

A.B.A.T.E. Of North Idaho, Inc., Board of Directors Meeting

July 9, 2006

Meeting was hosted by the Clearwater Chapter at the Mark IV Motor Inn, Sandpiper Grill in Moscow, Idaho. Began at 12:27pm. Attendance: 3 State Officers, 12 Chapter Board members & 23 members and guests.

Minutes of the April 2006 BOD meeting read and accepted.

Treasury report of Bank balances given.

Officer Reports:

Coordinator- Did not turn in written report. When received, will be added to the website.

Deputy Coordinator-Tim sent in report that he has been invited by NCOM to serve on their Legislative Task Force.

Secretary- No report.

Treasurer-Karen explained the differences of Non-profit groups and why donations to ANI are not tax-deductible. Noted that the cost of the state patches has increased. Working on guidelines for all Chapter business accounts.

Membership Secretary-Pauline gave total membership count. Asked Chapters to use the membership form and that she is unable to add members until the original signed application is received.

Ambassador-At-Large-Not present.

Webmaster-Thanked chapters that have turned in event approval forms. With elections coming soon, it was suggested that nominees' statement of qualifications be posted on the website. The St. Jude Children's Research Hospital contacted the Webmaster and asked if we would consider a charity ride to help support the hospital.

CHAPTER REPORTS:

Clearwater-44 members. Held first annual Awareness Run in Lewiston. 26 Bikes showed up. With donations raised by the chapter, they were able to give the Nicholas Ashby fund well over \$1,100.00. Happy to report his disease is

in remission. The Chapter Birthday Run is July 14-16.

Hells Canyon-70 members. Sponsoring a "Men's Night Out" ride July 14-15 ending up at the Clearwater Birthday run.

Hoodoo-69 members. MIA/POW ride was success, raised \$720 for Veterans Assistance Program. Mikkibeth volunteered to be the Safety & Education officer for the chapter. The Fat Bastards campout is the weekend of August 19th at One Eye's Landing.

Kootenai- 46 members. Already have \$900. towards this year's Toy Run. Good turn out from Kootenai members at Spring Opener and have having great chapter meeting participation.

River City- 25 members. May 13th Awareness run was success. Made personal contact with driving public. AMA field rep, Tom McLaughlin, was able to spend the day speaking to riders and drivers about the AMA. Special thank you to the Spokane Chapter for their participation and support of this run. The MAP classes continue and we are working with a local school district to expand soon. The Chapter continues to remain in contact with local legislators as there is a general election this fall.

St. Joe River Riders-64 members. Raising funds for Mopar memory patches. Over 200 bikes showed up for Mopar's memorial. Asking all Chapters to furnish plaques for past deceased members. Next year's Memory ride

next year will be at a different time and will go to Bailey's Bar.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Newsletter- It was asked if there is a set time period when the newsletter is sent out. Only a few people work on it and work with what they have. Suggested all Chapters are contacted when ready to send a newsletter out. There is a standing invitation to submit information to the PO Box and via email. Please note it: "attn: newsletter". Joel claimed he has sent MRF information in, but it has not appeared in the newsletter. Moose read a letter from Miss Kris asking she be appointed the newsletter editor again along with several requests. It was suggested that a committee be formed to discuss her requests. It was motioned that this letter goes before the Board to review, each given a copy and deal with the stipulations given in it. Willie moved to table previously submitted motion indefinitely, 2nd by Greg, unanimous. It was at this point that Mary Becker volunteered to be the newsletter editor. She confirmed with the state that all supplies and expenses are pre-approved.

Legislative- Greg reminded us that the Stoplight Bill 1367 was effective July 1st. Gave a recap of the text of the Bill. Joel reported that the MRF continues to work on the Right to Repair ACT.

Financial/Budget- Two letters have been sent to the Chapters asking for ideas and concerns regarding the budget. The committee is looking forward to receive written responses from all Chapters with thoughts and ideas for specific budget items. Also needed is the Chapters to discuss the CPA's *Statement of Policies and Procedures for all chapters of ANI* and either accept or not these guidelines. A budget needs to be submitted that is reasonable, prudent and

fiscally responsible, closely reflects our priorities and values according to our State By-laws and Articles of Incorporation and is based on simple yet sound business norms and practices. The budget process is slow but necessary. With everyone's help progress will continue. Copies of the 2004 & 2005 Income & Expense reports will be sent to all Chapters.

By-Laws- There are no written proposals to be considered. A copy of the guideline to submit a by-law proposal or revision is available to all Chapters. Chapter by-law changes shall also be submitted to the State BOD for review so as not to conflict with State By-laws.

