creek, and Willow Trading Post – Chris will check them out, along with other options.
- g. Meeting of the Minds
  - i. Attendees
    - Tom Evans and Big Dave = have their hotel registrations done. Waiting on airfare to Oklahoma City to drop a bit more from \$1200 round trip.
  - ii. How much will ABATE of Alaska Pledge to MRF? \$1000
  - iii. Items for MRF Auction
    - ABATE ULU Knives (Big Dave and Barb) = RC suggested having some extra ulus as door prizes for the Meet and Greet event next year.
    - Check with Barb on Seat Covers (Very popular)
    - ABATE Shirts
    - Ed will contact Barb about ABATE stopwatches?
    - Other???
- h. SMSA Event – State Motorcycle Safety Administrates at Portland, OR
  - i. Attendees
    - How many?
    - Who? Email vote about sending Havoc to event will be done later on this week.
  - ii. What else is needed from ABATE of Alaska Board?
- i. ABATE Credit Card Acceptance Process and Policy (see attached) = *Item for August ABATE Meeting*
  - i. Ed, Ken, Judy, and BigDave met to hash out a preliminary policy and concerns. Ken's older device works only with swipe card but not with square reader. Big Dave said can now accept credit cards for anything by Freeze-Up Run event, even if policy has not yet been completed on it. Whoever signs out the credit card device is responsible for reconciling at the end of the day. Also anything related to membership must have a form filled out, including new members, renewals, etc.
  - ii. The physical device will cost about \$50 and supports swipes, chips, and Apple Pay (Mag stripe reader is included.) Discussion also about wifi hot spots and overage charges.
  - iii. Cost is 2.75% per swipe, dip, or tap for Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express. (Manual entry of CC info is more expensive.) No monthly fees, no commitments.
  - iv. Payment Types- include Apple Pay, Android Pay, Samsung Pay, EMV chip cards, NFC cards.
  - v. Congratulations to Big Dave for all his hard work on setting up the credit card software and hardware.

- j. Shawn Mahoney/Newsletter – (Bobbe)
  - i. CA lawyers called her regarding wanting to syndicate some of ABATE’s articles. Suggestion was to ask for ask for some sort of donations from them if possible. Also discussion of newsletter, hard copy versus electronic copy, with agreement that members receive electronic newsletter. Some hard copies printed out to be distributed at events, motorcycle shops, classes, etc. Update by Bobbe – not heard back from the lawyers since she asked for some financial recompense for ABATE’s articles.

## VI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. COC (*Item for August Board meeting*) = has been restructured. All top club officers stepped out so could restructured; now non-authoritative advisory body now. Big Dave suggested COC liaison should be Board position.
  - i. Board should nominate someone from ABATE as liaison.
  - ii. Future elected officer position? Bobbe suggested Token as ABATE’s COC liaison for the remainder of this year, and starting next year it would be an elected position. Big Dave made a motion to remove the Webmaster from the Officers positions and replace it with the COC Liaison. RC seconded motion, and it passed unanimously.
  - iii. [*for September agenda*] Discussion about COC meeting in Fairbanks expenses – hotel, driving versus flying, etc.
- b. Sam's Club July 16 Event – (Ed)
- c. MOA/Traffic Department Traffic Engineers Safety Meeting (Ed and Big Dave)
  - i. Tuesday, August 16th at 8:00 AM
  - ii. Meeting with MOA engineers who are NOT policy makers. Our hopes are to exchange ideas and get feedback. Discussion about pros and cons of rumble strips.
  - iii. Topics (See below) – Email Big Dave with any other topic items.
- d. MRF Letter with Motorcycling Profiling Talking Points
  - i. Contact our US Senators and Legislator and ask them to Sign-on to Bill? Havoc will work on getting co-sponsors.
  - ii. Issues/Concerns?
  - iii. See Big Dave’s example. Suggested pursuing this on a state level.
- e. ???

