

A.B.A.T.E. Of North Idaho, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting October 1, 2006

Meeting was hosted by Clearwater Chapter at the Mark IV Motor Inn, Sandpiper Grill in Moscow, Idaho. Began at 12:24pm. Attendance: 4 State Officers 12 Chapter Board members and 14 members and guests.

Minutes of the July 2006 BOD meeting read by Pauline and accepted.
Treasury report of Bank balances given.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Coordinator – Moose compared the closing of yet another riding season with ANIs need to move forward with change. It is his intent to make ANI better. (NO written report submitted.)

Deputy Coordinator – In the interest of brevity, I have no report to make.

Secretary – Karen Hunley absent. Delegated Anne Hooper, River City Chapter Secretary to act in her behalf. Tim Herzog read Karen's statement and Secretary's Report: There has been mail received which is not clearly addressed. This mail is opened and processed according to content. Please remind your Chapter members to clearly address mail to the State. (Written report submitted as well as Letter of Delegation.)

Treasurer – Tim Herzog read on behalf of Karen Hunley. Treasurer's Report: At the July State BOD meeting, a complaint was made that financial reports were not being provided. A contributing factor is: not all chapters are current with their financial reports. Available to this meeting are copies of the Year-to-Date, 3rd Qtr 2006 Income & Expense Reports. (Written report submitted.)

Membership Secretary-Pauline gave total membership count. 298 actual members. (NO written report submitted.)

Ambassador-At-Large – Complaints about straight pipes and loud noise are on the decrease. Thank you everyone for your consideration. Please continue the good work! (NO written report submitted.)

Webmaster – Thank you all for turning in your event forms to be added to the web run calendar. The web maintenance bill is coming due soon, approximately \$300 for basic service, domain fee, owner & user fees, etc. Does not include any upgrade fees. **MOTIONED AND PASSED** to pay Webmaster \$300 for website annual fees. (Written report submitted.)

CHAPTER REPORTS

Clearwater – 47 members. 1860 Days—5 bikes and 1 trike showed; hoping for better turnout next year. Friendship Run successful—almost 100 bikers showed up for the rodeo and pig

roast. Fun Run about 54 people showed. ICMS would like to have a potluck bbq at the Outback next year. ICMS said our Chapter did an outstanding job and would like to work with us next year. At Lumber Jack Days, we & Hells Canyon were in a parade and had 7 bikes and 1 car. Oct 7th Hwy Cleanup and guest speaker Darcy James. Oct 28th Halloween Party @Pauline's; Christmas Party date yet to be determined. (Written report submitted.)

Hells Canyon – 72 members. September run had 43 bikes. Oct 21st we're having a Memory Run for Susie. (Written report submitted.)

Hoodoo Hippies – 55 members. Chapter agreed to set aside 50/50 money for fuel for next year's Run. Encouraged State and Chapter Officers to attend next year. Nov. 18th Chapter Blood Drive. (NO written report submitted.)

Kootenai – 36 members. Joined Hoodoo Hippies in Hwy Clean-Up. Nov. 4th Toy Run. Chapter has already raised significant money towards Christmas Family. (NO written report submitted.)

River City – 24 members. MAP classes active. Seeking to increase MAP at other Driver Education classes. Legislative contacts being maintained. Chapter Newsletter continues to grow in content and distribution to outside parties. RC website continues to grow as well. Holiday fund is growing nicely. There's a Chapter Raffle going that will conclude in December. Oct 28th Halloween Party. (Written report submitted.)

St. Joe – 72 paid members. Mopar Memory Run had about 17 riders; next year's will be in June. Hammer Iron Works/John Hammer has donated a steel eagle from which chains/boards for the names of the deceased can be hung. Riders Memorial Plaques – need name, date of birth and date of death. Too Broke went well and Chapter made a profit. Chapter members donated money for 300 "Mopar 2006" patches. Have about 50 Mopar patches left – they're free if anyone would like one. Have also ordered more Chapter patches. (Written report submitted.)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Newsletter – After a slow start and some misunderstandings, Mary Becker, Editor, reassured State BOD the Newsletter will be issued as mandated. After a brief discussion, BOD agreed all information be submitted to Webmaster and to State Newsletter Editor. Newsletter Editor will determine what will be published in Newsletter. Ms. Kris addressed the State BOD as to their decision in regards to her letter requesting she be appointed Newsletter Editor. A reminder from the State BOD members as to conduct & language at State BOD meetings was offered.

Legislative – The Idaho Primaries are over. Tim will try to get to the Chapters information on who is running. He is not trying to tell you who or how to vote – just information about the candidates. ANI did lose a couple of bike supporters.

Financial/Budget – Anderson Brothers Statement of Policies and Procedures was given to each of the Chapter Coordinators at April's BOD meeting for Chapter Coordinators to discuss with their respective Chapter members. Apparently this wasn't done as the Chapter Coordinators were not prepared for discussion at this meeting. **MOTIONED AND PASSED** to slate for next State BOD, January 7, 2007.

