



ABATE OF ARIZONA

American Brotherhood Aimed Towards Education of Arizona
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State Meeting Minutes

Date: 06 April 2024
Time: 11:00
Place: Zoom

Call to Order: 11:01

Pledge of Allegiance – 1st Mike Infanzon, 2nd Betsy Newkirk: MSC Waived

Mission Statement Read by Jim Butsback

Roll Taken

Attendance

President:	Jim Butsback	Present
Vice President	Paula Beall	Present
Secretary	Mark Krumrey	Present
Treasurer	Cliff Prentice	Present
Membership	Cynde Ayt	Present
Legislative Director	Michael Infanzon	Present
Sergeant at Arms	Gary Crawford	Present
Safety	Matthew Reemelin	Present
Political Action Coordinator (PAC)	Stacy Baldwin Montgomery	Resigned
Communications:	Judith Miller	Present
Chapter Merchandise	Damian Page	Resigned
Master Link	Betsy Newkirk	Present
BOD	Rick Ferguson	Present
State Runs and Events	Vacant	

Introduction of Guests & New Members:

Minutes No Change to March Minutes, thereby approved.

REPORTS

President: Jim Butsback:

Jim reported three resignations and one appointment:

1. Stacy Baldwin Montgomery, PAC: 2 Damian Page, Merchandise: 3 Barry Bell, Master Link due to health, Betsy Newkirk to fill position.
2. Jim will be absent for several days due to family loss.

Vice-President: Paula Beall

1. Discussed setting up a meeting with the New Winslow Police Chief to discuss TBFS
2. Working with Officials in Winslow, difficult due to making Winslow more than a tourist stop and coordinating TBFS..
3. EOM Coordination with Bohome(?) Setting up booth reaching out to Tri State, CA, NV, AZ to support TBFS.
4. Hogs in Heat weeklong rally in June, try to dovetail in with TBFS, would bring in Riders from Utah and Colorado.
 - a. Paula to send fliers to Betsy and everything.
 - b. Discussion Followed.
 - c. Mike mentioned CO recently passed Lane Filtering, using our language, to go into effect August.

Treasurer: Cliff Prentice

1. **Beginning Balance** \$75,173.71
 15 Deposits: \$1,031.69
 9 Check Withdrawals \$2,521.07
 EOM Balance: \$73,684.33

3. Discussed having Mark on Signature to make deposits to save Fees on accounts under \$2K.
 - a. Needs to show DD-214
4. Further discussed bank accounts and fees
5. Discussed having Coyote Pass, Mohave and East Valley put their prospective treasurers on their respective accounts.
 - a. Discussion followed regarding East Valley; Jesse (Stacy's brother resigned) Laura is new one.
 - b. Discussed times to get together to get to bank and get on account.
6. Jim announced receiving \$5K from Ron Kool, Southern AZ Chapter, former Membership Officer, several other positions, for ABATE AZ in appreciation for all that is done. Website is great.
7. Mike mentioned that there should be a category for the "Kooolest" bike at TBFS. Laughter ensued.

Membership: Cynde Ayd

1. According to membership system, total of 673 members: However, we have a total of 654 members, up 11 from last month, includes 185 life membership, 56 business memberships, 24 sustaining memberships, 15 club memberships, (3 clubs, 15 memberships) 374 single or joint memberships.
2. The system is still off, spreadsheets are correct.

3. Setting up booth at Hardyville tavern on Hancock Road in Bullhead city, no charge (Fri 26th Sat 27th) April.
4. Cliff suggested having a free ABATE membership at the time of purchase of new Harley.
 - a. Mike suggested all riders.
 - b. Jim had further ideas for implementation.
 - c. Gary discussed the cons of Free Membership mentioned getting HOG membership data from Dealers.
 - 1) Discussion Followed
 - 2) Betsy possibility of meet and get know each other.
 - 3) Mike mentioned how sport bike riders know about lane filtering and how ABATE worked to implement.
 - d. Rick mentioned Project 35, this would be perfect opportunity.
 - 1) Encouraged Leaders to bring to Chapters and explore opportunities.
 - 2) Spearhead and Implement
 - e. Mike is willing to create door hangars.
 - f. Jim mentioned AMSAF, Riding for The Long-Haul Event and Rid Now to speak to them about setting up a meeting and talk to them about it.
 - g. Mike further explored doing it ahead of time and announcing it at Riding for the Long Haul and press release it at the same time.
 - 1) Possibility of Ride Now becoming a business member
 - 2) Rick stated Ride Now is owned by Rumble on out of Texas.
 - a) Largest reseller of motorcycles in the country.
 - h. Mike is willing to explore with Rumble on with State Officers and explore possibilities going into Motorcycle Awareness month.
 - 1) Mike to start working on it this week. (8 April)
 - 2) Jim offered encouragement.

