

ABATE of Arizona
State Officers
Meeting Minutes
August 30, 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 – Jim Silk	Present
PAC – Lynda ‘Handi’ Barnett	Absent
Run Coordinator – OPEN	
Membership – Larry Keim	Present (on phone)
Merchandise – OPEN	
Safety Officer – Joel ‘JR’ Rosen	Present
Designated Lobbyist – OPEN	
Sergeant at Arms – Vic Grady	Present
Communications – OPEN	

Guests: Judy Brus, Leo Balthazor

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

Secretary minutes from July 12, 2015:

Motion to waive reading of Minutes: JR 2nd: Vic

All in favor: yes X no _____ Reading of the minutes waived; minutes accepted as written.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Treasurer – Jim Silk – Jim continues to transition with Matt. He is working with Chapter Treasurers to become up to date with monthly reporting. Annual budgets are due from Chapters soon. Jim transferred funds that have been held in PayPal account to State bank account.

Jim will provide July and August month-end reports (Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss sheet) and TBFS Income and Expenses reports to all officers.

Yavapai Chapter Treasurer has resigned. The position needs to be filled for the chapter to be valid.

Jim will send Budget forms to chapter treasurers, coy chapter coordinators and Mary K.

Chapter budgets for 2016 are due to Jim prior to October 4, 2015. The Budgets will be reviewed for approval at the State Officer meeting on that day.

Jim will transfer funds that equal greater than one-year operating expenses and chapter funds to the Capital One interest earning savings account.

PAC - Lynda 'Handi' Barnett – No report.

Membership –Larry Keim

Individual Members 614 # Business Members 86 (43Businesses)
Total Members 700
Renewals 22 Business Renewals 4 New Businesses 0 New Members 2

Membership process updated via phone discussion with Larry and Leo of KMH Kreations. KMH provides monthly membership report that shows the categories above. Larry receives an updated membership roster monthly, as well as access to review it as needed. Old membership rosters have been archived with ability for Larry to look back at any time. Chapter rosters are available to Chapter membership coordinators for view. The database continues in an Excel format. It is backed up regularly to Cloud-based storage, as well as hard drive. The information is secure and accessible to KMH employees and Larry. There is hack protection. Credit card information is not kept with membership roster; that information is only with PayPal. Credit card information is not seen outside of PayPal. Renewal notices have been sent, by KMH Kreations, to all 2013, 2014, and year-to-date 2015 expired members. There were 137 notices sent via email and 23 sent via US Mail.

The online store will have point of access to join or renew membership to ABATE. Again only PayPal will have credit card information. KMH will separate membership stuff from purchase of items on the store. Mike will process merchandise orders. Merchandise will be kept at the State Office.

Safety /MAP – JR– working on article for Masterlink. MAP classes starting up in the October.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Upcoming Events:

- 9/6 – Biker Mall Grand Opening – ABATE will have membership booth – all are invited.
- 9/26 - Phoenix/Shadow Mountain Chapter Moon Mullins Run
- 10/16-18 – Riot on the River – Winkelman Flats
- 11/8 – East Valley Chapter Hard Ass Run
- 1/16/2016 American Legion Post 2 Skin & Steel Show

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Topic: Review and revision of Bylaws and P&Ps
The Committee (Sean Pinder, Dawn Steed, and Jean Cooper) provided the Officers with documents containing proposed changes. The language has been updated and electronic communication have been included. Officers were asked review and provide editorial comments within the next two weeks (by 9/13) so edits can be

included in the documents to be presented to the Board of Directors in October and presentation to the membership for ratification in November.

2. Topic: Online Store

Inventory of Merchandise, along with photos, has been completed. Information has been send to KMH Kreations for building the store. State Membership Officer shall forward store merchandise orders to Mike to pull and ship. MK will advise KMH Kreations to reflect Shipping and Handling charge of \$5.95 per order.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Topic: Attendees to Meeting of the Minds in September

Jim will present the ABATE of AZ donation to MRF at the conference. He will take promotional items such as Masterlink copies, silent auction items: white bandanas, TBFS and State shirts and hats. At least 5 members of ABATE of AZ are planned to attend.

2. Topic: TBFS

Outcome report is nearly complete. Members of the TBFS Committee will conference with representatives of Mormon Lake Lodge to negotiate 2016 contract. 2Gals Promotions has been contracted to work with TBFS Committee. They provided outstanding marketing support to the event, as well as supported 50/50 sales and announcing during events. They will continue to grow their relationship with TBFS.

3. Topic: LIFETIME membership for Matt Brown

Motion was made by JR to present Matt Brown with a LIFETIME membership in appreciation of the work he had done as State Treasurer for many years and providing legal support as needed. Vic seconded the motion. 6 in favor, 1 abstained.

Discussion: Even though TBFS is a State event, Matt is an East Valley Chapter member. Perhaps, it should be East Valley that presents the membership to Matt. It was agreed that State will support the LIFETIME membership for Matt and pay up to \$100 for a plaque to be presented to him by East Valley Chapter.

Vote: 6 in favor, 1 abstained – Motion passed.

Responsible: Jim will make funds available, as well as communicate with officers of East Valley Chapter regarding the presentation. Mike will order the plaque

4. Topics: Annual ABATE member meeting/state officer elections

The event will be:

Sunday, November 8, 2015, 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Tumbleweed Inn Bar & Grill

3815 W. Frontier Street

Eloy, AZ 85131

520-466-9972 (Frank)

The reservation at the American Italian Club has been cancelled.

5. Topic: ALMAMC reported a posting on their Facebook page that was interpreted as negative and signed "ABATE member."

Discussion: Image of ABATE was discussed. The President is the only spokesperson to represent the organization. However, anyone can exercise freedom of speech without the appearance of speaking for the organization.

Action: MK will contact the individual and discuss the content of the posting and context of his message.

CRITICAL TIME FRAMES:

SEPTEMBER – MasterLink Managing Editor – Places Board Rep./State Officer Ballots, Notice of Election Rally, and Campaign Speeches in the OCTOBER issue, along with Ballot Rules.

SEPTEMBER - State President – Ensures that each chapter has received a useable / printable copy of the Ballot by October 1st.

OCTOBER – Annual Legislative Survey results are gathered by survey developers.

Next State Meeting: October 4, 2015 @ 10:30 AM

Motion to adjourn: _____ Jean _____ 2nd JR _____

All in favor: yes X no _____ Time: 12:45 AM

Respectfully Submitted,



Jean Cooper, Secretary



Mary K Donnay, President