



ABATE OF ARIZONA

American Brotherhood Aimed Towards Education of Arizona
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State Meeting Minutes

Date: 07 September 2024
Time: 11:00AM
Place: Zoom

Call to Order: 11:02

Pledge of Allegiance –Motion to Waive, 1st Mike Infanzon, 2nd Betsy Newkirk, MSC.

Roll Taken

Attendance

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

Introduction of Guests & New Members:

Minutes: August Minutes are accepted as they are. (No motion to approve).

REPORTS

President: Jim Butsback:

1. Summarized Motorcycle safety meeting in Tucson, Joe Silk was present, will wait to see what the results and outcome of meeting were
2. Jim continues to work with AMERICAN INCOME LIFE (AIL) Rep Ken Jacobs and summarized results of Mark Harters Passing:
 - a) Working with Details for Beneficiaries (Policies through ABATE and MRF)
 - b) Joe Silk stated that Melissa and Richard Sedate (SP?) are AIL Reps in East Valley and are willing to offer assistance

Vice-President: Paula Beall

1. Paula has registered for the MRF Meeting of the Minds and is looking forward to attending.
2. Reviewed her discussion with Mike regarding getting motorcycle awareness/sponsor on the driving test.
 - a) Mike will address
3. Discussed right to repair act in conversations with fellow motorcycle enthusiasts.

Treasurer: Cliff Prentice

1. Cliff presented the new treasurer's report, focusing on the state account. The report showed a starting balance of \$71,910.23, and an ending balance of \$69,767.70, with eleven deposits of \$888.34, and eight withdrawals of \$3031.50.
 - 1) Rick noted a deposit of \$1600.00 made for the November members' meeting.
 - 2) Cliff expressed the need to consult with the chapter treasurers for a more detailed description of transactions for the quick books.
2. Cliff Clarified for Jim that the withdrawals were for recurring bills, etc.

Membership: Cynde Ayd

1. Cynde presented the membership report, noting a decrease in total membership by 14 since the previous month. Jim offered to assist Cynde with any outdated officer information for the chapters.
 - a) Will send out corrected report after meeting
 - b) Summarized categories of membership and totals: 187 Life Members; 50 Business Members; 22 Sustaining Members; 10 Club Members; 333 joint and single memberships, 19 Chapter Memberships summarizing totals for a total of 602.
 - c) Cynde went into detail stating Yavapai has four officer members that have been expired for a couple of months,
 - 1) Jim asked for a list of expired officers for his follow up
 - d) Cynde stated that the difference between her spread sheet and the list is one.
2. Question was raised about member wanting a life membership but to remain anonymous.
 - a) Cynde explained process to Jim how anonymous members are listed
3. Cynde, Jim, Betsy, and Michael discussed issues related to membership, specifically regarding the management of life memberships and the confusion caused by multiple memberships.
 - a) Cynde agreed to send Betsy the master link copy of the life memberships and to change the record to avoid repetitive work.
 - b) Michael emphasized the need to streamline the membership process to avoid confusion and suggested bringing ideas to the table in the next meeting

Legislative Director: Mike Infanzon

1. Michael reported on the results of a recent motorcyclist survey, which indicated a high level of support for various policy areas and a low level of membership in motorcycle rights organizations.
 - a) Results of Motorcycle Survey will help with legislative topics for next session.
 - b) Mike went on to further summarize respondents answers and data.
 - c) Mike further stated he has the data and once survey is complete will follow up with respondents who answered “no” to membership in an MRO.
 - d) Categorically doing a good job on beating back mandatory helmet legislation.
2. He shared plans to follow up with non-members and to focus on expanding the Map program in Arizona schools with Joe and Jim to expand and train more trainers.
3. He also mentioned ongoing efforts to include motorcycle awareness in the driver's education curriculum and to raise the motorcycle fee to support more safety initiatives on and off the road.
4. Jim expressed support for these initiatives
5. Mike stated that the new Drivers Handbook has two full pages on Motorcycles and Motorcycle awareness.
 - a) They do not have anything on the drivers test
 - b) Mike explained making changes on the drivers test have to through ADOT.
 - c) Mike explained that it is not hard to do and that efforts have been ongoing and following step by step processes to get it on the drivers test.
 - d) Road repair and maintenance
 - e) Motorcycle awareness and advocacy
6. Jim and Betsy discussed an outdated law regarding motorcycle handlebar height, which Betsy had found in a driver booklet. Michael agreed to discuss this with ADOT.
7. Jim then proposed the idea of running a coloring contest for children, with the winner receiving savings bonds, as a way to raise awareness at a grassroots level.
 - a) Paula agreed to discuss this further with Crazy Ray, a contact in Bullhead who had previously helped with a similar initiative.

