

**A.B.A.T.E. of North Idaho, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
January 7, 2007**

Meeting was hosted by Clearwater Chapter at the Mark IV Motor Inn, Sandpiper Grill, Moscow, Idaho. Began at 12:47pm. Attendance: 3 State Officers 10 Chapter Board members, and 4 members and guests.

State Coordinator, Kent (Moose) Wittrock

1) I received Karen Hunley's email of resignation. As the State is now without a State Secretary, today's Chapter's minutes will be submitted to the Webmaster for posting. In the meantime, anyone who is interested in the position may contact any State Board member. The Secretary position is by appointment. This will be addressed at the next State Board meeting. River City's secretary, Anne Hooper, volunteered to take the minutes. All documents submitted will be retained by Anne until next State BOD meeting.

2) Sgt-of-Arms Position: Is anyone interest in this position?

Motion: The Board moves that Michelle Gilmore, Clearwater Chapter, being as how she volunteered and was nominated for Sgt-of-Arms position. be the State Sgt-of-Arms.

Vote: Passed (unanimous)

3) Parliamentarian Position: Is any one interested in this position?

Motion: The Board moves that Les Burton, St. Joe Chapter, being as how he volunteered and was nominated for Parliamentarian position be the State Parliamentarian.

Vote: Passed (1 vote against)

Minutes of the October 1, 2006 BOD minutes read by Pauline Durst, State Membership Secretary, and accepted.

Treasurer's Report: No report. Debbie Harper not in attendance. The vehicle in which she was riding went off the road and into a ditch.

Officer's Reports

Coordinator, Moose Wittrock

I am looking forward to 2007 and to working with the 2007 Officer volunteers. Remember, we are a brother/sisterhood. Ride safe this year and God bless. Report submitted. Note: Greg Raschke, Deputy Coordinator of River City, has the Coordinator's Report.

Deputy Coordinator, Chuck Gilmore

Thank you for voting me in as Deputy Coordinator. Would like to see all groups ride together. Report submitted.

Note: Greg Raschke, Deputy Coordinator of River City, has the Deputy Coordinator's Report.

Secretary

No report submitted. Position vacant.

Treasurer, Debbie Harper

No report submitted.

Membership Secretary, Pauline Durst

820 members have dues coming up in March for renewal. If you have membership updates, turn updates in to the Chapter Membership Secretary. State has 312 paid and 344 on our mailing list. Report submitted.

Note: Greg Raschke, Deputy Coordinator of River City, has Membership Secretary's Report.

Ambassador-At-Large

Position vacant. No report submitted.

Webmaster, Willie Stephenson

Greg Raschke, River City Deputy Coordinator, read highlights of the Webmaster's Report. A copy of the full report can be obtained by contacting Willie. It will also be available on ANI's website. There are three (3) email accounts. Willie can set them up for you – just contact him. Runs/Events of ANI 1st priority. Runs/Events will not be posted if they do not meet the required Run Request approval 1st. Safety & Education is kept up-to-date. Then other information is posted. Greg has the Webmaster's Report.

Chapter Reports

Clearwater, Bud Wilson Chapter Coordinator
We have 53 members. Our Chapter adopted a family for Christmas and got some gifts for them. The Chapter's Spring Raffle is March 21st. Proceeds will go to Peck Elementary Sports Department. Report submitted.

Chapter Reports CONTINUED
Hells Canyon, Dave Bremenour, Chapter
Coordinator

We have 75 members. Our Chapter's Christmas party went well; better than last year. We had a New Year's Day ride. Fourteen riders and lots of fun. We are working on our ride calendar and will submit it when it is finished. We ask the other Chapters to send us a copy of their submitted runs. Report submitted.

Hoodoo

No report submitted. No members in attendance.

Kootenai, Ernie Crocker, Chapter Coordinator
We have 39 members. Chapter's Toy Run was a great success; we were able to expand toy barrel locations. 3000 plus toys were collected. 2160 children received toys. Chapter meetings and participation have been great. Report submitted.

River City, Greg Raschke, Chapter Deputy
Coordinator

We have 27 members. Chapter's Education and Awareness program has and will continue to conduct Awareness classes in our area. Chapter plans to have an Awareness Run in May. The Chapter continues to stay in contact and develop relationships with local community leaders and state legislators with regards to Idaho motorcyclists rights. The Chapter has chosen to support O.A.S.I.S. which is a Post Falls Police Department program with an innovative approach between law enforcement and victim advocates; primarily deals with domestic violence. Announced RCC's cell phone program; collecting used cell phones to be turned over to O.A.S.I.S. The cell phones are later given to abused women because the phones 911 feature is still active. Report submitted.

St. Joe, Les Burton, Chapter Coordinator
Chapter has 72 paid members. \$100 went for Toys for Tots. Les and Mary have moved and have a new phone, email, and home address. Please note and change accordingly: P.O. Box 729, St. Maries, ID 83861. Chapter is supporting Families Together which supports children with disabilities. Chapter is planning a ride sometime in July; like maybe a run through the back country of the Palouse. Les also included a Family Together (NW Region) brochure for posting on the State ANI website. Report submitted. (Note: Brochure was given by Anne to Karen Hunley on

Tues, Jan 16th to be given to Willie, State
Webmaster for posting.)

