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**Board of Director Meeting Minutes**

7509 N. 12<sup>th</sup> Street, #200  
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October 04, 2015

Attendance:

East Valley	Jack Batty	Absent
High Country	Forrest “Woody” Phillips	Present
Phoenix/ Shadow Mountain	Clyde Brooks	Present
Southern Arizona	Sean Pinder/ Jim Butsback - Proxy	Present
Yavapai	Deborah Butitta	Present -phone
Yuma	Rick Breadwell	Absent
Secretary	Jean Cooper	Present
President	Mary K Donnay	Present
Sgt at Arms	Vic Grady	Present
Treasurer	Jim Silk	Absent

Guests: Johnny ‘D’ Dreyfus

Topic:

- I. **Call to Order:** 1:10PM by Woody Phillips, Acting-Chairman.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance** and moment of silence led by: Vic
- III. **Prior Meeting Minutes:**
  - Minutes of last BOD meeting:
    - A. **Motion** made to waive the reading of last meeting minutes made by Jim; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Clyde;
    - 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. TBFS:
      - a. Planning for 2016 is underway with 13 volunteers on the committee, mostly from East Valley and Phoenix-Shadow Mountain Chapters. Input and assistance from other chapters is strongly encouraged. Volunteers can conference call into meetings.

- b. MLL contract fees have increased from last year. JR, MK, and Jim Silk are negotiating with MLL to decrease the fees, especially regarding food vendor fees and increased security presence starting Thursday.
  - c. 2 Gals Event Planners fees have also increased, however, their input and responsibilities have also increased. They assume vendor coordination, including food vendor approval from MLL. They are working with MLL to develop an updated map of the grounds and event layout. They will work with the committee on logo/flyer design, staff registration tables, coordination 50/50 sales, stuff admission packets, obtain sponsors, and coordinate with other events to increase exposure regarding TBFS publicity.
  - d. The goal is to have flyers available at the Annual Membership Meeting on November 8.
  - e. Plan to increase attendance in 2016, since it is the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of TBFS.
  - f. Currently planning meetings are monthly on the third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 at the State Office. Check with TBFS Committee member for correct time and date.
2. Yavapai Chapter:
- a. The Chapter has entered into in-active status, since the required Officer positions (Coordinator, Secretary and Treasurer) could not be filled at this time.
  - b. The past Coordinator, Paul Pendergast, has been notified to send all records and the checkbook to the State Treasurer, as soon as possible. Approximately 10-15 MasterLinks will continue to be sent to the Chapter PO Box.
  - c. Deb Butitta was recognized for all her efforts to keep the chapter alive. She has been instrumental in its survival to this point. Deb will continue to work with motorcyclists in Yavapai County to re-establish the chapter.
  - d. Anyone who is interested in re-establishing the chapter should contact the State President.
3. Open State Officer Positions:
- a. Few have volunteered to run for the open positions: President, Vice President, Run Coordinator/Events, Communications, and Merchandise. We still need to fill the Lobbyist position.
  - b. If no one volunteers for President, the Organization risks no longer being viable. The BOD will need to prepare to address that issue.
4. ABATE On-line Store/ Membership Processing:

- a. KMH Kreations has done a fabulous job assuming the membership process and our on-line store is up and running. KMH Kreations attends State Officer meetings.
  - b. When a merchandise order is entered in the PayPal account, the State Membership Officer, Larry Keim, forwards to order to Mike Schneider, who pulls the merchandise from the storage at the State Office and ships it to the buyer. The plan is to offer advance ticket sales, for example, TBFS.
  - c. Chapters are encouraged to sell any chapter-specific merchandise on-line, too. Send photos, descriptions, quantities, and prices to Mary K for review. She will send them to KMH Kreations for posting.
5. MAP:
- a. Jim Silk continues to be the only presenter of the program and only to high school students in the east valley. He hopes to develop additional instructors to provide the program throughout the state.
  - b. MMA still presents a similar program but there has been little response to requests from ABATE to coordinate the program together.
  - c. Anyone interested in becoming a MAP instructor should contact Jim.
6. Events:
- a. Riot on the River is October 16-18. ABATE members are encouraged to wear an ABATE t-shirt if they go.
  - b. All Officers and members are encouraged to increase ABATE's presence at Bike Nights that occur throughout the state.
  - c. Cycle Gear outlets hold Bike Nights weekly and are a great opportunity to engage sport bike riders.
  - d. Annual Membership Meeting/State/BOD Meeting and Election Rally will be November 8, 2015, 11-3 at Tumbleweed Inn Bar & Grill in Eloy. All Chapters must be prepared to present their proposed 2016 budgets for review and approval.
  - e. Hard Ass Run – East Valley Chapter annual event is November 14. Sign-in 3-9 AM at Joeta's Leather, Mesa.

- B. **Treasurer Report – Jim Silk:**  
He is out of town and will forward the reports upon his return.
- C. **Lobbyist – OPEN**
- 1. Deborah Butitta and Johnny D shared reporting. They have been working on a Lane Splitting/Lane Sharing Bill. Several states are working on the same issue. It would be highly beneficial to have

the GOHS understand the issues and be on board. Johnny D has been trying to schedule a meeting with the Director of GOHS and to learn when the next open meeting is for the Governor's Motorcycle Safety Advisory Counsel, in order to present to that group regarding the issue. It will also be important to educate the driving public regarding the safety of Lane Sharing practices.

