

ABATE of North Idaho
Clearwater Chapter
Meeting Minutes

December 1, 2007

Chapter Coordinator Bud Wilson called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm. The meeting was held at Bud and Lindsay's house.

There were 5 Officers, 8 members, and 1 guest present at the meeting.

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

Coordinator report: Chapter Coordinator Bud Wilson reported that a few days ago that, State Coordinator, Moose's house caught on fire and burnt down. According to Chuck the smoke alarm went off and Moose got out with one pair of pants and a pair of shoes. Michelle had already made some phone calls to the Board of Directors and got them to agree on a donation for Moose. Way to go Michelle. Bud then motioned that the chapter make a donation on our behalf. Chuck seconded the motion a vote was taken and passed. Bud then asked that all of the ballots be turned in. Bud also reminded the chapter that the next state meeting would be January 6, 2008. (Hold on to your hats brothers and sisters can you believe that 2008 is about here.)

Deputy Coordinator report: Kathy Dill thanked all officers that were leaving office and welcomed in the new ones (whomever they are). Other than that Kathy had no report.

Secretary report: Dee reported that she had received an email from Pauline and that she was resigning her state office and was considering resigning from ABATE all together. We hope this doesn't happen. Dee then reported that Pauline had turned over to her (Dee) a briefcase that she was in possession of. While going through the case Dee found some items she believed were state papers and she turned them over to Chuck to give to the appropriate state officer. Dee then turned to the issue that Pauline had also turned over the Christmas cards and was wondering if she was to address the cards and send them. Dee also mentioned that Michelle had offered to help address the cards and send them off. Kathy then stated that she was in possession of the list of recipients and she would be willing to address and send them off. Dee then turned over the cards to Kathy. The next issue Dee had was the post office key; she wanted to know who was in possession of the key and who was supposed to have it. It was believed that Pauline had the key and Dee said she would ask Pauline for it. It was then discussed that Pauline should be taken off the bank account when the new officers were be put on. Dee offered to do that, if she was re-elected to the Secretary position. Dee then mentioned to the chapter that James' name was on the ballot for Treasurer, and asked if there was to be any conflict, if he was elected, if she was to help him with the position. Dee was then informed that the offices of Secretary and Treasurer were the only two offices that could be combined if needed. The chapter then stated that they would have no dispute with her helping James if he was elected. That was the end of the secretary's report.

Treasurer report: Jesse reported the current balance of the bank account. Jesse then informed the chapter what the balance for the special account for the donation to MRF was.

Membership report: Lindsay was unable to attend the meeting due to work but we still have 54 members

Ambassador at Large: Steve was present but had nothing new to report.

Safety report: No report available.