Safety/Ed- 1,000 Share the Road stickers were purchased. Each Chapter was given 100 each. Of the 400 left it is hoped to use these in our MAP classes. Some Chapters claimed they did not receive their stickers. It is encouraging to report that there are now some Chapters holding awareness events of different types. One year ago our organization made a commitment to motorcycle safety & awareness by agreeing that "*we accept, as an organization, a goal for the coming year that each chapter begin an ongoing Motorcycle Awareness Program (MAP) class in a local high school in their area*". Are we achieving this goal? Are we living up to our motto?:

DEDICATED TO EDUCATION, AWARENESS AND FREEDOM OF THE ROAD.

Ernie noted there have been lots of accidents lately. There is a list of rider versus car caused. It is about 2 to 1 rider caused. Willie suggested that ANI give a \$50. reimbursement to any member that takes a rider education course. Something to work on later and show we are interested in rider education also.

Awareness Rally- Norman reported 155 bikes. Would like to set aside Share the Road stickers to hand out to everyone next year. The changes worked out well this year and Norman hopes we can do it the same way next. Offered to continue as chairman of the rally. It was **MOTIONED AND PASSED** to order 2,000 Share the Road stickers in order to have them for next year.

Spring Opener- Ernie gave a special thanks to everyone who gave their time and worked hard on this year's Spring Opener. Attendance was 445 with 20 vendors. 46 Comp passes were turned in. Had a dozen RV's over 40 feet show up. The new signs were great thanks to Beth Miller. Ernie has asked for ideas for next year's event. Pauline spoke of her adventure going to the Spring Opener. It will be posted on the ANI website.

OLD BUSINESS: Much discussion on travel expenses and clarification of Motion passed at the April BOD meeting. Some do not see a need to put a cap on expenses. We know the seminars are coming up so we should be able to plan ahead. A couple years ago caps were set, but they were blown. What about an individual cap? All should get reservations made early to cut costs. It was noted that if all 6 Chapters send a member to 6 seminars per year at an average of \$500 each it would cost \$18,000.00. It should be clearer on how to pay for seminars. Discussed credit card options and the "electronic check" method when making reservations. Both options violate the 2 signature rule. Debbie Harper amended her April **MOTION:** *"We approve expenditures of an ANI designated national MRO representative (AMA, MRF, NCOM) or alternate to attend 2 of their national MRO's annual functions, workshops or seminars with at least 2 months in advance notice to the State Treasurer – who will then complete the necessary*

arrangements to procure the plane, or other travel, hotel reservations, event reservations with no cap for the event. And if the national MRO should pay the expenses for their designated representative to attend the function, the expense of the accompanying alternate would then be paid for by ANI.
PASSED.

NEW BUSINESS: Willie asked that we use the Roll Call Vote method when motions are made. A "Motion Sheet" form for State and Chapter secretaries to use for split consensus and policy motions was turned into the State Secretary.

The NCOM Legislative Task Force nomination of Tim Herzog as appointee letter was entered into record.

State Officer qualifications and requirements were read from the State By-laws. Nominations are as follows:
Coordinator: Moose Wittrock - Tim Herzog - Pauline Durst(declined)
Deputy Coordinator: Chuck Gilmore – Tim Herzog – Russ Haux(declined)
Secretary: Mikkibeth Garcia – Karen Hunley
Treasurer: Debbie Harper – Karen Hunley
Membership Secretary: Pauline Durst – unopposed, seated at this meeting, unanimous.
Ambassador-At-Large: Robert Beshey – Russ Haux – Joel Arnoldi(declined)
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Kirk(declined) – Mike Zangar(declined)

State Meeting dates set for coming year:
October 1, 2006
January 7, 2007
April 1, 2007
July 1, 2007

Expenses requested in writing from State:

Joel Arnoldi requested \$610.00, Airfare and Lodging for Meeting of the Minds, check #1726 given to him at meeting. Clearwater Chapter requested \$500.00 for porta-potty expense at Friendship Run, check #1727 give to Chuck Gilmore at meeting. Clearwater Chapter told us about the Pierce Mountain GEM Community Team Project to raise money for new

Meeting adjourned at 6:25pm.

bleachers at the baseball field. You can adopt a plank for \$50.00. It was MOTIONED and PASSED the State adopt a plank for \$50.00. **OPEN FORUM:** Greg Raschke spoke on the importance of working together and to remember why ABATE exists and what it stands for. Three members read letters of complaint against other members.