

ABATE of North Idaho
Clearwater Chapter
Special Meeting Minutes

November 11, 2007

Chapter Coordinator Bud Wilson called the meeting to order at 1:07 pm. The meeting was held at Bud and Lindsay's house.

There were 5 Officers, 10 members, and 2 guests present at the meeting.

Coordinator Bud Wilson announced that this special meeting was taking place to discuss the changes that the Clearwater Chapter would like to see done to the State By-Laws and to Chapter By-Laws.

The Chapter members first addressed Chapter By-Law Article 5 Section 6, which states: *Due to conflict of interest, no member who is an active member of a motorcycle club may hold an officer position.* The members agreed that we would like to see the By-Law reworded to state; any active members belonging to another motorcycle club or organization may hold a chapter office position as long as a conflict of interest does not become apparent. When a conflict of interest becomes apparent, (that an appointed committee has agreed on) the officer will be asked to step down from the elected position.

After a discussion it was agreed that this was the only chapter by-law that was at issue at this time, and we turned our focus on the state by-laws.

Discussions were held on the following:

Article 9 Section 3 which states; *All checks, drafts, or other orders for payment of money, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the Corporation, must be signed by two officers, one of which is the State Treasurer, the other may be the State Coordinator or Deputy State Coordinator. All accounts shall be in the name of ABATE of North Idaho, Inc.*

The chapter would like to see the following added to this section; Debit cards may be used provided the State BOD approves the usage of the card prior to the actual transaction.

Article 3 Section 2.6 which states; *Two-thirds (2/3) of the membership of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. A simple majority shall constitute approval or routine business not otherwise in conflict with these bylaws.* The chapter would like to see the wording changed to; a simple majority (50% + 1 of members with the voting rights) of representatives present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. A simple majority shall constitute approval or routine business not otherwise in conflict with these bylaws.

Article 3 Section 2.7 which states; *The State Coordinator, Deputy State Coordinator, State Secretary, State Treasurer, State Membership Secretary, State Ambassador-at-Large, and each Chapter Representatives shall have voting powers at all Board of Director meetings. Vote by proxy will not be recognized.* The Chapter would like the article to read; The State Coordinator, Deputy State Coordinator, State Secretary, State Treasurer, State Membership Secretary, State Ambassador-at-Large, and each

Chapter Representatives shall have voting powers at all Board of Director meetings. Vote by proxy will be recognized with a properly written authorization statement.

Article 3 Section 2.5 which states; *Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be open to all members. Participation by persons other than Directors shall be at the discretion of the Board of Directors.* The Chapter would like to see the article read; Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be open to all members. Participation by persons other than Directors shall be at the discretion of the Board of Directors. If both of a chapter's Representatives fail to attend two consecutive meetings one of the following actions should take place: the chapter that has committed the offense will lose voting privileges until next elections or the chapter may choose to change the elected officers who have committed the offense and continue to carry their voting rights.

A discussion on all of the issues that were previously mentioned took place the wording was discussed and it was agreed that these were the most important issues the members needed to discuss at this time.

Dee motioned that the meeting come to an end, James seconded the motion a vote was taken and the meeting came to an end at 2:30 pm.