

ABATE of North Idaho
Clearwater Chapter
Meeting Minutes

March 1, 2008

Chapter Coordinator Kathy Dill called the meeting to order at 12:19 pm. The meeting was held at Dee and James' house.

There were 5 Officers, 6 members, and 2 guests present at the meeting.

The last meeting minutes were read. Chuck motioned that the minutes be approved, James seconded the motion, a vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

Coordinator report: Kathy Dill chapter Coordinator stated that she had no report. She did mention the loss of Hells Canyon chapter member Owen 'Sonny' Sexton.

Deputy Coordinator report: Jody Favre reported that she had no report at this time.

Secretary report: Dee let the chapter know that she found out that the 'Good Faith' amount that is to be left in the bank account was \$35.00 not \$5.00 as previously thought and that changes have been made to the appropriate accounts. Dee then mentioned about the Invitation Letter that she handed out prior to the meeting and asked if anyone had any add-ins that they would like to see. (Email receivers see attachment) None were suggested. Dee then told everyone about a \$20.00 coupon for Staples she received and asked if anyone was interested in it. No takers. Dee then announced that she received the permit for the Awareness Rally in the mail. Skip Brandt will be our guest speaker. Chuck requested that he be given the permit to carry for the Rally. It was given to Chuck.

Treasurer report: The checking account balance was reported. The savings account balance was reported. The Special Fund account was reported. The chapter was then informed of the actual amount had been refigured and adjustments were made to the accounts and it's balance readjusted. It was then mentioned that the chapter was about out of checks. Jody motioned that the chapter order more checks. Marty seconded the motion a vote was taken and passed.

Membership report: Lindsay was unable to attend the meeting but had emailed Dee with the information. We have 55 members. The dues that have been received were turned in and the members that were present handed in renewal sheets and fees. Please try to get your renewals in ASAP. See attached renewal forms. A check was wrote to be sent to Lindsay with membership renewals, for the state membership dues collected.

Ambassador at Large: Steve when asked if he had a report, reported "HELL NO".

Safety report: No report available.

Correspondence: Dee stated that she received a package from the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM). The package contained a certificate of membership, bumper stickers, and convention registration forms. There was also a short note stating that cellphones have surpassed alcohol as a factor in motorcycle related incidents. So, as the bumper states, 'Hang up and drive'. Dee then mentioned that she thought that the remaining bumper stickers should be passed out at the safety classes that Michelle puts on. The members agreed and the remaining stickers were given to Michelle. Michelle was then asked to order more stickers to hand out at her classes. She said she would. The NCOM Convention, May 8-11, 2008, is in Houston TX this year and if you are interested in going Dee has the registration forms.

My Space report: Kathy reported that we have 356 friends on the site and 26 of them are ABATE chapters from around the world.

Michelle then let the chapter know that she was on the Vendors Committee for the state Spring Opener and let the chapter members know that if they knew of any vendors interested in participating to contact Michelle and she would direct them to the Latah County Health Department for all appropriate forms to be filled out and turned in. Michelle stated that the person she was currently speaking with was Nancy. The lady seemed a little bit put out with the task of handling the job she was doing and hoped that vendors would receive a better response from her, than Michelle herself had received.

Old Business: Ron and Marty turned in the donations they had collected for the raffle and the money collected from ticket donations. Kathy turned in the receipt for the payment of the Friendship Run patches and showed the members the new patches. It was then discussed that Chuck should talk to Rusty's Café to see about their approval to have a port-a-potty placed in their parking lot for the Awareness Rally. Dee inquired about the motor-blowout pool that Don Graham had brought up last month. Kathy stated that Don does have the motor and Jesse, who was unable to attend due to the illness, had spoke with city officials and foreseen no problem with the event. On March 22, 2008 we will have a special gathering to discuss our chapter by-laws and hold the drawing for our Spring Raffle. The meeting will start at 10:00 am and held at Chuck and Michelle Gilmore's home in Orofino, if interested all are invited to attend. Pine RV Campground by Harvard ID was chosen as the site for the 2008 Spring Opener. We all should have a good time at the new site. Dee then let everyone know that she was still in possession of the chapter scrapbook and asked if anyone was interested in taking over the job of keeping it up. Michelle said she would take a look at it and see if she could do it. Michelle thanks for always stepping up and helping out, you are a Godsend to our chapter and the state for all you do. Keep up the good job. If you have any donation prizes for the Spring Raffle please turn them in ASAP.

New Business: Jody brought up the issue that our 50/50 drawing might be making people feel obligated to donate winnings back to the chapter since lately in the past everyone has been doing so. Jody was worried that people were not participating due to the feeling of obligation. It was stated that the only reason people were donating their winnings back, was at the time the collection was being redirected to a donation for a good cause. That is what ABATE is about, helping those in need, promoting motorcycle safety education and awareness, and standing up for motorcyclist rights individually and as a whole. Michelle then passed around the form that

needed to be signed and turned into the state for our chapter's highway cleanup dates. Our next highway cleanup will be April 5, 2008. Information on this date will be stated later in these minutes. Marty motioned that the chapter send flowers to the family of Sonny Sexton. Dee seconded the motion a vote was taken and passed. It has been requested by the family that instead of flowers, money be sent to an account to be donated to Sonny's charities. Chuck then informed the members that a memory patch has already been put in motion by the Hells Canyon chapter and would let our chapter know when they come in.

Open Forum: Dee suggested that instead of waiting for the last minute to find a 'Christmas Family' the chapter use the family of Katie Barron (Chapter recipient for the year). The chapter members agreed. Welcome to our chapter, new member, Mike Thacher!!!!

The 50/50 drawing was held and the winner was Marty. Congrats Marty!!!!

Last month, Lindsay won the Gag Gift. Kathy won the gag gift this month. Do we have a new chapter miser?

Announcements: Earlier in the meeting Dee handed out an event list for the events of our chapter and other chapters that responded to her request for info. Michelle mentioned that she is helping the Red Cross with another blood drive and mentioned if anyone were interested in helping out she would appreciate it. **WELCOME NEW MEMBER MIKE THACHER!!!!** Happy Birthday to members; Ron Skinner—March 21st and Kathy Dill—March 23rd. Jody let the members know that June 14, 2008 HOG would be holding a Poker Run and will get the chapter all of the details.

Our next meeting will be April 5th, 2008 and will be held at Chuck and Michelle Gilmore's house in Orofino. We will do our spring roadside cleanup before the meeting. We will meet at the pull out just past Greer Bridge at 10:00 am. After the cleanup we will ride to Chuck and Michelle's hold the meeting and have a Potluck Lunch afterwards.

Mike motioned that the meeting come to an end, Michelle seconded the motion a vote was taken and the meeting ended at 1:30 pm.

Dee, Secretary
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**Membership fees are due.
Please remit them as soon as possible.
Ride Safe!!!**

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To All Clearwater Chapter Members

Next Meeting Time: April 5th, 2008
Following roadside cleanup
Cleanup starts at 10:00 am

Meeting Place: Chuck and Michelle's house
In Orofino

A Potluck lunch to follow the meeting.
Bring a dish.

MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE DUE !!!!!!!