



ABATE OF ARIZONA

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## State Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 13 July 2024  
**Time:** 11:00AM  
**Place:** Zoom

**Call to Order:** 11:02

Pledge of Allegiance –Motion to Waive, 1<sup>st</sup> Anissa, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cynde, MSC.

Roll Taken

### Attendance

President:	Jim Butsback	Present
Vice President	Paula Beall	Present
Secretary	Mark Krumrey	Absent
Treasurer	Cliff Prentice	Present
Membership	Cynde Aydt	Present
Legislative Director	Michael Infanzon	Present
Sergeant at Arms	Gary Crawford	Absent
Safety	Matthew Reemelin	Present
Political Action Coordinator (PAC)	Anissa Huntington	Present
Communications:	Vacant	Vacant
Chapter Merchandise	Vacant	Vacant
Master Link	Betsy Newkirk	Present
BOD	Rick Ferguson	Absent
State Runs and Events	Vacant	

**Introduction of Guests & New Members:** William Cleveland, Tucson and Southern Arizona

**Minutes** Mike made motion to approve June Minutes with changes per Michael Infanzon; Cynde 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, Motion carried.

## **REPORTS**

### **President: Jim Butsback:**

1. Reviewed TBFS, thanks for those in attendance.
2. Get recommendations to improve to staff.
3. Attendance was down, complaints of attendance down for many events.
4. Jim discussed being laid up due to insect bite.

### **Vice-President: Paula Beall**

1. No response from Sandra regarding TBFS, trying to get down as soon as possible.
2. Reviewed her upcoming activities, MOTM, wants to get fliers out by September.
3. Has Haley to help for TBFS, younger person, has a bike, and will be working as Coordinator
4. Wants to have a close out meeting in the next couple of weeks,
5. Jim to call Paula and try to get a hold of Sandra.
6. Promote TBFS
7. Got paperwork for Profiling incident report, to do follow up.

### **Treasurer: Cliff Prentice**

1. June 1 Beginning Balance	\$65,896.95
20 Deposits:	\$5,411.51
12 Withdrawals	\$6,405.27
EOM Balance:	\$64,903.19

1. Still working on TBFS data, needs to get with Joe to get forms and information from POD will have numbers for TBFS once he gets the information.
2. Jim to go to the bank on Monday to get things straightened out regarding signatures. Described the problems involved with getting signatures for Mohave and Coyote Pass.

### **Membership: Cynde Ayd**

1. Discussed differences between State Statistics and Spreadsheet statistics being off.
  - a. Cynde addressed state statistics: Active members, 118 Life, 56 Business, 24 Sustaining, 15 Club, 424 single or joint memberships. Total of 637 down 31 from last month
  - b. Cynde has noticed an increase in renewals as some of the chapters are working on retention. Mentioned High Country and East Valley.
  - c. New members coming in, issues with renewals, her colleague in Minnesota having the same issues.
  - d. Discussion followed.
2. Cynde noted that in the P&P membership prices were never updated. Stated issues with business memberships and prices, do we need to bring up the fee to \$200.00 for two business memberships.
  - a. Working unclear regarding more than one business memberships.
  - b. Mike explained how the two business memberships worked.
  - c. Jim and Cynde agreed to update the language for clarification.
3. Cynde stated she will be at the August meeting but due to travel to Minnesota, might not be at the September meeting, depending on what date it is scheduled.
4. Cliff mentioned benefit of Auto Renew,
5. Mike wanted to table the issue to bring Woodie into the loop as to how to do and set up Auto Renew.

6. Mike gave further examples of Auto Renew and benefits thereof.
7. Jim to contact Woody to see what we can do regarding auto renew.

