

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

Meeting was hosted by the Clearwater Chapter at the Community Center in Orofino, Idaho. We began at 12:10pm. There were 5 State Officers, 8 Board members and 11 members and guests signed in. The next State Board of Directors meeting will be hosted by the Hoodoo Chapter, October 9th in Moscow starting at Noon at the Mark IV Restaurant which will be changing it's name to Sandpiper Grill by October.

The minutes of April 10, 2005 State BOD meeting were read and accepted. Treasury: Members only may contact the State Treasurer for Banking information, otherwise our Bank balances shall remain confidential outside the membership.

First order of business: Peggy Morris from Country Lane Resort attended the meeting to thank ABATE of North Idaho for "putting her on the map" with our Spring Opener this year. She said everything was left in good shape. She noted several improvements she wants to make in order to have us back in 2006. Details will be discussed at the Spring Opener committee meetings.

Officer Reports:

Coordinator- Moose said he appreciated everyone's hard work this year. Let's work to ensure our BOD meetings start on time and we stick to our agenda. Chapter and committee reports should be written and turned in to the State Secretary. We will discuss goals for ABATE of North Idaho later.

Deputy Coordinator: Rod thanked everyone who helped at this year's Spring Opener. He thanked Joel Arnoldi for attending the Best of the West in Boise, but was disappointed at the ABATE of North Idaho turnout.

State Secretary: Karen reminded all chapters and committees to bring written reports to the BOD meetings. Monthly Chapter meeting minutes need to be

emailed to secretary@abateofnorthidaho.org. If you want them on our website please cc them to webmasters@abateofnorthidaho.org. Chapter information & forms packets were given to each Chapter.

State Treasurer: Profit & Loss statements for 2004 and year to date, June 30, 2005 are completed. Copies to chapters. A new easy Income & Expense form for the chapter treasurers to use has been revised to turn fill out and turn in to the state treasurer Monthly. It can be done by hand or on Excel and emailed to treasurer@abateofnorthidaho.org. The format corresponds with our Quickbooks program.

State Membership Secretary: Pauline has prepared a master list for the chapter membership secretaries and the webmaster. Please check the information on it and get any corrections to her.

State Ambassador-At-Large: Joel attended the Best of the West seminars in Boise and signed up some MRF BOD members as new ABATE of North Idaho members. Way to go Joel!

Webmaster: Willie read that work is continuing to add more safety/education and legislative information to the site as well as making the site more user-friendly. You can also download and print membership applications, State By-laws and the Articles of Incorporation. As meeting minutes are made available

they will be posted on the website in .pdf (portable document format). If members are interested, it has been suggested to do a "In Memory of..." page to recognize past contributions to the motorcycling community. We are interested in hearing how our membership feels about this and what other ABATE related information and/or functions members want on their website.

It is encouraged to use the email functions of the website. If there are any problems with the email system please send questions or concerns to: mailadmin@abateofnorthidaho.org.

Work has begun with the newsletter committee to coordinate the website and the newsletter. The meeting minutes will only be published on the website. Members who want a hard copy may print them from the website or contact your Chapter for a copy. This will save much time and expense.

Also being considered is have paid Business supporters (advertisers) on our website. We are interested in what the membership thinks on these ideas. A full Webmaster report is available.

QuarterMaster- Rod Haux has our new trailer and contents stored at his residence. It is very secure there and is protected by his dog.

CHAPTER REPORTS:

Clearwater Chapter- 75 total members. Just gained one yesterday at the July 9th meeting. Chapter is having a Birthday Run August 27-28, everyone is welcome. It is at the Wilderness Gateway with free camping. A chase rig is available for extra gear, contact Bud Wilson at 509-552-1404. Poker Run (\$5.) starts 9am on the 27th from the Shotglass in Orofino. Clearwater chapter is working on planning the Friendship Run. Next Chapter meeting

will be a combined August/September one.

Hoodoo Chapter- Had a POW/MIA Poker Run with 53 riders turning out. Donated \$100. to the Veterans Assistance program. There are T-shirts still available @ \$10.00 each. The Fat Bastard's party will be in September. Next chapter meeting is Aug. 6th at the Linger Longer, 11:00am.

Kootenai Chapter- 43 total members. Annual Chapter Poker Run was May 14th and 18 people signed in on a rainy, stormy day. A motorcycle themed afghan was donated to the chapter to raise money at Spring Opener. The next Hwy clean-up is October 8th.

St. Joe Chapter- 38 total members. The chapter historian is collecting pictures of runs and functions. The chapter medical kit is growing with donated items. Next Highway clean-up is Oct.1st. Chapter has own patches now, which are selling well. End of the Sun Run Sept.10th and Memory Run are coming up. Chapter is interested in making t-shirts for more chapter exposure. Also interested in designing a flag. Next meeting is Aug. 14th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Newsletter- The committee would like to know what the membership wants in a printed newsletter. How big do we need it to be now that we have a website. It is becoming too expensive and at best should be made smaller. Please ask your membership for their thoughts and ideas on this and report to Russ Haux, committee chairman.

Legislative- Joel and Pauline along with 3 other ANI members attended this year's MRF sponsored Best of the West in Boise. Joel Arnoldi read his report from the seminars he attended Pauline Durst also attended and read her report on the classes she went to. She gave a

copy to the state and will email one to the webmaster for our website. You may read it in its entirety there. side note: MRF (Motorcycle Riders Foundation), AMA (American Motorcyclist Association) and NCOM (National Coalition Of Motorcyclists) *all* do important motorcycle rights work on our behalf and *all* deserve our support. Norman Burch noted that he was also disappointed at the lack of ABATE of North Idaho attendees this year as it was held in our state. As there is also some confusion about expected reports and reimbursement of expenses, the secretary will draw up guidelines for attending these kinds of seminars in the future. Norman suggested we have a group that can go to Boise next year during legislation and learn about what goes on.

Financial/Budget- Once all 2004 and 2005 financial data is collected and entered into our Quickbooks program, the data and reports will be turned over to Anderson Bros. CPA's for review. The budget portion of this plan will go forward after the CPA review. Now that all chapters' treasuries are included into the total financial records, state and county sales tax will need to be paid quarterly on all products sold at the chapter level. It was decided that the easiest way to do this is to bill the chapters upon receiving their monthly financial reports. Full report attached.

By-Laws- There have been no by-law proposals or revisions submitted since the last committee report of April 2005. The State by-laws can be viewed and printed from the website. The links are under "archives", then under "State". Full report attached.

Safety/Ed- The "Safety & Education" pages have been added to our website. Related information will continue to be updated to it as well as information on

our *Motorcycle Awareness Program (MAP)*. A motion by Pauline Durst was made 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." Motion was seconded by Les Burton and passed. The steps toward this goal have already been taken. Each chapter has been provided with a MAP class outline, video, quiz and informational brochure. Several members who have attended and been involved in this program in the past are willing to help train those who will be continuing the program in their area. This Educational Awareness program should be a fundamental priority of ABATE of North Idaho.

Awareness Rally- We will need to have \$1 million insurance on the "run/parade" next year. If the AMA sanctions it, the one-day cost is \$136.00. We should get started on the permit and security deposits with City of CDA, at \$100.00 each. Norman agreed to chair the planning of the rally, but needs more help. All Chapters can be in on planning this event next May. Also would like suggestions for speakers. Will talk to the city about having a banner across Sherman Avenue regarding motorcycle awareness month.

Spring Opener- Ernie reported that 519 people signed in. Weather wasn't the best and we had big competition from Lake Chelan's rally. Members showed up Wednesday to set up. The new trailer was perfect. New location went well, as expected there were some challenges to work through. Membership did a great job of helping out. We had 13 vendors, some did good, some not so good. Lots of things to work on for next year. Clearwater Chapter is the new "Kings of Noise!"

Friendship Run- Discussed the ongoing planning. The run is in Pierce, Idaho. Working on having a street dance. There will be a rodeo on Saturday. Poker run on Sunday. Lots of free camp spots by the store. Lion's club has offered to do at least one breakfast. Do any of the other chapters want to do a bike show? Talked about getting T-shirts and run pins, but it is impossible to do at this late date and expensive. Also this is not a Fundraiser or "Run", only a get-together party with our South Idaho fellow riders. State BOD agreed to pay for 8 porta-potties, Motion to cap it at \$500.00 was passed.

OLD BUSINESS: Rod Haux will check with an Insurance company to see if we need additional insurance on the ABATE trailer when it is in storage.

NEW BUSINESS: Nominations of State Officers positions. State Secretary read the qualifications/eligibility and the duties for each executive position according to the state by-laws. Nominations are as follows:

State Coordinator:

Moose Wittrock
Willie Stephenson
Rod Haux – declined
Les Burton - declined

State Deputy Coordinator:

Joel Arnoldi
Rod Haux – declined
Ernie Crocker – declined
Les Burton – declined
Tom Taylor – not in attendance,
declined later
Chuck Gilmore
Glen Wessel – not in attendance,
declined later

Tim Herzog
Norman Burch
Russ Pulliam – does not qualify

State Secretary:

Karen Hunley

State Treasurer:

Debbie Harper – declined
Karen Hunley
Wendie Tompkins – not in
attendance, declined later
Pauline Durst – declined

State Membership Secretary:

Pauline Durst

State Ambassador-At-Large:

Joel Arnoldi
Willie Stephenson
Chuck Gilmore
Moose Wittrock
Tom McLaughlin
Glen Wessel – not in attendance,
declined later
Tim Herzog – not in attendance,
declined later

The positions of State Secretary and State Membership Secretary would run unopposed. It was Motioned by Rod Haux and seconded by Les Burton to seat Karen Hunley as State Secretary and Pauline Durst as State Membership Secretary at this meeting. The nominees have 2 weeks from this meeting to turn in their qualifications to be published and sent to the membership August 1st. The ballots will go out to all current paid members as of August 1st on September 1st.

Reminder of benefit for Shasta Groene at Cruisers, Sunday July 17th

Meeting adjourned at 3:20pm.