Arizona Bike PAC: Anissa Huntington

1. No Report

Safety: Matthew Reemeling: No Report

1. As Matthew was not in attendance, Jim shared safety tips for riding in the rain, check tires and other items for safety; seek shelter during rain
2. Referred to Project 35 and to and encouraged the team to think about ways to bring more and younger members into the community.

Merchandise: Vacant

Communications: Joe Silk

1. Joe discussed his ongoing work with Judy to transfer the email system and addressed issues with a Facebook page.
 - a) He expressed frustration about not receiving a response from Facebook regarding the page's administration, and as a result, considered creating a new page.

- b) Michael suggested mitigating the issue instead of creating a new page.
 - 1) Discussion followed.
 - 2) Mike suggested Joe Contact him for further assistance.
- 2. Joe sent state email reminding all of the date for the state meeting in November
- 3. Joe encouraged forwarding survey to riding groups.
- 4. Jim expressed thanks to Joe for his ongoing efforts with FB and work as Communications officer.

Master Link: Betsy Newkirk

- 1. Betsy Continues to send out Requests For Information (RFI's) for articles in the Master Link, (ML)
 - a) Summarizes activities but needs content
 - b) Advised not to publish ballot as not an election year
- 2. Cynde to coordinate with Rick for details on State Meeting for October ML
- 3. Betsy and Michael discussed the formatting and content of the ML, with Michael expressing difficulty in reformatting it for express purpose of printing a hard copy. They agreed to address this issue later.
- 4. Kudos and accolades showered on Betsy for her continuing work with the ML and it's new updated appearance.

BOD: Rick Ferguson:

- 1. Rick reported on the upcoming member meeting set for November 16th, with a social hour for members and business members with a small fee for attendance.
 - a) The meeting will be held at the Double Tree in Phoenix. Cynde asked about the location, and Rick confirmed the venue.
 - b) Michael was also set to discuss passed and upcoming legislation.
 - c) Senator Bollick is willing to give a short presentation on past and upcoming legislation.
 - d) Rick restated and confirmed the date as November 16th, after the general elections.
 - 1) Mike stated same date as AMSAF Ride On the River:
 - a) Discussion followed.
 - e) Rick closed stating next board meeting in October.
 - f) Paula asked about room availability, Rick advised that there is a link on the email and that rooms are set aside.
 - 1) Discussion followed as to the notice that Joe Silk sent out on August 25th through the state email system, and if it was received.

Runs Events: Jim Butsback

- 1. TBFS: Cynde shared ideas from an event she attended in Minnesota, including a registration process and three different nights of music, each night a specific genre.
 - a) There was also a discussion about a potential issue with booking at Mormon Lake
 - 1) Mormon Lake will book CMA events but won't talk to ABATE
 - 2) Jim to further inquire,
 - 3) Joe to have Andy of Motorcycle and Coffee inquire on ABATE behalf.

New Business: Jim Butsback

- 1. Cliff proposed a change in office location, suggesting a move to Mike's office at the end of the year.
 - a) Cliff also suggested liquidating some of the current office equipment and merchandise.
 - b) Cliff filed change of address for mail to go to Mikes office.
 - 1) Cliff is attending various meetings to sell merchandise

2. Mark reported that he had not received minutes from several chapters and agreed to provide Jim with a list of chapter coordinators to ensure minutes are being recorded.
3. Next meeting to be held via Zoom on October 5th.

Motion to Adjourn: Cynde 1st, Betsy 2nd Motion carried to adjourn at 12:03 (1203) PM.

Next Meeting: 05 October 2024

Date & Time: 05 October 2024 1100.

Where: ZOOM

Minutes taken from recorded Zoom meeting by Mark Krumrey
Typed 09/11/2024.

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