

*A.B.A.T.E. Of North Idaho, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting
April 10th, 2005*

Meeting was hosted by the Kootenai Chapter at the Ironhorse Restaurant and began at 12:35pm.

Present were 4 State Officers, 8 Board Members and 3 guests. The next State Board of Directors meeting will be hosted by the Clearwater Chapter on July 10th, starting at noon at the Community Center in Orofino.

The minutes of the January 8, 2005 meeting were read and accepted.

Officer Reports:

Coordinator- Moose thanked everyone for their hard work so far this year. Try to inspire everyone to get involved and help and to "RISE" to the occasion. Reminded us that everyone is a volunteer and to respect others.

Deputy Coordinator- Rod mentioned that Spring Opener is getting closer and help out where you can.

Secretary-Karen thanked the Chapters for continuing to send in minutes every month for the State records.

Treasurer-First quarter checking balance \$*,*91.48, Savings balance \$**4.23. Total in Bank is \$*95.71.

Membership Secretary-Pauline discussed new guidelines for keeping track of the membership.

Discussed importance of why ALL paid members receive a newsletter. Set grace period of renewals to 90 days, (by Spring Opener) otherwise will be dropped from membership list and newsletter. If renew later, can retain original membership number but would have to purchase another state patch if they want one. Since renewal time is in March, those who join in Dec., Jan. & Feb. would get these months for free. No pro-rating if you join after March or before December.

Ambassador-At-Large-Joel pleaded with everyone to Ride Safe!

Webmaster- Willie read report that the website is back up. The old site is being updated and we will need everyone's help to keep it so. Key issues: 1. Someone responsible from each chapter to forward information, updates, events, etc. 2. Policy not to publish any financial details on the website. 3. Do we wish to include phone numbers of officers and committee chairs on the website? It was agreed that officers and committee chairs should be available or provide an email address. 4. All officers should be knowledgeable, have daily access to a computer and their email account and be willing to accept the responsibility of answering and relaying information as needed. Email can be a Very effective tool as experienced recently with the STAR Program legislation. Full Report is attached to this State Record.

CHAPTER REPORTS:

Clearwater- Have 67 members and raised \$450.00 to help local child. Chapter had their Hwy clean-up in March.

Hoodoo-Have 128 members. The Hwy clean-up was with Kootenai chapter on April 9th.

The 10th annual membership drive and run is April 16th, entering the Chili Cook-off April 17th and the America Kid's Run is April 23rd.

Kootenai- Have 46 members. Chapter supplied the food (spaghetti feed) this year for the joint Hwy clean-up. Chapter

Poker run is May 17th, starts at Lawrence's at 10 am. Had good chapter response to support SB1179 to help fund the STAR program. Ron Shepard came to the March chapter meeting to talk about the need to continue the STAR program in Idaho.

St. Joe-Have 30 members. Recently approved & ordered chapter patches, "River Riders". A chapter medical box has been made up, they are having first aid and CPR classes. The Hwy clean-up will be April 30th. Les gave a rundown on what the Chapter has volunteered to do at the Spring Opener.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Newsletter- Discussed keeping the newsletter bi-monthly. We may need a State By-law change to do so. Everyone was reminded that this is the members' newsletter and to please get the word out to send in or email articles. We also need paying advertisers.

Legislative- Senate Bill 1179 was passed and signed by the Governor. A copy of the letter of support on behalf of ABATE of North Idaho sent to ICMS was read. Starting in July, motorcycle registration will increase to \$15.00. The additional funds will help support the STAR training program in Idaho. MSF is still attacking the Idaho STAR program but Idaho will not accept the "dummy downed" version of the training program. The MSF letter and responses to it can be viewed at: MRF.org. We also have a copy of the April 1, 2005 letter from Tom Buche of MSF to Ron Shepard of the Idaho STAR program and the responses to it in the State records.

Moose handed the State Secretary copies of a couple of past lobbying letters that were missing from the state records.

Financial/Budget- With Debbie Harper's help we purchased Quickbooks Basic 2005 and entered most financial data from 2004 and 2005 to date. Still missing are some Chapter records and asset inventory reports. Formal request is for: All chapters' 2004 bank statements, receipts & deposits in addition to their quarterly reports. Can keep copies, but originals must be sent to the state to compile the data. All of this financial information is needed BEFORE MAY 15th, 2005. We need to complete the 2004 data to turn over to the CPA for review. A full report is attached to this state record. Also unable to do 2005 budget without all data.

By-Laws- None have been submitted. Any proposal or revision must be submitted in writing before the July State BOD meeting.

Safety/Ed-The Post Falls Greyhound Park is temporarily secured as a 2005 site for STAR. The instructor has 11 new bikes. The Awareness program has a draft of a brochure introducing our Motorcycle Awareness Program (MAP) to area driver's education instructors. Copies will be reviewed by state and chapters. Suggestions and ideas are welcome. Still needed is info from all the chapters involved in this program. A full report is attached to this state record.

Awareness Rally-The parade permits were paid last September for this year. Karen Bolin of MRF will attend and speak at the rally. Joel will try to get Shawn Keogh to also attend.

Spring Opener-Everything is mostly ready. St. Joe Chapter volunteered to make poster boards announcing the time of activities. There will be 2 members and 1 state officer at the front gate at all times. Chapters will have sign-up sheets for the security shifts. Check out the website of the new venue at *countrylaneresort.com*.

Friendship Run-Clearwater chapter is planning, discussion tabled for July state BOD meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

AMA- Charter was renewed. Sanction request for Spring Opener was sent to AMA. If approved (sanctioned) AMA will bill us for the Liability Insurance coverage for 2 days. Discussed necessity of the Chapters having insurance coverage and if the State should pay for Chapter events coverage or the Chapters pay their own. There is a separate Sanction fee and an Insurance coverage premium. No decision made, but is something we need to continue to consider.

Trailer-Status of old trailer; was sold, but buyer decided against it. Decided to move old trailer to Tom Taylor's house and make into a flatbed for ABATE use. The current inventory is still in the trailer. Along that same note, we need a QuarterMaster. Rod Haux generously volunteered!

NEW BUSINESS:

We need a State Products Chairman. Suggestion has been made that the Hoodoo Chapter takes over the State products for resale to the members.

Other chapters are buying and selling products themselves. This idea was kicked around a bit with no decision made yet.

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attendance was seriously discussed. The members who go and represent ABATE will report back with full written reports and all information gathered at these seminars. There is disappointingly little in the state records to show for the thousands of dollars spent by ABATE of North Idaho in recent years to send representatives to such seminars and workshops.

We talked about the respect and attitude members who attend should have when representing ABATE of North Idaho at ANY such event. Everyone who goes shall pay his or her own way up front. They will then get reimbursed ONLY upon returning with the information learned, all handouts and documents, full written reports, including an expense report, and receipts of expenses. Expenses are "Business Standard" costs: lodging, gas, meals (reasonable expenses, no booze). All reports and documents will be submitted to state to be included in state files.

Next State Board of Directors meeting will be held July 10th in Orofino at the Community Center starting promptly at Noon.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.