

# American Brotherhood Aimed Towards Education of Arizona

7509 N 12th St, Phoenix, AZ 85020

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## Board of Directors Meeting

### Minutes April 1, 2023

**Place:** 7509 N 12th St, Phoenix, AZ 85020

and: **Zoom:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86772380341?pwd=bTJUTXM1eXM4SUxYSkcxa0RwemgyZz09>

Call in number: 1-669-900-6833

Meeting ID: 867 7238 0341

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**Call to Order:** [REDACTED]

### Quorum Attendance:

|                        |                   |                    |
|------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Coyote Pass            | Harley Petit      | <b>Absent</b>      |
| East Valley            | Rick Ferguson     | Present            |
| High Country (HCC)     | Barry Bell        | Present            |
| Mohave                 | Gary "G" Vick     | Present            |
| Phx/Shadow Mtn         | Scot Williamson   | Present            |
| Southern Arizona (SAC) | Anissa Huntington | <b>Proxy: Judi</b> |
| Yavapai                | Dennis Banners    | Present            |
| Yuma                   | Frank White       | Present            |
| Independent            | Mary K Donnay     | Present            |

### State Officers/Committee Chairs:

|                      |                  |                 |
|----------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| President            | Jim Butsback     | Present         |
| Treasurer            | Cliff Prentice   | <b>Absent</b>   |
| Secretary            | Gwen Zolber      | Present         |
| Legislative Director | Michael Infanzon | Present         |
| Bylaws/P&P Committee | Cynde Aydt       | <b>Absent</b>   |
| Sergeant-at-Arms     | Navy Mike Rudd   | <b>Resigned</b> |

**Introduction of Guests & new Members:** Holly

### REPORTS

**Action  
Assigned to:**

#### Chairman Comments

- » BOD Responsibilities are: **Oversight, Foresight, and Insight**
- ~ **Oversight:** Don't get caught up in the 'weeds'.
- ~ **Foresight:** Where are we going?
- ~ **Insight:** Don't re-invent the wheel - learn from similar organizations' Best Practices & convey feedback to President.

**Motion to Accept Prior Minutes as Written** 1st: MK 2nd: G Vick Motion carries

#### State Officer Reports

##### President

- » New owners of Winslow Rodeo Grounds reached out; Paula, Sandra & Jim met them at property.
- ~ Property is 20 acres completely fenced
- ~ Will work with ABATE on cost; share entry fees
- ~ Owners also own porta-potty company and will include those at no additional cost
- ~ Move event date to end of July
- ~ Mayor & City Manager spent several hours touring location and showing support for relocation
- » Working hard on TBFS; Sandra doing a phenomenal job!

##### Treasury

- » No report
- » IRS - Taxes delinquent 2018-2022 & (c) Status
  - ~ Accountant will file electronically for us after May 15th
    - Will correct 501(c)(3) to 501(c)(4) after taxes have been submitted to the IRS.
    - She does our taxes pro-bono; compensate her for the additional work? How Much?
- » Budget Approvals
  - ~ Yavapai
  - ~ Yuma
    - Frank will follow up with Alex (Coordinator) to submit.

### Designated Lobbyist

- » Motorcyclists will be considered in future roadway planning!
- » Slow start due to Freshman legislators having a significant learning curve
- » "anti-racing" bill was written & included repealing of lane filtering - rejected
- » Survey will be sent out in time to have results announced at TBFS
- » Day at the Dome was much more cost effective this year and more appropriate as time was not held open to speak with Legislators and unused.

### Old Business

#### Communications

- » Harvey complete updates to email addresses?
  - ~ Mike is contact for billing purposes only Jim
  - ~ .org email addresses updated with current Officers? COMPLETED
  - ~ .us email addresses supposed to have been deleted
- » Was new ABATE mailing address communicated to bank, AAIC, vendors, etc? Gwen
  - ~ Secretary should be contacting those who sent mail that was forwarded to the new address
    - Will do; one mail item received (junk mail) thus far. Cliff
  - ~ Notification of bank & vendors Gwen
  - ~ AAIC puts mail in our box on office door when rent is due.
    - Will contact ACIC and ask them to contact us when rent is put into the door.
- ~ Is anyone checking the mail at the office on 12th? Deceased estate sends check each month.
  - Mail from office has been forwarded to the main mailing address on Bell in Surprise for some time now. Gwen
  - Gwen will continue to check mail and get to appropriate Officer.
- » Is the ABATE printer up & running?
  - ~ Yes; it's not a copier, only a printer.
  - ~ Anything to be printed needs to be emailed to Mike I or his assistant; they will print.
- » When can we expect the *MasterLink* to be mailed out? Mike I
  - ~ Mike I working on format with Eric.

### New Business

- » Chapter/State Operations
  - ~ Opinions differ; BODs role is not to solve the issue, rather to give guidance in how to find most appropriate solution for that specific Chapter/State issue.
- » Sandra Tavaras appointed as Interim State events Coordinator
- » Honoring Deb Butitta
  - ~ Deb is being honored at the Sturgis Hall of Fame Museum
  - ~ There's 3 different sizes of memorial paver bricks
    - Ask Members at Chapter level if they would like to donate to the memorial paver
    - MRF proceeds from Deb's Patches going towards memorial
    - Cost divided by our 7 Chapters minimizes cost impact overall
    - Deb's hair braid to be included on her likeness on the memorial paver
  - ~ Will follow up after Sturgis Dennis
- » Road Conditions
  - ~ Need to put up cautionary signs: metal plates, loose gravel, potholes, etc

- Road repairs go through ADOT; **any citizen** can suggest areas of caution that need attention via their website
- » What do we see ABATE becoming?
  - ~ Need to promote to youth and get them engaged in ABATE & its Mission
    - Some Chapters have a difficult time keeping the minimum required positions filled to operate a Chapter.
    - Instead Chaptes planning large events, plan many small events - people want to DO things.
    - Add different styles & types of bikes as well as younger people to our advertising
    - Go to Bike Week
  - ~ Need to teach inclusion of all types of bikes and riders
  - ~ Ask people what they ride - listen to response without judgement - learn why they like what they ride what they do
- » Main points discussed thus far:
  - ~ Expand: inclusivity & diversity necessary to attract younger Members
  - ~ Committee to drive long-range Membership: focused on how we can best adapt to what the next generation of riders wants
  - ~ Revamp our Mission Statement
    - Great opportunity in regards to the Insight discussed at opening of Meeting: Do research
    - » and bring information to disseminate to Chapter Membership and don't mandate how they choose to move forward.
  - ~ If ABATE of Arizona increased its Membership with 1% of registered bikes, we'd increase Membership by 3,500 Members
    - Discussion around the significance of the small percentage of registerd motorcycles that amounts to-->the possible increased number of Members= the impact ABATE could have on legislation on behalf of motorcycleists rights that the numbers effectively correllate to.

Motion to update ABATE of Arizona's Mission Statement.

1<sup>st</sup>: Gary

2<sup>nd</sup>: Scot

Motion withdrawn after discussion; will bring specifics for proposed Mission Statement prior to new motion.

Motion to increase ABATE of Arizona's Membership by 1% of the current number of motorcycles registered in Arizona no later than 3 years from today's date.

1<sup>st</sup>: MK

2<sup>nd</sup>: Gary

Motion passes unanimously

### Open Discussion

- » None

### Next meeting

#### Date & Time:

Saturday, July 8, 2023

1:00p

2023 B.O.D. Quarterly Meetings: January 7, April 1, July 8, October 7

### Motion to Adjourn:

1<sup>st</sup>: Gary

2<sup>nd</sup>: MK

Time: