



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: April 4, 2020

Location: On-Line Only

Description: Regular

Quorum Attendance:

At Large	Nolan Steed	<u>Present</u> / Absent
High Country	“Woody” Phillips [Chair]	<u>Present</u> / Absent
Mohave	Proxy - Emmitt Tucker	<u>Present</u> / Absent
Phoenix-SM	Robb Felder	<u>Present</u> / Absent
Southern Arizona	Judi Miller (Also BOD Secretary)	<u>Present</u> / Absent
Superstition	Proxy	Present / <u>Absent</u>
Yavapai	Deborah Butitta	<u>Present</u> / Absent
Yuma	Frank White	Present / <u>Absent</u>
President	Shirley Bizub	Present / <u>Absent</u>
Treasurer:	Tara Rudometkin	<u>Present</u> /Absent
Committee Chairs:		
Audit - David McLaren		Present/ <u>Absent</u>
TBFS - Mike Schneider		<u>Present</u> /Absent
Membership – William Driggers		Present/ <u>Absent</u>
Legislative - Mike Infanzon (Authorized Lobbyist)		<u>Present</u> /Absent
Communications – Susan Grimmer-Potter		Present/ <u>Absent</u>

Guests: Lisi Cloud Walking

Agenda:

- I. **Call to Order** **Time: 1:03 am**
- I. **Pledge of Allegiance** – “Woody” Phillips led the Pledge & Moment of Silence for 1st Responders, Downed Bikers and Coach and Ginny.
- II. **Prior Meeting Minutes (Waive or Read) –Waiving of the reading of the minutes & approval of the minutes of January 4, 2020 was approved on a motion by Nolan Steed, seconded by Deborah Butitta.**



III. Chairman Comments – Woody Phillips said that further remembrances will be done for Coach and Ginny. The viewings were held this week. He thought Seasons End Mortuary has gone over and beyond in their handling of the needs of the family. He also wanted to recognize Templar Krusaders MC for paying for having Ginny flown back to Arizona. In addition, the ABATE phone number that has been on correspondence and the website has been dropped and everyone needs to remove that number from all paperwork, websites and so on. High Country Chapter has cancelled Wild in the Weeds for 2020 due to the COVID19 outbreak. The AMSAF Riding for the Long-Haul dinner has been rescheduled to October 17. Please let Woody know by email if you are planning on attending. It will still be held at Rustler's Roost and be held from 5:30 – 9:30 pm.

IV. Reports.

- a. **Treasurer:** Tara Rudometkin gave an update. There is \$ \$85,177.19 in all ABATE accounts. The main account has \$31,678.60 and the TBFS account has \$25,680. Tara reported they will have to pay back some vendors from TBFS account, amount TBD. Tara and Mike Infanzon will work together next week to settle-up the MMA and AMASA bills for Day at the Dome, as well as the payment to MRF.
- b. **State:** No report. There was no April state directors meeting held.
- c. **TBFS:** Mike Schneider gave an update. The 2020 TBFS event has been cancelled due to the COVID19 outbreak. The TBFS committee overwhelmingly approved the cancellation. The cancellation was necessary because the financial risk of moving ahead without knowing for sure the event could take place was too high. Mormon Lodge has been very cooperative and contracts with them are being updated. Susan Grimmer-Potter will organize the communication plan to vendors and others involved and any deposit money already paid will be promptly returned. All of this should be done by next week. There is some hope that a fund raiser event can be organized for later in the year at Mormon Lakes. The committee will reconvene in a few months and will investigate fund raising possibilities. Woody Phillips commented that this was a very difficult decision and he gave recognition to the committee for having come to grips with what had to be done. Woody is also communicating with a band for next year from California called Zepparella and will see if it can be afforded. He'll be looking for a sponsor to help. Lastly, when the committee meets to organize for 2021 it will also need to select its chair for 2021.
- d. **Audit:** Woody Phillips sent the needed Yavapai Chapter bank records to Deborah Butitta. She will contact the Audit Committee Chair to review and the report back to the board in July.
- e. **Membership:** Woody Phillips reported that this committee has not ever met. Therefore, he recommended that this committee be terminated and a new one organized later. ***A motion was made by Nolan Steed to***



terminate the Membership committee. This was seconded by Robb Felder and approved by the board members present unanimously.