Committee Reports

Newsletter, Mary Becker

Pauline stated Mary Becker, Hoodoo Hippies Membership Secretary, sent an email saying due to weather she was unable to come to today's meeting. Mary also stated, she is going to continue doing the Newsletter. Les passed around a sample NW Classics newsletter stating it is the best format he's ever seen. Mary requests members to please submit stories, events, or articles and she'll post them in the Newsletter. Ernie stated the last two Newsletters have been excellent. A discussion ensued in regards to paying the Newsletter Editor/Writer. St. Joe opposed, as it would set precedence to pay other officer positions, etc. Les also reminded the State BOD that this is a volunteer organization. Greg agreed. The Board did agree she can be reimbursed for material expenses such as ink. Moose read from the State By-Laws, 8.59: Appointed positions can be paid by Board vote. Unresolved. No report submitted.

Legislative, Tim Herzog, State Legislator
Tim Herzog's Legislative Report was read by Greg. Tim recently attended a function at Templin's Report as part of the North Idaho's Chamber Legislative Tour. He spoke with many ID legislators and found many to be favorable to our cause. This may come in handy if a helmet law is proposed. In the meantime, BikePAC will maintain constant contact with our legislators. Les passed around a BikePAC flyer. No report submitted.

Financial/Budget State of Policies &
Procedures

Greg reminded State Board there are two (2) finance proposals on file. Moose stated he had forgotten his copy and had two (2) issues he'd like to address. 1) Revenue Sharing – this suggestion has been since been rescinded. And 2) BOD's Annual budget and pending audit as yet to be established. A request was made to locate the motions regarding Revenue Sharing. Once again, this has been tabled to the next State BOD meeting in April. No report submitted.

By-Laws

Ernie stated Dave Campbell and Les are working on this. Michelle stated the procedures for submitting changes to the State By-Laws were enumerated at the last State Board Meeting and that anyone who wants to make a change needs to follow procedure. She also asked why does the State have to spend 45 minutes hashing over the same thing every time changes to the By-Laws comes up. There was some question as to who are the members of the By-Law Committee: original members were Chuck Gilmore and Willie Stephenson. No report submitted.

Safety/Education

River City Chapter - Dewain may have to have knee surgery. Dewain is working on finding a temporary replacement. RCC is working towards expanding S&E. No report submitted.

Hells Canyon Chapter - We've had about a dozen classes. Clay, Larry, and myself (Dave) make sure they are motorcycle educated by experienced riders. These are smart kids asking smart questions such as riding in gravel and the safest way to do it. No report submitted.

Clearwater – Orofino will be coordinating to set up motorcycle awareness classes. We were instructed to stay away from motorcycle tips and we encourage Hells Canyon to be careful in giving out added information. No report submitted.

State Awareness Rally – May 2007

Coeur d'Alene = \$100 permit; \$100 security deposit (we get this back). The paperwork application has to be submitted 90 days in advance and paid in full 10 days before the event. AMA's website has all the applications forms necessary. Release forms are not available on the site. AMAs website is www.amadirectlink.com. It is also on the State ANI website.

Motion: Board moves that whatever reasonable expenses (approximately \$200) needed to get AMA sanction for the State Awareness Rally be approved after receipts submitted.

Vote: Passed (unanimous)

Chuck informed the State BOD last year's event went well. The Board is requesting May 5th as the date. If the event does become AMA sanctioned, keep Greg (Raschke) in the loop. Greg is required

to attend AMA sanctioned events as he is the only one to be able to fill out any accident forms, etc. Also, Referee and insurance forms have to be signed by Greg. **[[confidential information: AMA contact is Mary Hurley, 614-856-1900, ext.1221. State AMA Charter number 2397]]**

Lewiston Awareness Rally – we'd like to see anyone who can go attend.

Spring Opener, Ernie Crocker

The packet for June 2007 was emailed. The next Spring Opener (SO) Committee meeting is Sunday, January 14th, 12:00 noon, Gateway, Plummer, ID. Ernie requested again that if you have any suggestions for a better SO, please email him. The AMA application has been completed and approved. Greg informed State Board that anyone entering the gate must sign the AMA Release form. Anyone who enters the Rodeo must sign the AMA Release form.

Last year's To Do List included a reminder that each Chapter will have a different color ticket for their Chapter's raffle. Each Chapter will purchase their own raffle tickets. Also noted was the Gate persons "will have count and tally sheet for all sign in sheets and the money turned in with duplicate print." There will also be two people at the gate at all times and one State Officer. With limited State Officers, it was voted to have one Chapter Officer present. Six Passes each are given to: ICMS, ABATE of Idaho, ABATE of Washington, ABATE of Montana, MRF (Joel), AMA (Tom), AIM, and any Chapter that helps. Some suggestions received: different colored arm bands for campground employees, day passes, reduced price Saturday afternoon fee \$15 a person or \$25 couples, vendors at store/north side, band/food vendors in campground & a few others. Report submitted. Peggy Morris (the owner) would like to thank ANI for leaving the area in pristine condition. Next year, the neighbors will be invited.