Legislative Director: Mike Infanzon

1. Referenced Summary he sent out.
 - a) Legislative wise, two bills that have been signed: nine bills that have failed: five bills that are being held right now: four bills in play including vehicle restrictions.
 - 1) Added an amendment for the cruising bill in "Cal" (barely passed Cal)
 - 2) Senator Bullock unaware they were going to add that in. Will do an additional Cal and strip language off. Will get passed, Governor office and proclamation on "Secure your Load Day".
 - b) Helmet bill, "Minors, Motorcycle Helmets and Citations" Only helmet bill ABATE will support.
 - 1) Changing bill Passenger under 18 not wearing helmet gets ticket.
 - 2) Rider and Pax not wearing helmets, Responsible person get tickets not wearing helmets.
 - 3) Red light runners with Tucson TV to address and reduce crashes.
 - 4) Motorcycle Day at the Dome:
 - a. NCOM contacted by Sam, spoke to Joey Lester and told them they don't provide insurance anymore.
 - b. Mike to contact Insurance Company to insure cost \$280.00.
 - c. NCOM wants our help but don't want to help ABATE. 2.
 - d. Mike pointed out that he is done with other organizations riding our coat tails, trying to get us to stuff for them and no reciprocity.
 - e. Rick showed video clip about Lane Splitting

- f. Mike related understanding with AMSAF and the Governor's office that ABATE would be at the table to help educate the community and how ABATE was left out of that.
- g. Mike has voiced his opinion about the disservice to ABATE that they did not have ABATE at the table to help educate the public.
- h. Other organizations have gotten the credit for lane filtering and have done more harm than good.
- i. Matt Reemelin asked how do we fix this?
- j. The video brought up why the bill was passed, the problem Law Tigers stating it's not a good bill. Further discussion followed.
- k. Mike further clarified his duties as a lobbyist and Legislative rep for ABATE.
- l. In agreement with Law Tigers that the state of AZ didn't do enough to educate. Discussed misuse of funds for Motorcycle Education and transferring \$150K from Motorcycle Safety fund to gang task force.
- m. Sam and Mike to work on report this week, (15-20 April)
- n. Mike further discussed the media becoming more friendly to motorcyclists.
- o. Mike summarized new directions for coordination with other motorcycle safety organizations.
- p. This topic to discussed at Motorcycle Day at the dome.
- q. Colorado passed Lane Filtering, goes into effect August.
- r. Motorcycle day at the Dome, need popups from chapters to set up booths.
- s. Paul from Spartan Riders passed away, May 4th Memorial at Glendale Clubhouse.
- t. Betsy and Mike working on a hard copy of Materlink.
 - 1) Discussed pros and cons of hard copy.
 - 2) Will have Hard Copy by TBFS

Arizona Bike PAC: No Report

Safety: Matthew Reemeling:

1. April is Distracted Driver Month
 - a. Stop Texting
2. May is Motorcycle Awareness Month
 - a. Share Power Point with Drivers
 - b. Send to Mike
 - c. Matt says it is on State Website
3. Encourage to use common Sense!
4. Jim mentioned ordering more Lane Filtering Cards Last order was 5K, same type.

Mike Mentioned that nothing on web site dealing with Lane Filtering.

 - a. Matthew sending it to every chapter, up on FB Page
 - b. Mike directed Matthew to email it to him and he would get it on the Web Page and to email it to Judy for further distribution.

Merchandise: Coordinator Needed

Runs & Events: Judy Miller TBFS.

1. Judy mentioned some whining on Face book about the location of TBFS in Winslow but has died down..
2. Discussion followed regarding opinions about location of TBFS.

Communications: Judith Miller

1. Judi summarized the ongoing maintenance on the emailer system:
 - a. Updates to addresses, committees, etc.
 - b. Removes members who haven't renewed for 90 days, and add new members etc.
 - c. There are now 438 active email addresses in the system.
 - d. Judy asked that officers refer questions, additions, deletions to her.
 - e. Other work continues per norm, posting business members' to Facebook Page, sanitizing email lists and monitoring the net making changes accordingly.
2. TBFS: Updated the TBFS FAQ's, Vendor and Sponsor Forms, other enhancements completed.
 - a. Requested build of the TBFS Store, passes, attendance passes, goal to have it up by mid-April'
 - b. Distributed TBFS Flier to membership via email.
3. Managing the TBFS FB Page.
 - a. Removing unwanted negative comments.
 - b. Thinking next year the FB page will be info only with editors only making posts to avoid negativity that could hurt attendance.

Master Link: Betsy Newkirk

1. Not new to the concept
2. Was able to get with Barry for some guidance.
3. Stated cooperation and coordination with contributors and officers is good.
4. Jim encouraged Chapters to promote the Master link.
 - a. Articles, photos, chapter activities, local events, identify people in photos.
5. Betsy gave examples of chapters posting events on Facebook but not Materlink, encourage Chapters and event coordinators to submit to Master Link.