## VII. OTHER SHORT BUSINESS

- a. Dragon’s Last Ride. For Katie, who passed away last year. Event on Saturday, 13 Aug ’16. Big Dave said meet at House of Harley – Anchorage and depart around 10 am. Cost is \$50 for ride, food, and a t-shirt.

- b. Providence Extended Care – Judy was contacted by Activities Coordinator, who asked for riders to come visit the seniors living there on 10 September '16. Meet at The Rock at 1 pm on that day and then head to the Providence Extended Care.
- c. Steve Stripling – has a low resolution video with music on past Sturgis in AK event. Will make a copy to CD and send to Big Dave.
- d. Dennis Walker Fund Raiser discussed. RC asked if he was an ABATE member, and Big Dave said he would check on it.
- e. ???

#### **VIII. ACTION ITEMS FROM LAST MEETING/PENDING**

- a. For Gaming, RC to talk with Tom Warden on it = Pending
- b. Confirming monies in memorial fund by Bobbe
- c. ABATE Secretary to send Webmaster all Board Meeting Minutes from previous years to be placed on ABATE website = Pending
- d. Before end of year, talk with MOA on park strip issues; get yearly permission waiver – RC, Havoc, and Ed = Pending

#### **IX. ACTION ITEMS FROM THIS MEETING**

- a. Big Dave to update officers list on website.
- b. Big Dave to locate Laura's email and send out.
- c. Token to check on location options for Freeze-up Run.
- d. Big Dave to get MRF costs by state report.
- e. Havoc to work on getting co-sponsors for MRF letter regarding motorcycle profiling.
- f. ???

#### **X. ADJOURNMENT**

- a. Next scheduled Board Meeting Date is Thursday, September 1, 2016.
- b. Next Members Meeting is Thursday, August 18, 2016, 7:00 pm at Sea Galley.
- c. Motion to adjourn by RC, and seconded by Havoc. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.

#### **Topics for Discussion with MOA Traffic Engineers:**

1. Ruts in the roundabouts.
2. Thanks and congrats on the slow vehicle turn out lanes.
3. Thanks for the dual speed limit signs.
4. Sensitivity of traffic signals to low weight vehicles (MC). Dead red light issues.
5. Signage during construction. (Is this a good thing or something that needs improvement?)
6. Slippery traffic stripes on roadways and cross walk markings at intersections. They are very dangerous – especially when wet. Motorcycles can easily lose traction and slide or crash.
7. Rumble Strips (Dennis Walker blames these for his crash).

8. Moose Graze. Moose trees in the medians and on the "landscaped" sections of roads in Anchorage. Suggested by Moose Federation to get rid of tempting moose food there.
9. Road Guards.
10. Lane Splitting/Shoulder Riding. This is important so motorcycles can position themselves to avoid collisions from the rear.
11. Motorcycle Only Lanes. Maybe motorcycle use of bicycle lanes or bigger shoulders on city streets so the motorcyclists have an escape path?

*Letter from Laura:*

*On my way home last night I was driving from downtown all the way out to O'Malley with a motorcycle nearby.... When we turned onto Minnesota (downtown) from 9th Ave. I watched the car behind me turn into the outside lane nearly wiping out the motorcyclist who had the outside turn lane... then up near the International Airport Rd overpass on Minnesota I watched a truck pulling a camper move into the fast lane right into the same motorcyclist... he had to ride into the shoulder of the road to avoid being taken out... the camper did not make any evasive moves once he saw the motorcycle just kept going down the road... this happened right in front of me... the motorcyclist had a few choice words to say to the guy driving with his hand and arm!! Then the camper decided he wanted to go really slow in the fast lane so I had to go around him. I gave him the "you f'n moron" look when I went by him. He and the girl seemed to have not a clue. Poor guy riding the motorcycle, two in less than 20 minutes.*

12. The rubberized lane markings in construction zones. They peel up and whip around in the wind. This is very dangerous for motorcyclists who can be struck by them or have them get wrapped up in the motorcycle's wheels or forks.
13. Guard Rails – the curve metals ones, upon being hit, become flat and knife-life, making them even more dangerous.