2. Johnny D has been meeting with Lyle Mann, representative of DPS, regarding officer training related to the new law to no longer restrict handlebar height. Bikers are still being cited for handlebars too high, despite the law enactment during the summer.
3. Motorcycle Day at the Dome is scheduled for April 18, 2016. Johnny D proposed an afternoon event, which hopefully will result in greater biker attendance. ABATE is coordinating the event with ACMC. MMA has not shown interest in participating in planning so far this year. There is plan to block off the street for motorcycle parking and the event will be held on the Senate Lawn. No food will be provided.

**V. Old Business:**

A. Topic: Legislative Survey Results

Rick Breadwill has the task of collating the results. He will be asked to provide the results to Woody.

B. Topic: Infrastructure Assets

Discussion: Clyde reported on his research regarding purchase of conference phone and flat-screen TV for State Office. **Motion:** Motion was made by Jim Butsback to approve to spend up to \$1500 on conference phone device and \$500 for TV. Second by Deborah. **Vote: All in favor.**

Action: Proceed with purchases.

Responsible: Clyde will proceed with purchase of conference phone and TV for State Office by the end of December 2015.

**VI. New Business:**

A. Topic: Yavapai Chapter

Discussion: The Chapter has entered in-active status due to not being able to fill the required positions of Coordinator, Secretary and Treasurer. The storage unit and post office box have been paid until the end of the year. The checkbook and records are to be turned into the State Treasurer. The Chapter bank account is not closed, but frozen until the chapter is re-established. Chapter officers, as well as State Officers need to improve communication, which would decrease to assumption of disconnect among the membership. Deborah suggested that BOD members and State Officers attend not just their own chapter meetings during the month. Deborah has one more year as a BOD member. Since the Yavapai Chapter is not dissolved but on in-active status, Deborah shall remain on the BOD as an At-Large member.

Action: none

B. Topic: ABATE representation to NCOM

**Motion:** Deborah made the motion to recommend Johnny D to represent ABATE to NCOM, second by Jim Butsback. Discussion: Johnny D is knowledgeable regarding ABATE mission as well as focus of NCOM. He is an excellent communicator and team-builder. **Vote:** All in favor. Johnny D will represent ABATE at NCOM meetings.

C. Topic: State Operating, Chapter and TBFS Budgets for 2016

Discussion: Budgets will be reviewed at the Annual Meeting in November.

Action: The State Budget is ready for review and submitted. TBFS budget is pending. Chapters need reminding.

Responsible: MK will reach out to Chapter Coordinators and Jean will reach out to Secretaries to remind their chapter officers regarding budgets.

D. Topic: By-Law Revisions

Discussion: The committee, Sean, Jean, and Dawn Steed, reviewed the current By-Laws and made numerous revisions, which need approval by the membership to be put into action. A link on the ABATE webpage has been established so the membership can review the proposed changes and vote their approval or disapproval in November. There will be copies of the proposed-revised By-Laws available at the Annual Meeting in November.

**VII. Open Discussion:**

- A. Woody asked that everyone observe the new membership process over the next few months. Any observations should be shared with State Membership Officers, and/or any BOD member or State Officer. Additionally, Woody suggested that a presentation of the new process be made at the State Officer Training in January.
- B. Johnny D shared that some points on the legislative survey were not pertinent in Arizona. It was observed that in the past legislative issues that had been presented at Meeting of the Minds were the foundation of ABATE's survey. An Arizona-specific survey should be developed earlier in the year to afford presentation of the issues to the membership in a timely manner. The membership needs to be kept abreast of the changing issues throughout the year. State PAC and Chapter PAC Officers are responsible to consistently communicate progress on the issues to the membership.
- C. Future surveys will be developed by the state and chapter PAC officers, be state specific and will include a plan to collect and report the results in a timely manner.

**VIII. Next Meeting:**

- A. NOV Membership/Elections Event Date
    - SU 08 NOV 2015, 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM
- Tumbleweed Inn Bar & Grill, 3815 W. Frontier Street, Eloy, AZ 85131

- B. Conference Calls TU 01 DEC 2015 at 7:00 PM, If needed
  - <https://www.freescrreensharing.com/meetings/792-874-119>
  - Dial-In: (559)546-1200 Code: 792-874-119#
- C. JAN Officer training Event Date
  - SA 09 JAN 2015 10:00 AM - Noon
  - AAIC, 7509 N. 12th St, #200; Phoenix, AZ 85020
- D. Quarterly Regularly Scheduled (After Officer Training)
  - SA 09 JAN 2015 1:00 PM
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**IX. Adjourn**

- First Deborah Second Jim
- No Discussion, All were in favor.
- Time 1:25 PM

Respectfully Submitted by:



Jean Cooper  
Secretary

Forrest Phillips (Electronic signature 25 Oct. 2015)  
Forrest "Woody" Phillips  
Acting Chairperson