BOD: Rick Ferguson:

1. Rick gave an update on the reinstatement process.
2. Rick Summarized Boss Advisors Work to Reinstate
 - a. Specialize in working with 501.C.4's.
3. Ensure processes are compliant with the State of Arizona.
4. Boss Advisors identified shortfalls, but also stated we are one of the better 501.C.4's that they have worked with.
 - a) Identified shortfalls but were positive about Policies and Procedures.
 - 1) Shortfalls in not reporting accurate Meeting Minutes.
 - 2) Quorum Attendance, need to know votes, who abstained, nays, etc.
 - 3) Chapter Secretaries to submit Chapter Minutes to State Secretary in a timely manner for further endorsement to web site.
 - 4) Were complementary on Policy and Precedent manual, & Education are compliant.
 - 5) Non-compliant in paying taxes.

- a) Made Definitions of who we aren't
 - 1) Required to pay state sales taxes
 - 2) Listed steps to Pay Sales tax
 - a) Apply for License could
 - b) Pay sales tax items
 - c) Administrative Fees are taxable (TBFS) (any run or event)
 - d) Looking into TBFS as a taxable event, we do have records for that, and will get back to us.
 - 1) Mike mentioned something to ask about the TPT, citing Tucson, Phoenix, having City Sales tax, etc., does each chapter have to get a business license in their domain?
 - 2) If we continue to sell at the chapter level, the answer is yes. Whereas if we role sales in an online store, it will just be Pheonix.
 - 3) Rich emphasized there are decisions to be made about our policies and procedures going forward.
 - 4) The question was raised about paying sales tax if chapter sells outside of geographic location.
 - 5) Recommended that through online store no, as long as sales are done electronically.
 - 6) The benefits are online store will provide documents for filings and submit filings, will be helpful for Treasurers. Discussion Followed.
8. Rick raised questions regarding compliance and noncompliance with state statutes.
- a) If we want to be in compliance with state statutes, we can no longer claim ignorance: because many 501.C.4's does not pay state sales tax. Because of the findings, we can no longer claim ignorance, whereas should we continue to operate from this point forward we can be required to pay state sales taxes and pay penalties.
 - b) Cliff voiced the importance of following the rules:
 - c) Discussion followed.
9. Jim Called for a vote: Mike Infanzon made Motion that Abate of Arizona, as a State Organization and all its subdivisions, comply with all state, federal and local laws, statutes and ordinances., Cynde Second. No further discussion.
- 1) Jim Called roll call vote:
 - 2) Jim Butsback Yes
 - 3) Paula Beal: Yes
 - 4) Cliff Prentice: Yes
 - 5) Cynde Ayd: Yes
 - 6) Matthew Reemeling: Yes
 - 7) Judi Miller: Yes
 - 8) Rick Ferguson: Yes
 - 9) Mark Krumrey: Yes
 - a. Nine Yes, -0- Nays, two not voting: Motion Carries.
10. Advisors state we don't have to start collecting sales tax immediately, two things we have to do.
- A. Set up systems which include: 1) applying for license, 2) setting up books properly; Mike willing to work with Cliff to set up books. *No time limit, but we need to show making progress moving forward.
11. Chapter Requirements: Coordinators, Secretaries and Treasurers are engaged and roll up accurate and timely reports.
- A Once we apply for the transaction privilege tax license could incur scrutiny from bureaucrat, highlighting need for accuracy.
 - B Boss advisors will assist, for a fee, help set up Quick Books, which is not a painful job for Cliff to account for sales.
 - C State Officers look seriously at setting up online store
 - D Give direction to the Chapters, sales of shotkeys at chapter level and account for sales accurately.
 - 1) Mike explained mechanics and benefits of online store as inventory, capturing sales tax etc.

