



American **B**rotherhood **A**imed **T**owards **E**ducation of **A**rizona

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Board of Director Meeting Minutes

7509 N. 12th Street, #200
 Phoenix, AZ 85020
 April 11, 2015

Attendance:

East Valley	Jack Batty Joe Ferrucci - Proxy	
Present		
High Country	Forrest "Woody" Phillips	Present
Phoenix/ Shadow Mountain	Clyde Brooks Jean Cooper - Proxy	Present
Southern Arizona	Sean Pinder	Present
Yavapai	Deborah Butitta	Absent
Yuma	Rick Breadwell	Present
Secretary	Jean Cooper	Present
President	Mary K Donnay	Present
Sgt at Arms	Vic Grady	Present
Treasurer	Mathew Brown	Absent

Guests: Mike Meyers, East Valley Chapter member/MRF Arizona Rep.; Joel Rosen; Deb Brunko. E.V. Chapter Treasurer; Dawn Steed, E.V. Chapter Secretary; Nolan Steed, E.V. member

Topic:

- I. **Call to Order:** 1:16PM by Sean Pinder, Chairman.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance** and moment of silence led by: Vic Grady
- III. **Prior Meeting Minutes:**
 - Minutes of last BOD meeting:
 - A. **Motion** made to waive the reading of last meeting minutes made by Deborah; 2nd by Rick;
 - B. Discussion: none
 - C. Action: Vote - All in favor. Reading of the minutes waived; accepted as written.
- IV. **Report/ Updates:**
 - A. **President – Mary K Donnay:**
 - 1. We delivered the Masterlink March edition with pics of legislators on the cover, along with a cover letter announcing what ABATE

does regarding legislators and governor's office March 2. A white bandanna and LOOK OUT for motorcycles bumper sticker was also included.

2. We have been actively promoting ABATE of AZ and TBFS at the following events:
 - a. Yavapai membership drive – March 14
 - b. Arizona Bike Week, Scottsdale - March 25-29
 - c. Phoenix Bike Fest, Glendale – March 26-28
 - d. Yuma membership drive – March 28
 - e. Motorcycles on Main, Mesa – April 3 & May 1
 - f. Cycle Gear – AMA Bike Night, Mesa – April 10
 3. TBFS Planning – 2 Gal Event Planners have been hired to assist increasing attendance through securing sponsorships by Law tigers (\$500), Chuck Franklin (\$2000), as well as advertising on radio in which TBFS is incorporated into ads for Chester's HD. 2Gals also secured ads in Desert Biker Magazine and Quick Throttle for less that we have paid in the past.
 4. 2 Gals also secured ABATE a spot as charity of the month at Chester's Party on the Patio April 26 and May 24. Chester's provides the food and supplies, ABATE provides the volunteers with Maricopa County Food Handler Certification to cook and serve. ABATE gets to keep tips and donations. TBFS info will be distributed along with membership to ABATE info. Chester's will also be a rally point for group rides to TBFS on Thursday and Friday (6/11 & 12/2015). Volunteers are needed at Chester's on Thurs and Fri morning to hand out maps to TBFS and greet the riders with a donut.
 5. I will be attending NCOM in Denver, May 7-10th.
 6. Handi Barnett, Southern Arizona Chapter PAC, will attend BIKERS INSIDE THE BELTWAY in Washington DC, May 12-15.
 7. We have received 2 bids for the ABATE online store; Square Peg Promotions and KMH Kreations. State Officers accepted KMH Kreations proposal for a "shopping cart" style online store.
- B. **Treasurer Report – Matt Brown** provided reports prior to the meeting.
- C. **Lobbyist – OPEN**
1. Applications will be accepted and reviewed by the Board of Directors and State Offices. Those interested can review the job description and criteria in the Masterlink.
 2. ARS 28-964 regarding Handlebar Height – The Bill was recently passed and signed by the Governor. Now, waiting the 90 days for it to become law.

3. The legislative survey has been distributed to the membership and responses are trickling in. The results will be collated by BOD members and priority of issues will be presented to the membership.
4. Lane splitting continues to be a high interest issue.

V. Old Business:

A. Topic: Budget Review and approvals

1. MRF AZ Rep, Mike Myers, presented his proposed budget for 2015.

Motion was made by Deborah to approve funding for Mike Myers to attend Meeting of the Minds in September, approximately \$1,000. 2nd by Woody. Vote: all in favor, motion carried.

Action: Treasurer will be notified.

Responsible: Sean

2. Requirements for submission of receipts to the Treasurer were discussed. It is an accepted business practice to scan items like receipts and reports for electronic filing and destroy the paper copy. ABATE has adopted electronic filing/record keeping starting 2015. If P&P amendments are needed, the State Secretary will make the amendments.
3. ABATE budgeting will continue to follow the calendar year, January to December.

B. Topic: Infrastructure Assets

1. Conference call phone – Clyde will research cost and report at next BOD meeting.
2. Flat screen TV for State Office – Clyde will research cost and report at next BOD meeting.
3. Consider MS Office Annual Licensing (5 people) for nonprofits – Clyde will research and report cost to BOD at next meeting.
4. Research web-based electronic record keeping, such as Dropbox, Google, Cloud. – Jean, State Secretary, will research cost and report at next Bod meeting.

VI. New Business:

A. Topic: Waiver for meeting notice & email discussions

Discussion: Currently, notification regarding meetings must be mailed, snail mail. Sean would like to be able to notify the group of any changes by email. Sean passed a waiver form among the BOD that indicates it is acceptable to notify BOD of meetings via email. All BOD members signed.

B. Topic: Designated Lobbyist Resignation

Discussion: There have been several members mentioned as possible candidates. Any candidate must submit an essay to the BOD regarding why he/she wants to be selected.

Action: *An announcement will be placed in the Masterlink each month until a new Lobbyist is selected.*

Responsible: *Mary K*

C. Topic: Heartland STEAM has replaced MRF Best of the West conference. Heartland STEAM will be held May 8-10 in Bismarck, ND. See MRF website for details.

D. Topic: MMA is struggling as an organization.

Discussion: What can ABATE do to support MMA? Many in ABATE hold dual membership in MMA. Everyone is encouraged to continue the dual membership and attend MMA events. MMA failure does not benefit ABATE in any way.

VII. Open Discussion: Woody proposed ABATE expand its membership in order to continue to be a relevant, dynamic part for the motorcycling community. All motorcyclists should be targeted for membership, especially younger riders. ABATE must reach out to Dirt Bike Riders, Sport Bike Riders, and 2-wheelers, as well as traditional street bike riders. Be sure new members understand the benefit regarding FREE insurance with the membership. Explain the mission of ABATE and educate prospective members about the accomplishments of ABATE and future plans.

VIII. Next Meeting:

A. Conference Calls TU 05 MAY 2015 at 7:00 PM If needed

- <https://www.freescrreensharing.com/meetings/792-874-119>
- Dial-In: (559)546-1200 Code: 792-874-119#

B. Conference Calls TU 02 JUN 2015 at 7:00 PM If needed

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C. Quarterly Regularly Scheduled

- SU 12 JUL 2015 at 1:00 PM
- AAIC, 7509 N. 12th St, #200; Phoenix, AZ 85020

D. Conference Calls TU 04 AUG 2015 at 7:00 PM If needed

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IX. Adjourn

- First Rick Second Deborah
- No Discussion, All were in favor.
- Time 3:24 PM

Respectfully Submitted by:



Jean Cooper
Secretary

Sean Pinder
BOD, Chairperson