

**ABATE of Arizona**  
**State Officers**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
February 1, 2015, 10:30 AM  
7509 N. Street, Phoenix AZ 85020

**OFFICERS:**

President – Mary K Donnay	Present
Vice President – Mike Schneider	Present
Secretary – Jean Cooper	Present
Treasurer – Matt Brown	Absent
PAC – Lynda ‘Handi’ Barnett	Absent
Run Coordinator – OPEN	
Membership – Larry Keim	Present
Merchandise – OPEN	
Safety Officer – Jim Silk	Present
Designated Lobbyist – Vic Grady	Present
Sergeant at Arms – Vic Grady	Present
Communications – Charity Stuart	Absent

Guests: Joel ‘JR’ Rosen

Call to order: 10:30 AM Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence led by: Vic Grady

Secretary minutes from December 07, 2014:

Motion to waive reading of Minutes: Vic 2<sup>nd</sup>: Larry

All in favor: yes X no \_\_\_\_\_ Reading of previous minutes waived; minutes accepted as written. MK reviewed the minutes of December 07, 2015 without request.

**OFFICER REPORTS:**

**Treasurer** – Matt Brown

Bank statements will be forwarded to Officers during the coming week.

**PAC** - Lynda ‘Handi’ Barnett – Role of PAC officer was reviewed; it is her job to coordinate information regarding political activities of the organization. She should be included in Lobbyist communications.

**Membership** – Larry Keim -

Individual Members 571 Business Members 36 **Total Members 643**

Renewals 13 Renewals 13

1. Patches are OK, but the workmanship is a little sloppy, stitching could be neater. Currently, looking for different vendor.

2. Renewal notices are going out in a timely manner. Larry has encouraged email membership renewals get sent by chapter membership officers whenever possible. Chapter officers are encouraged to communicate with their memberships.
3. Chapter membership officers are encouraged to hand deliver Masterlinks and membership materials to local business members.

**Safety – Jim Silk**

1. Several East Valley chapter members are planning to attend the Accident Scene Management course next weekend.
2. MAP – high school classes have been postponed until April.
3. ARA – Still no response regarding the scholarship program.

**Designated Lobbyist – Vic Grady**

1. Motorcycle Day at the Dome (MDATD) is on scheduled for 2/23/2015. Volunteers are needed for set-up and tear-down.
2. Vic has provided his written resignation as Designated Lobbyist, effective directly following the Motorcycle Day at the Dome.

**Communications – Charity Stuart – No report.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Upcoming RUNS/Events:

- 2/8/2015 East Valley Valentine party
- 2/21/2015 MMA Beach party
- 2/23/2015 Motorcycle Day at the Dome
- 3/21/2015 Sunshine Acres Children’s Home “Miracle in the Desert” (East Valley does food prep/service.)
- Stand Up For Stand Down – bike games Sat., 3/21/2015 at Chopper John’s-Phx.
- 3/25-3/29/2015 AZ Bike Week. Will share booth with AIM rep – Steve Musgrave.
- 3/27 – 3/29/2015 Phx Bike Fest. Booth will be paid for by Ron Davis.
- 5/2/2015 MMA Verde Valley 20th annual Jester Run
- 5/16/2015 American Legion National Armed Forces Freedom Ride AZ (2 Gal Events assisting, Chester’s H-D sponsors)

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Topic: Motorcycle Day at the Dome
  - a. Discussion:  
Planning is on track. MK asked for outline of responsibilities for ABATE. The deadline for February Masterlink is 2/25/15 so that Vic has time to write an article regarding the event for the March issue of the Masterlink.

MK wanted to know who was taking pictures for the Masterlink at the event. Vic was asked to develop a list of those legislators who attend the event.

- b. Action: ongoing.
- c. Responsibility: Officers.

2. Topic: Membership Database

- a. Discussion: It has been 18 months since the project was started. The project to have the membership on the Cloud providing access to make changes to Chapter membership officers has not yet reached conclusion. The delay in completion of the project was discussed. An automated membership database is needed now. There is a need to seek a provider that can move the project along. The current efforts regarding development of web-based list will stop immediately. Service provided by Go Daddy will be investigated.
- b. Action: Larry will contact Go Daddy to ascertain cost for placing membership on a Cloud-based (or similar) website.
- c. Responsibility: Larry Keim, State Membership Officer

3. Topic: Run Coordinator Vacancy

Discussion: This position is still open.

Action: Ongoing

Responsibility: All Officers

4. Topic: TBFS 2015

Discussion: planning continues and is on track. Committee meets regularly.

Action: Ongoing

Responsibility: Mike

5. Topic: Online ABATE of Arizona Store

Discussion: Commissions for 2013 were minimal. A check was mailed to a past treasurer by Café Press, but was not cashed. A check will be re-issued and sent to the State Office. The link to Café Press on our website has been removed. Quotes for managing an online store are needed from Square Peg Promos and two others. A State Merchandise Coordinator is needed to manage the program; fill orders, maintain inventory, etc.

Action: MK will seek quotes. Mike will assist with coordination until a merchandise office is found.

Responsibility: Mike and MK

6. Topic: Intra-organizational communication

Discussion: Officer Contacts will be updated on website and in Masterlink. The communication e-list [abateofaz@googlegroups.com](mailto:abateofaz@googlegroups.com) also needs updating. All chapter secretaries have been asked to send updated information to the State Secretary. The list has been updated.

Action: Communication lists and contacts will be updated.

Responsibility: MK will contact web-master to make all necessary updates.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Topic: By-Law Update

Discussion: Matt Brown reviewed the By-Laws and found they are inconsistent and antiquate. He has made recommendations for change. The recommended changes will be reviewed by the rest of the officer group. Any agreed upon changes will be presented to the BOD at the next meeting.

Action: All Officers will review By-laws

Responsibility: All Officers.

2. Topic: Resignation of Designated Lobbyist

Discussion: ABATE must have a Designated Lobbyist. Notification should be made to the public. It is not necessary for the Lobbyist to be a member of ABATE, but it helps to be connected to the organization for awareness of mission and vision, as well as desires of the membership. The position continues to be an un-paid volunteer position.

Action: Vacancy notice will be placed in Masterlink.

Responsible: Jean

3. Topic: Open Officer Positions

Discussion: as mentioned earlier, Merchandise and Run/Events Coordinator positions need to be filled.

Action: none

4. Topic: Bikers Inside the Beltway

Discussion: there is no information regarding the event on the MRF website yet. MK voiced interest in attending the event in Washington, DC, especially since ABATE may not have found a Lobbyist by then. ABATE of AZ should have representation at the event.

Action: none

5. Topic: Attendance of other annual motorcycle conferences

Discussion: Meeting of the Minds and NCOM are available to ABATE members. Planning and budgeting is encouraged.

Action: ongoing

6. Topic: Arizona Rider Life

Discussion: AZ Rider Life produces maps of motorcycle rides throughout Arizona. The publication is seeking sponsors. Perhaps ABATE should consider sponsorship to increase exposure.

Action: Sponsorship will be investigated.

Responsible: Mike

**CRITICAL TIME FRAMES:**

**None in February and March**

**Next State Meeting: March 01, 2015 @ 10:30 AM at the ABATE State Office**

**Motion to adjourn: Jim 2<sup>nd</sup> Larry.**

**All in favor: yes X no     Time: 1:10 PM**

Respectfully Submitted,



Jean Cooper, Secretary



Mary K Donnay, President