



State Meeting Minutes

Date: September 10th

Time: 11:03

Place: Zoom

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Meeting ID: 867 7238 0341 Passcode: 376825

Call to Order: 11:06

Attendance:

President:	Jim Butsback	Present
Vice-President:	Paula Beall	Present
Secretary:	Gwen Zolber	Present
Treasurer:	Cliff Prentice	Present
Membership:	Cynde Aydt	Present
Legislative Director:	Michael Infanzon	Present
Sergeant at Arms:	H Michael Rudd	Absent – at Office
Safety Coordinator:	VACANT	N/A
Runs/Events:	Ronda Obenstine	Absent
Political Action Coordinator (PAC):	William Cleveland	Absent-Excused
Communications:	Judith Miller	Present
Merchandise:	VACANT	N/A

Introduction of Guests & Members Not Listed Above: MK & Scot Williamson in attendance

Minutes: Waived 1st Cynde 2nd Mike Motion carries unanimously

REPORTS

President –

- Wife has pancreatitis not appendicitis, appreciates the understanding; MK & Judi volunteered to help out if they would like.
- Bikers against Road Rage emailed him, said a friend had been shot while riding October 23rd at The Roadhouse during Biketober – would ABATE want to be involved; she was a member but Wendy Sylvia – expired in 2020 – will forward the email to Phoenix-Shadow Mountain if they want a booth.

Vice-President: No report

Treasury –

- TBFS account still has funds in it; wants to ensure all items have cleared that account before closing – most likely end of year.



- Spoke with Chase – they won't waive fees. Wells Fargo has an account that has no fees if there's less than 100 transactions annually. Close all Chapter & leave money in State account for a month then transfer over to Wells Fargo. Mike I. vehemently against Wells Fargo, Chase, Citibank and Bank of America – all four of these financial institutions openly state they are not supportive of Freedom supporting organizations. Cliff will look into Desert Financial Credit Union; ABATE's 501(c)(3) is with them currently.
- Jim received checks and previous Treasurer's debit card – he will destroy the card.

Membership:

- Up a few members from last month
- Joe Silk is second chair/backup for Cynde

Active Members

Business Members: 50
 Club: 45
 Individual: 396
 Joint Members: 198

Total Active Members: 668

Legislative Director:

- Working on 4 items for next session
- Most of legislative agenda's language completed.
- Sent brief regarding motorcycle emissions testing to National Legislative members.
- Putting content onto YouTube regarding Chapter Townhall events.
- City of Phoenix fatality reduction plan doesn't contain a single item regarding reducing pedestrian, bicycle & motorcycles, only vehicles; Mike I was the only no vote to that.
- Ensure your voter address is your current address.
- Motorcycle Day at the Dome – what is the amount budgeted going for? MMA has not contributed for the past 2 years and if they contribute, will reduce the current budgeted amount. Will provide lunch to members of whichever organizations contribute to hosting.

Safety: Vacant, no report

Merchandise: Vacant, no report

PAC: Absent, no report

Runs/Events:

- Due to the weekend Riot on the River falls on this year,
- The ABATE BOD quarterly meeting will be held on October 1st;
 - o **BOD meeting:** will be at 1:00p, in-person at the Phoenix ABATE office.
 - Phoenix ABATE office address: 7509 N 12th St, Phoenix (inside the east wing of the Arizona American Italian Club).
- The ABATE Annual Member Meeting will be held at Jakes Corner on November 12th at 1:00p; we are promoting as an event to attract an increased number of attendees.



- Hard Ass Run in the East Valley Chapter on October 22nd.

Communications:

- Judi can't transfer page control to or from anyone; has reached out to Facebook/Meta – Meta rolled out 'New Page' to replace business pages – believe when that changed, it must've changed Admin roles. Has sent 4 resolution requests with screenshots – have received no response. Woody has Judi's log in information in case of emergency; MK will receive that same information and she will maintain for consistency throughout ABATE processes.
- Membership email system is having issues when attempting to send a communication to all members; some people receive emails, some don't. Woody said the internet is struggling and servers are timing out and will resolve itself.

Old Business:

- Meeting of the Minds:
 - o Have budgeted money to donate MRF at the event; Jim will take care of that.
 - o They look for donations for their auctions: MK has 5 items coffee cups & coffee, candy & and two shirts; MK was asked to help with their silent auction.
 - o Jim reserved Wed-Sun with Mike I's name is on reservation & Jim will arrive Thursday evening; Cliff will reserve flight.
 - o Paula, Cynde, MK, and Cliff also attending.

New Business:

- Motion to approve ABATE of Arizona immediately utilizing the \$27.50 subscription level of online QuickBooks which the President, Secretary, and Treasurer will each have access to. The usefulness of that level for our organizational needs will be reviewed at the January meeting, after using the program for a minimum of a quarter.
 1st Mike 2nd Cynde Motion carries unanimously
- Judi – process on monitoring & update website – was noticed that Business membership is incorrect. Suggestion: Should be completed each time a new member is paid; State Membership will validate accuracy twice each year. Cynde will send business listings to Mike I each quarter, and she will send him current necessary changes.
- Cynde – When did we change to pins to patches?
 - o Not seeing many people wear patches – possibly more cost effective to send pins? Pins were getting ruined in mail, cost to send more expensive and initial cost more as well; not going back to pins.
 - o Have members ask/order if they want a patch? Would still automatically send 5-year, 10-year, etc.; Cynde & MK looking into the Bylaws & P&Ps and once have information will reach out to Woody &/or Harvey for the best option on how to have Members order/request patches.
- Question around Club(s) that are saying they can only have 5 ABATE Members but want to require all their Members to also be an ABATE Member.
 - o The Accidental Death benefits only cover the 5 listed Members.
 - o If a club wants their Members to be ABATE Members, their Members can sign up on their own.
- Motion for Mary K Donnay to purchase a Thank You card as well as a \$100 Visa gift card



which will be sent to our accountant, Janeen Kramer, from ABATE of Arizona for all her efforts over and above the initial set workload expectations as our accountant.

1st Judi 2nd Mike I Motion carries unanimously

- Trauma Mamma has become a Business Member for her Accident Scene Management company which offers classes. AMSAF offers scholarships for her company's classes but we don't want ABATE to necessarily promote AMSAF when they aren't a Business Member; in order to receive the discount code for her class, people must go through the AMSAF website. AMSAF assists citizens across the state, as does ABATE; links will be included on the ABATE website under Safety as well as Resources.
- Jim – September Issue has Why Join ABATE info.
- Lake Havasu City has people who want to start a Chapter – Shirley has the information, we don't have many details.
 - o Area is not physically close to other Chapters
 - o Previous discussion around each Chapter having Districts/Localities within them was not well received.
 - o Have offroad & sport bikes interest in ABATE; Cynde & Mike I will discuss offline how to bring this to the BOD.

Open Discussion: None

Moving the October State Zoom meeting from October 1st ~ Jim will send out the updated meeting date/time.

Next meeting

Date & Time: October 3rd

Where: Zoom

Motion to Adjourn: 1st Cynde 2nd Mike Motion carries unanimously **Time:** 1:09p

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