Budget Process – On September 11, 2006, a request went out for written requests. Copies were given to each Chapter. Debbie Harper stated that the Financial Committee wants your Chapter's input. Willie Stephenson concurred with her statement. He added it was hoped that ANI would have in place by January 2007 some kind of budget format. A pro-rated budget was suggested. 2004-2006 has been grouped and checked. Moose asked State BOD to please let the Financial Committee know what you want to do next year. Chapter Coordinators - Go back and talk with your Chapters. This is vital! Here is your chance to tell the State BOD where you want your money to go. Let Willie and/or Debbie know what you want for the next State meeting. Chapters were reminded to mail in their Financial Statement. (Written report submitted)

By-Laws – There are no proposals. There was a significant discussion as to how By-Law changes are to be initiated. Complaint was made that many of the State By-Laws are antiquated. State BOD reminded there is already in place a procedure for changing By-Laws. It is the individual Chapter's responsibility to submit, in writing, to the State, proposed changes. The proposal would then be presented to all the Chapters for membership for discussion. Changes to By-Laws thru this method can take anywhere from 6 months to up to a year to

affect. However, if State BOD decides to go with a Policies/Procedures method, changes can be made quicker because the change can be made at a State BOD meeting. The By-Laws would not change in and of themselves. Policy changes would not necessarily require voting by the entire membership. Policies can clarify By-Laws. The Anderson document is an example of how this works. (Written report submitted)

Safety/Education – Willie reported ANI has an additional 2,000 Share the Road Stickers; has 1,000 with him today. If your Chapter is going to be sponsoring an S&E program, please submit to the Safety/Education Committee 1) Contact's name & phone number; 2) Instructor's name and phone number, and 3) Location, date and times. *Rider Course Rebate Program* – there is some talk about instituting an ANI program whereby individuals or members could receive a financial rebate upon successful completion of an approved State Rider Course.

Awareness Rally – Please contact Norman about suggestions for making next year's better. Spring Opener – There were complaints about this year's layout. Members want the entire campground. State BOD was informed it was the police who determined how it would be laid out – not the SO Committee. Submit concerns and suggestions to Ernie and the SO Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting of the Minds – Joel Arnoldi, MRF Representative. Given the submitted report is 4 pages in length, here's a brief overview. At the General Session, Jeff Hennie, MRF Vice President of Government Relations was the speaker. In light of the recent push for mandated helmet laws, Mr. Hennie advised bikers to stay vigilant and continue working with your SMROs about possible future helmet laws. I also attended the Rider Education & Your MRO. Speaker Ron Shepard, Idaho Star Program, talked about Bill 1179 and the \$6 fee that is received from vehicle licensing that goes into the Star Program rider education program. Of the various skill programs available around the country, Idaho was the top. Another session I attended was the Grassroots Mobilization Seminar hosted by Glen Caroline, NRA-ILA Grassroots Division. He stated at how impressed he was with MRF attendance given the low membership number as compared to AMA. According to Mr. Caroline, successful activism is based on MRFs due paying members. The power of your group is in the numbers. I also attended the Impaired Riding Seminar, speaker Terry Cook, AMA. AMA has a

large national campaign on biker safety and riding straight. For more information, www.ridestraight.com. The final session I attended was the Conflict Resolution held by Ken Ray, BikePac of Oregon. Ken outlined ways to resolve conflict: 1) Is the problem coming from a personal or professional aspect? 2) Are both parties owning up to the point of contention? Is there ownership? 3) You don't own. This is a group, a team, or a committee. 4) Control is I, I, I, Me, Me, Me. This is not productive. When issues are not confronted direct, conflicts build. Overall, I found the Seminar to be personally enlightening and came back with a wealth of information and ideas that I hope I will be better able to serve ANI.

I would also like to take this opportunity to announce some new MRFs:

Pauline – MRF Assistant

Chuck Holter, MRF Representative

Chuck Gilmore, MRF Assistant

MRF paid for my motel. I am submitting my receipts. (Receipts submitted.)

State Patches – Idaho Impressions for 250, \$4 each. Les of St. Joe's said he can get them for \$3.06 each, not including shipping. Apparel 2000 was recommended as being reasonably priced also. Someone is going to get online and compare prices and report back to State BOD at next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

NCOM – Tim Herzog will be going to the Oct 14th Conference. He'll bring back whatever handouts, brochures, etc. are offered. He'll also email and mail reports to each Chapter afterwards.

MikkiBeth Garcia Resume Correction – She has had 6-7 mos. as Legislative Representative with Valley ABATE and 3 yrs with Tanana Valley ABATE as Public Relations Director. Was a MRF Membership Recruiter for 3 yrs. Correction submitted.

Member Complaint – Debbie Harper and Mary Becker asked the State BOD if they had taken any action in regards to their individual letters of complaint against Karen Hunley. State BOD inquired of each if their letters were intended to be submitted as formal letters of complaint as stated in State By-Laws. Both agreed they had failed to clearly state their letter was a formal complaint but that was their intent. (State BOD was not able to locate a copy in the records of MikkieBeth's letter; only Debbie Harper's.) Article 8.1 was read to the State BOD and a vote was taken as to whether or not to convene a panel to review and investigate the alleged charges. 15 State BOD present. 5 Yes. 10 No. Allegations of misconduct were dismissed. Case Closed.

State Officer Elections Results – Results were read by Pauline.

Ambassador At Large – Russ Haux

Treasurer – Debbie Harper

Secretary – Karen Hunley

Deputy Coordinator – Chuck Gilmore

Coordinator – Kent 'Moose' Wittrock

Ballots are being retained by Pauline.

OPEN FORUM – Joel Arnoldi, MRF wants to know if you or anyone you know of has been denied medical insurance for any recreational accidents sustained.

January 7, 2007, next State BOD meeting

Meeting adjourned: 3:44 p.m.