### **Legislative Director: Mike Infanzon**

1. Sent out end of session summary, about thirty pages deep; attention was directed to page two, key outcomes, already receiving complaints about getting SB 1657 passed, the education for off highway vehicle users, about doing an on line ten question questionnaire, receiving complaints and feels he knows everything he needs to know.
2. Page 3, Legislative overview: each bill has an impact analysis, score card published, Senator Bolick high scorer, AZ Bike PAC Endorsed Senator Bolick, which is the first endorsement the Bike Pac has ever done.
  - a. Mike wanted to know where we are with the Tax Resolution on ABATE so we can get the Bike Pac transferred over to ABATE.
  - b. Cliff stated that Paula filed an extension through the non-profit that they technically identify us as a non-profit, the lawyer has not given anything to Rick. Technically we aren't approved yet though maybe we are approved but no documents have been forthcoming.
  - c. Mike stated that once that happens control of the PAC will be transferred over to ABATE, Annisa will be running that aspect of things and Cliff will be doing the money end of things. Mike will still be involved.
3. Page 26, Upcoming: Mike needs Policy Change suggestions by August 1<sup>st</sup>, so he can send out the surveys to get results by September to get to the board by October to work on agenda for next year.
  - a. Any suggestions by the next legislative session, ask membership and chapters and get to Mike by August 1<sup>st</sup>.
4. Mike summarized five areas he wants to focus on,
  - a. **Autonomous vehicle:** Mike related his position paper for ABATE on autonomous vehicles in 2017 and videos of AV going the wrong way.
  - b. **Infrastructure:** Need more aggressive pothole repairs, cited Tucson as being terrible
  - c. **Rider Education:** Mike cited fatalities are up 33%, 2023 being the highest year for fatalities for motorcyclists.
  - d. **Distracted Driving:** Up the penalties for distracted driving
  - e. **Off Highway Vehicles:** One of the reasons for tests and certificates is access to public lands. AZ is restricting the use of public lands to motorcycles, three wheelers, etc., without users knowing not to trash lands, AZ will restrict access.
5. Page 28 Recommendations:
  - a. 1. **Legislative Monitoring.**
  - b. We pay \$500.00 to MRF, which is still not fixed.
    - 1) In four years of paying, no monthly report was received from the MRF.
    - 2) Mike has spoken to MRF Reps in DC, who say it will get fixed, never happens,
    - 3) MRF Wants \$500.00 for the upcoming year.
  - c. 2. **Advocacy Campaigns:** As we have no platform, we pay the MRF to advocate. Mike sent two calls to action and none of them got sent out.
  - d. 3. **Public Relations Push/Social Media:** Emphasized need to put that out, Mike devised a plan; he further recommended that we have someone manage public relations/social media. Emphasized need for the role otherwise organization will die.

- e. Looking at number 8. **Local and State Focus:** National organizations do nothing for us.
  - 1) Mike gave example: 545 Congressional offices, Mike and Sam in DC hit almost 10% of them in three days. Gave further example of success with meeting of individual congressmen.
  - 2) Questioned why we pay for National MRO's and get nothing in return.
  - 3) Mike gave further examples of lack of support from NMRO's.
- 6. Mike referenced Paula's comment about Profiling, and has no problem filing a lawsuit against city, county etc., if there is evidence. Stated in ten years there has not been one shred of evidence of actual profiling in the state of Arizona.
- 7. Mike stated he received an invitation to the free enterprise club and was able to give a presentation about ABATE, Motorcycle Rights, etc.

### **Arizona Bike PAC: Anissa Huntington**

- 1. PAC Still on hold until we get status reinstated.

**Safety: Matthew Reemeling:** Was going to report on increase of motorcycle fatalities but Mike covered that in his report. Stay Hydrated when you get to ride.

- 1. Anissa and Mike mentioned the Lane Filtering Video on a commercial from the Governor's office regarding motorcycle safety featuring the Lane Filtering Video.
- 2. Cynde asked if the fatality rate was broken down by category of Motorcyclist, Mike said that it was,
  - a. Mike further explained that a motorcycle owner can get insurance without a motorcycle endorsement and that is where most of the single collision statistics are from.
  - b. Mike to email websites with statistical information to Matthew.

### **Merchandise: Vacant**

### **Runs & Events: Vacant**

### **Communications: Vacant**

### **Master Link: Betsy Newkirk**

- 1. Wants to add columns for business members etc.
- 2. Advertising rates for ads larger than a business card.
  - a. Jim mentioned it's in the P&P's.
  - b. Judy said she will look in the P&P's and get back with Betsy.
  - c. Betsy to send email to Chapter Coordinators
  - d. As Editor, she has latitude as to the layout of the Master Link.

### **BOD: Rick Ferguson: No Report**

### **Old Business: Jim Butsback:**

- 1. Jim mentioned Mark's comment about getting the minutes to the State Secretary in a timely manner.
- 2. Mark's response is "no it hasn't."

### **New Business: Jim Butsback**

- a. Matthew made comments of appreciation for Mike's work with ABATE and mentioned his impressive BIO.
- b. Others chimed in with words of appreciation as well.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Cynde 1<sup>st</sup>.Anissa 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion carried to adjourn at 12:05PM.

**Next Meeting:** August 3rd, 2024

**Date & Time:** August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1100.

**Where:** ZOOM

Minutes taken from recorded Zoom meeting by Mark Krumrey  
Typed 07/14/2024.

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