- f. Legislative Report:** Mike Infanzon gave the report. The state legislature is recessed until at least April 13, and this will probably be extended. Nevertheless, Mike and his team have been busy. They are working remotely but still actively lobbying with the Senate for the changes to the motorcycle safety fund and they are also working on Federal level issues on behalf of the MRF. They are also making plans for the next session and about the elections coming up. Mike will be setting up training about how to register to vote and is providing video reports on social media, on Face Book. Everyone is encouraged to watch these.

V. Old Business:

- a. D & O Insurance:** Tara Rudometkin gave an update. The issue with the insurance has been resolved since January.
- b. Tax Filing:** Tara Rudometkin reported that the filing of the 2018 tax documentation will be done at the same time the 2019 tax documentation is filed. Tara will be using an external firm. This will be done before the July Board Meeting.

VII. New Business Agenda Items

- a. Approval of ABATE of Arizona Policies and Procedures Revisions, 2020.** Woody Phillips led the discussion. A red flagged version, highlighting all changes, of the Policies and Procedures manual was reviewed by the board prior to the meeting. In addition, an ABATE of Arizona Privacy & Terms of Use was also reviewed. The fonts of these documents will be made such as to be large enough for easy reading when printed. Questions were reviewed and discussed. ***Upon a motion by Judi Miller, seconded by Nolan Steed, the changes to the ABATE of Arizona Policies and Procedures and the ABATE of Arizona Privacy & Terms of Use were approved unanimously.***
- b. Bylaws:** Woody Phillips led the discussion. Now that the policies and procedures have been updated the Bylaws need to be reviewed and updated, as needed. Woody recommended that a new Bylaws committee be formed, with Susan Grimmer-Potter as chair, and Lisi Cloud Walking and Jean Cooper as members. Woody will also discuss with Jim Butsback, former President of ABATE, if he could also participate. The work of this committee will be to meet and develop recommended changes to the bylaws by June 1st 2021, so that changed approved by the board can be voted on for final approval at the State ABATE Membership meeting in November or December 2021. ***Upon a motion by Deborah Butitta, seconded by Nolan Steed, the board unanimously approved the formation of a Bylaws committee, with the membership and timeline as outlined by Woody Phillips above.***



- c. **Quarterly Newsletter:** Tabled until the July Board meeting.
- d. **Other New Business:** Lisa Walking Cloud brought up the interest in a new ABATE chapter in the Kingman area. There is good interest and a Coordinator, Secretary and Treasurer have already been named. They are not yet sure what the name of the new chapter would be. It is felt that there is enough interest in the Kingman area to not take membership away from the Mohave Chapter. They will be holding a meeting to discuss the idea of a new chapter on April 14 at 6 pm. They understand that they are not yet a chapter and will not be unless this is approved by the ABATE of AZ board. This meeting is informational and planning only. The meeting will be set up as a teleconference and ABATE of AZ Board members will be invited to participate.

VI. Next Meetings/Events (2020):

- 1. ABATE of Arizona BOD Meeting in Phoenix, at the Italian American Club, Saturday, July 11, 2020 at 1 pm

I. Adjourn 2:10 pm

Motion made to adjourn by Nolan Steed, Seconded by Judi Miller. Unanimously approved.

Signed: "Woody" Phillips, Chair _____ *Woody Phillips* _____

Judi Miller, Secretary for the Board: _____ *Judi Miller* _____

Attachments to Minutes:

ABATE of Arizona Policies and Procedures, Revised April 4, 2020

ABATE of Arizona Privacy Policy & Terms of Use – April 4, 2020

STATE: \$31,678.60

TBFS: \$25,680.00

TOTAL (all chapters, included the above): \$85,177.19