My Space report: Nothing new to report

Old Business: The chapter was informed that the blood drive for the Red Cross was a success. There were roughly 50 donations made. Jesse reported that the Red Cross was highly appreciative of the fact that the chapter helpers did the set up and tear down. Dee mentioned a fact that she had learned from Allen Hughan, if you had gotten a tattoo within the last year that you were not eligible to donate. All in all a huge success! **Way to go Michelle!!!!!!!** You did a wonderful job on the behalf of the Clearwater Chapter. You always seem to make us look good with the effort you put out for us. **THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!** James then inquired about the possibility of another blood drive. After a discussion the chapter thought that it would be a good idea, but would discuss it at a later date. The next issue up for discussion was our Christmas family. The three suggestions were the Jerry Wilson Family, Moose (State Coordinator), and the Baird Family. The Wilson family is now dealing with a costly medical issue; Moose and the Baird family both have lost their homes to fire. After a discussion it was voted on and decided that the Wilson family would be our Christmas family, the Baird family would be our recipient of the Spring Raffle fund and that the chapter would make a donation to Moose, like the state B.O.D. was doing. Bud offered to deliver the items collected to the Wilson family, Kathy suggested that it would be great, if a group from the chapter were to accompany him. Dee motioned that two gas cards were to be provided by the chapter, one from a Lewiston business and one from a Kooskia business (since the Wilson's live in Kooskia), Kathy added to the motion that a specific amount be put on the cards. Jesse seconded the motion a vote was taken and passed. The Wilson family is a family of three. **The father, Jerry, wears pant size 38-30, shirt size large with pockets, and is 51 years young. The mother, Susan, wears pant size 9-11, shirt size medium and is around 40 years young. The son, Levi, wears shirt and pant size 4T and is 4 years old.** Let's all of us get our Christmas spirit out and help this family have a Merry Christmas. Something for all of us to remember: No matter how bad we think our lives are, there is always someone out there who has it worse than us. Be thankful for that which we have. Bud then suggested that since we were so late in choosing our family that we give our members as much time as possible to get donations and such. It was agreed that the members that were interested in attending the delivery of the donated items meet at James and Dees house in Orofino (four houses further down the road past Pauline's house, same side of the road) on Dec. 22nd at 12:00 noon, those interested can go as a group. Jesse then motioned that since Chuck is a Charter member that he be left on the bank account after the elections were done, Dee seconded the motion a vote was taken and passed. Bud then referred to the special meeting that the chapter held on the 11th of November, about the chapter's wish to make some changes to the State By-Laws and Chapter By-Laws. Dee read the minutes to the meeting (See attachment, Nov 11 2007 Special Meeting). Jody pointed out the proper usage of the word 'chapter' in Article 3 Section 2.5 and suggested that we change it to 'chapter's'. The change to be done to the wording of the article was agreed on by all. Kathy motioned that (after the change) the minutes be approved Bud seconded the motion a vote was taken and passed.

New Business: Bud pointed out that the Highway Men's annual Toys for Tots Toy run was to be held December 8, 2007. The run starts at Lancer Lanes in Clarkston and ends at The Salvation Army in Lewiston. Then reminded all that helmets were required in Washington. Bud also reminded us that since there was to be no broomstick pool that a donation would be appreciated to help raise the balance of our chapter's donation to MRF. Jody then suggested that the chapter add the income from the gag gift to the donation the chapter will make to Moose. We were all reminded that we had already passed a motion a few months back to use the proceeds from the gag gift as part of our MRF donation. James then motioned that the 50/50 income for Dec. and Jan. be added to the donation for

Moose, Jesse seconded the motion a vote was taken and passed. Bud then asked if all ballots were turned in. The ballots were tallied and here are our new Officers:

Coordinator—Kathy Dill

Deputy Coordinator—Jody Farve

Secretary—Dee Hutchinson

Treasurer—James Hutchinson

Membership Secretary—Lindsay Wilson

Ambassador-at-Large—Steve Merriot

Donnie Graham was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms

The 50/50 drawing was held and the winner was Jesse and he donated his winnings back to the donation pot to go to Moose. You have a huge heart, Jesse. Way to go!

Last month, James won the Gag Gift. Jesse won the gag gift this month.

Did the fact that Jesse's granddaughter drew the winning ticket each time give him an edge? We all saw you bribe her Jesse. Maybe I will try this next time! (Just joking, she wasn't tall enough to see in the can. Besides I believe Bud offered her more to pull one of his tickets. Tee Hee Hee!!)

Our next meeting Jan. 5th, 2008 and will be held at James and Dee's house in Orofino. It will start at 12:00 pm. A pizza party will follow the meeting.

Kathy motioned that the meeting come to an end, Chuck seconded the motion a vote was taken and the meeting ended at 1:35 pm.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL !!!!!!!
RIDE FREE AND LIVE WELL!!!!!!

Dee, Secretary
Clearwater Chapter
ABATE of North Idaho

To All Clearwater Chapter Members

Next Meeting Time: January 5, 2008
12:00 pm NOON

Meeting Place: James and Dee's house
In Orofino

For meeting address contact an officer or Dee
Pizza Party following the meeting