

A.B.A.T.E. Of North Idaho, Inc. Board Of Directors Meeting
January 8, 2005

Meeting was hosted by the St. Maries Chapter at the Eagles Lodge and began at 12:43pm. 4 State officers, 5 Board Members and 10 Members were in attendance. Next State Board of Directors meeting hosted by the Kootenai Chapter will be April 10th, starting at noon at the Ironhorse Restaurant in Coeur d'Alene.

The minutes of the October 2, 2004 meeting were read, disagreement of the word "rebuffed" by Moose, amended to the word "ignored".

Officer Reports:

Coordinator- Moose said he was grateful to see good people in the 2005 administration. We are all volunteers. Keep a positive attitude and pass it along. Everyone is important. Give your help and appreciation to those involved with planning events.

Deputy Coordinator- Rod reported that the new newsletter committee is coming along fine. He will be discussing the new Trailer later. Beth Miller has volunteered to paint it and will submit a bid.

Secretary- Karen thanked all the Chapters for their help last year. Discussed easy ways to get monthly chapter meeting minutes to the State files. Passed out chapter packets with info, events, copies of state by-laws & articles of incorporation for the chapters to use and copy. (full transcript attached to state record).

Treasurer- Checking Balance of \$**.94, Savings Balance of \$**.81, As of November 04 statement.

Expenses 4th quarter 2004 \$**.47, Income \$**.00. We will need to make changes to our format and reporting this year. A copy of the Budget/Finance committee report January 2005 is in the Chapter packets. A complete report is attached to the state record. (full transcript of this report attached to state record).

Membership Secretary- All of the State Membership files and records are ready to go to the new State membership secretary. Need to order more cards and patches. Discussed guidelines update.

Ambassador-At-Large- ☺ ♥ baby.

Webmaster- Waiting for response from Coordinator regarding back-up copy. Moose that "there isn't one." There is no volunteer to be Webmaster yet. If anyone is interested, Willie has some information.

Chapter Reports:

Clearwater- Not present

Hoodoo- Treasury has \$**.37. Runs/Events forms for 2005 were turned in. There may be a new event jointly with the Vets & Shriners but need more info. The Chapter is discussing whether to remain a member of the Spirit Lake Chamber of Commerce as the annual dues have been increased to \$40.00. Hoodoo participated in the Tree of Sharing and donated 100 pounds of food to the Food Bank along with cash donations. The next Blood Drive is March 19th, Hwy Clean-up is May 14th, Anniversary Party is April 23rd and the POW-MIA Run is June 25th. One of Hoodoo's members is a professional artist/painter and will put in a bid for painting the ABATE logo on the new trailer. Chapter will mail the 2004 financial report.

Kootenai- Treasury has \$**.64 with 48 members. Runs/Events forms for 2005 were turned in. The Nov. 2004 Toy Run brought in a total of 2,081 toys. The potluck afterwards netted \$1,888.38 for the Toys For Tots. Lawrence's has the Marine Corp League Commander Award plaque on display. Ron James, the local STAR instructor attended and spoke at the November meeting.

St. Joe- Treasury has \$**.77 with 23 members. Have new officers, Les was "sandbagged"! Hwy Clean-up was Nov. 13th, 9 members picked up 26 bags. The Ray Minton Run raised over \$5,500. Read about it in the December Thunder Press. Chapter by-laws 5.2 and 5.3 were amended regarding elections. A tri-fold for the chapter is complete and approved. Two runs in 2005 are the Memorial Run August 27th and the End Of The Sun Run September 10th. Chapter is looking for a cheap copier. Greg Lounsbury is the chapter historian and Cindy Lounsbury is the Medical Coordinator.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Newsletter- Russ presented a copy of the first "new" newsletter for approval by the BOD. It was suggested that all the Chapters have their monthly meetings in the first two weeks of the month so as to meet the newsletter deadline of the 20th. There will be classifieds, personals and paid ads. Most of the content will be local and informative. This is the Members' newsletter. Send your articles to the State PO Box marked "newsletter" or email to Lyn in Word. She can also scan some pictures. The goal is to have the newsletter out by the 20th, it will take a couple months to get on track. Discussed larger size and printing costs. Lyn is researching costs and discussed using an outside source to help take workload off of members for labeling, sorting and mailing.

Legislative- Joel reported: Chuck & Bertha King who are Bonner Co. residents and Hoodoo members set up a meeting with Representative Shawn Keogh to discuss the importance of the STAR program, funding and rider's education. Shawn Keogh's husband was a driver's ed. Teacher in Sandpoint for 20 years and she understands the importance of safety education. She informed us that Skip Bandit is going to chair the Senate Transportation committee and that Skip is also an avid Harley rider. We should now have all of our based covered from Southern to Northern Idaho. The Governor and Senators in Idaho are on our side. The STAR program has a lot of support in Idaho and with

everyone's help we can keep the STAR program going and funded. Joel presented Norman Burch with a "Certificate of Recognition" from the MRF. Beth Miller reported on the "Justice For All" report by AMA. They are trying to help change laws to make it illegal to hit a motorcyclist with a car. Would like a letter of support from ABATE of North Idaho. Karen formally asked the Coordinator to provide copies of any "Lobbying Letters" for the State files.

Financial/Budget- Committee report, (full transcript attached). It would be better for this organization to own a program. Lyn and Mary have been researching computers for ABATE. Four motions were made and passed as follows:

Motion 1 "to limit all Non Pre-approved expenditures to \$50.00. **Motion 2** "to purchase the best Quickbooks accounting software program for our needs under \$400. **Motion 3** "the BOD to pledge support for, and cooperation with this process as there will be significant changes in the way ABATE of North Idaho, Inc. and it's supporting Chapters does it's bookkeeping in the future". Discussed costs of CPA, however at this point we do not know what we will be asking them to do for us. **Motion 4** "to approve Anderson Bros. as our reporting accounting firm".

By-Laws- No revisions or proposals have been submitted.

Safety/Education- Moose read a Sept. 7, 2004 from ICMS regarding the threat by MSF to the STAR program. ICMS has the Governor involved. Reported that the STAR program needs funding help and there is a need to change some language in the statute, Idaho Code #33-4901. At the date of this letter Moose was to set up a meeting with Senator Keogh and STAR program director Ron Shepard to discuss support.

Willie read the Safety/Ed committee report dated 12/31/04. (full transcript of report attached). The committee is asking each Chapter who conducts Driver's ed awareness classes to gather all important contact info; schools, names, numbers, etc. and give copy to State so the program can be tracked.

It has been suggested to have a cover letter introducing our program and it's goals with a brief outline of the class content. Another idea is to design a brochure with similar Motorcycle Awareness Program, contacts and schedule information.

Our local STAR instructor, Ron James reported in November that because of the problem with MSF, Idaho will no longer use the MSF format. We will adopt Oregon's BRT program. Idaho STAR will become a part of Boise State University's Department of Education. This move should open doors for Idaho

STAR. Ron James is still looking for a north Idaho training site. It has to be 200' x 300' minimum with no swales, curbs or poles. Ron James presented us with a copy of the STAR Motorcycle Safety program 2003 annual report. Please contact the State Secretary for a copy of this report. Members are encouraged to become more involved with the Awareness program as it is here for our benefit and deserves our support.

Awareness- Norman reported that the Roadhouse may be able to get a TV spot this year. Talked about having some banners across Sherman Avenue. The Awareness ride is May 7th. It was discussed that May is *Motorcycle Awareness Month*, we could promote the entire month and get all Chapters involved. "Ride your motorcycle to work day" along with Hwy Clean-ups. In the past we have provided donuts & coffee with windshield washes at the rest area for motorists. The next committee meeting is at the St. Joe chapter meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

AMA – If Chapters want a Run/Event insured, the application has to be received by AMA at least 90 days prior with the applicable fee. Lyn will provide a copy of the insurance coverage to all of the Chapters.

ABATE Trailer- Need to get insured. Is registered for 10 years. Beth will submit a bid to paint all State and Chapters logos before June.

Website- Moose reported that there is no saved back-up of the prior website.

Computer- The computer purchased by Miss Kris has been returned.

NEW BUSINESS Discussed the publishing of State and Chapter minutes. Do we want to publish full sets or summaries. It was motioned and passed that the State and Chapters minutes are separate. The Chapters can have 2 sets one being a summary for newsletter, the State minutes shall be published in full.

OPEN FORUM

Lots of good ideas from those in attendance regarding membership. Having a Winter Drive incentive with dues good until March 2006. Giving a "couples break" on dues. Can the long-time members renew at their original renewal date and what would be an appropriate grace period. If past members who have lapsed renew again, can they rejoin for renewal dues and can they get their old number back. All good ideas that will need to be discussed with the input of the State Membership secretary.

It was decided to change the next Board Of Directors State meeting to Sunday, April 10th at the IronHorse in Coeur d'Alene beginning at noon.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00pm.