- 2) Rick emphasized the work involved and take the time to get it set up properly and admonished at the state level to hold the chapters accountable to ensure this is done right going forward.
 - 3) Cliff working with Mike and Paula to help get set up.
 - 4) Cliff to present at the BOD meeting a strike date when we go live once it is set up.
 - 5) Cliff mentioned ideas as to how to link to website for sales through the store.
 - a) Discussion followed, further discussion at Board Meeting.
 - 6) Rick Mentioned Need for a MIA CULPA
 - a) Which incurs risk of State Collecting taxes from day 1
 - 7) Four Year Volunteer Disclosure
 - a) Report to the state, actual, tangible, verifiable sales.
 - 1) Importance to see if TBFS as an event is taxable.
 - b) Any chapter that has kept good records will have verifiable sales.
 - c) Chapters with poor record keeping will have no records.
 - 1) Avoid generalizing sales e.g., we sold approximately 20 T shirts at \$20.00 each.
 - d) Mike mentioned the benefit of doing this now we are under the four-year window of COVID. Rick thanked Mike and wrote that down.
 - e) Rick summarized the four-year window and tasked Cliff to create the documentation we need at the chapter level of verifiable sales, report and pay sales tax on that.
 - 1) Advisors stated once done, the state says, "Thank you very much" and move on.
 - a) State doesn't have to do an audit, go and sin no more philosophy.
 - b) Not violation to keep poor records, violation to not pay state sales tax.
12. Question to vote: Do we want to play "Catch us if you can"? or do the Voluntary four-year disclosure.?
- A. Cliff highly encouraged to go with four years disclosure, reasons stated above.
 - B. Jim clarified that those are the two options, four-year disclosure or "Catch us if You Can".
 - 1) Rick mentioned with 4 Year disclosure there are no back penalties to pay.
 - C. Matthew Reemeling made motion that "we do the four-year voluntary disclosure to the state for voluntary sales tax.". Mike Infanzon 2nd: No discussion, roll call vote:
 1. Jim Butsback: Aye
 2. Paula Beal: Aye
 3. Cliff Prentice: Aye
 4. Cynde Ayd: Aye
 5. Matt Reemeling: Aye
 6. Mike Infanzon: Aye
 7. Rick Ferguson: Aye
 8. Mark Krumrey: Aye
 - a) 8 Ayes, -0- Nays, 3 not voting. Motion Carried.
13. Rick needs approval from the State officers so that we can persist with Boss Advisors, Rick will be managing very closely as to time spent to get Cliff and Mike all the help they need. Rick also stated this is an opportunity to make more revenue and sales.
- A. Jim gave approval.
 - B. Matthew questioned will the online store proceed with what Damian Paige had set up?
 - 1) Mike stated that is a side issue; stated his idea is an online store with a physical presence as well. That's the way we need to do it.

New Business: Jim Butsback

1. Mary K. Donnay Tendered Resignation from Board Rep for the independent Chapter and By Laws committed effective immediately. She is retiring and wants to spend her time doing different stuff.

2. Jim Spoke with Mick Deegan roe., his Grant Writer has the information and looking into getting some grant money: Jim has her information and anyone wanting to contact her, contact Jim for her information.
 1. Jim said she is reasonable and good at what she does.
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 3. Riding for the Long Haul coming up on 27 April Marriott Phoenix/Chandler 1730-2130.
 - a. We will be getting a table as an organization, seats 8 people, need to know who is going.
 - 1) Cliff stated they won't do a debit card, so check or cash, Cliff will reimburse. for promotion materials distribution
 - b. We are committed and it's a sponsored table, we will be on the video board going on during the event.
 - 1) Jim stated cheaper to do an individual ticket than the table as they "Get you for the sponsor deal."
 - 2) Sit down dinner, fund raising, Hollywood themed Contest for Hollywood themed outfits, live and silent auctions.
 - a) Rick, Mike, Matthew, Cliff so far are going.
 - 3) Mike received Request from Rosie at Husband-and-Wife Law Firm., not getting table asked to sit with ABATE., by all means, will make room. Mike offered to pay for her ticket, to let him know.
 4. Jim received a check request from Joe Silk, East Valley Chapter for Bumper Stickers to give out at chapter events, bike night, meet and greet, MAP Class. Ordered before they got approval.
 - a. Damian and Joe were cautioned by Cliff of need for approval.
 - b. Stickers say ABATE of Arizona, not East Valley Chapter.
 - 1) Mike commented, State will approve, State will own.
 - 2) Cliff made suggestion that we can take it out of the merchandise budget and if Joe wants some of it, it can be taken out of his MAP Class Budget. MAP Class is state think. not chapter.
 - a) Mike emphasized we are a state organization, we do not self-brand anything without state approval.
 - 3) They ordered 5,000 bumper stickers; the bill is \$2450.00 less than .50 apiece.
 - 4) QR code links to State Web site.
 - c. **Cynde made a motion that:** We approve the bumper things with the understanding that it's state property, not chapter property. 2nd from Matthew Reemeling: Unanimous vote. Motion Carried. Cliff to pay for bumper stickers. Will have shipped to him, stored at Italian American Club
 5. Jim Changed the door locks due to stuff missing and too many keys.
 6. The meeting closed at 1250.
 - d. ACMC having a Christmas party on the 16th, Same date as Southern Arizona Chapter has its party. Looking for support from ABATE, pancake breakfast., Cliff said he would be going.

Next Meeting: May 4th, Star Wars Day, 2024

Date & Time: May 4, 1100

Where: ZOOM

Minutes taken by Mark Krumrey

Typed 04/09/2024.

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