OLD BUSINESS

AMA Risk Management Reports

Willie Stephenson, River City Coordinator, attended the November 4th, Renton, WA, Risk Management Workshop. Greg read a few highlights of the Report. Risk can be managed but not completely eliminated. \$1 million is the minimum insurance. Liability forms have to be signed by anyone who may come in contact with a moving motorcycle. The 2007 Guide should be available on the ANI website next month. Willie's report submitted to State files, with attachments, and posted on ANI website.

Greg Raschke, River City Deputy

Coordinator/AMA Referee: I attended the November 12th, Denver, CO, AMA Risk Management Workshop. I'd like to thank Debbie for expeditiously handling my travel stuff. A lot of the stuff covered at the Conference concerned racing. ABATE is kind of a 'special' section of AMA. The things that do concern us are AMA sanction for our events. Events such as the Awareness Rally. We also have to be concerned about rodeos we hold in connection with a Rally. There are rules we must abide by: 1) Each entry must sign an AMA Release form. 2) No alcohol in the pit area. 3) "Hot pit area" whoever is in that area must sign an AMA Release form. The AMA logo has to be on all AMA-sanctioned event papers. At the Spring Opener, every person who enters the front gate, to the rodeo, to any and all vendors, spectators, to port-a-potty personnel; all must be account for and made to understand the necessary rules of the event. Any Chapter that wants AMA to sanction their event, can go to the AMA website and get the forms and submit them. The Chapter requests the dollars needed. An AMA Referee must be at every AMA-sanctioned event. That means keeping me in the loop. Tom is also the AMA Referee and Insurance for Kootenai. Tom is going to Referee the Too Broke for Sturgis. Tom said since the Chapter isn't AMA set up, that it could go through the State Board. Moose suggested to each Chapter as well as the Board, download the AMA forms. Report Submitted

State Patch, Pauline

250 patches have been ordered with Idaho Impressions for \$1091.93. Pauline will mail a supply to each Chapter. Someone reminded the State BOD that \$5 of the State membership dues was to pay for the patches. Some one suggested the State membership dues be increased. Moose

replied this suggestion should be submitted to the Finance Committee for discussion. Greg reminded the State Board that checks issued by the Treasurer are required to have two signatures.

Motion: Board moves that the State pay Idaho Impressions, \$1091.93 for the 250 patches. Receipt to be submitted.

Vote: Passed (unanimous)

NEW BUSINESS

Pauline requested of the State Board approval for reimbursement for expenses in relation to her printer ink supplies. If approved, she'll give the State Treasurer the receipt(s). Ernie complimented Pauline on doing a fine job as the State Membership Secretary.

Motion: The Board moves to reimburse Pauline Durst, State Membership Secretary, for two printer ink cartridges, \$119.00. Receipt(s) to be submitted.

Vote: Passes (unanimous)

Les informed the State Board that the 1st Idaho motorcycle rally will be held July 27th & 28th, in Moscow, Idaho. It is to be like Rosalia, Washington's motorcycle rally. Rosalia's rally is held on the 2nd weekend of August so there shouldn't be a date conflict. The Moscow event needs a name. Hogs on the Palouse, Moscow Motorcycle Madness, Motorcycle Madness in Moscow are some names already submitted. If you have any other suggestions, please submit them to Dan Pierce at danandjenny@verizon.net.

OPEN FORUM

Chuck presented the idea being as how we now have six (6) Chapters, we could have six (6) State Board meetings. Someone else suggested every other month. Another suggestion was to have the meetings at the location of the hosting Chapter. Unresolved.

Les brought to the State Board's attention we need to have a special State BOD meeting and revise our By-Laws. Les was informed there was no need to do this as there are procedures in place as to how to change the State By-Laws. 1) Submit suggested change(s) to the By-Law Committee (Chuck

Gilmore, Willie Stephenson, Greg Raschke). 2) The By-Law Committee will bring the suggestions to the State Board. 3) The suggestion(s) will then go to all the Chapters' members for input. 4) The reviewed suggestion(s) are taken back to the State Board for voting. Chuck request all By-Law change suggestions are to be presented at the July 2007 State BOD meeting. For those members who do not have email, Moose stated "Lick It. Stick It. Mail It."

Moose suggested State Board meetings be recorded. A copy could be made of the tape and given to each Chapter. Recording the meetings may speed things up. Other suggestions were to get a voice activated recorder, microphones, etc. Les suggested Moose and Chuck check into the cost and complexity of recording and report back. Moose will talk with a friend of his who works at the Casino and is familiar with sound systems.

Pauline informed the State Board she has some State membership cards leftover that were signed by now resigned Secretary Karen Hunley. Pauline would like approval to purchase new cards. State Board thought it would be okay to use up the on hand supply until a new State Secretary is appointed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Anne read to the State Board, Tim Herzog's, State Legislative Officer, official resignation. Statement submitted.

Runs Submitted (NOTE: only ***one*** Chapter used the ANI State approved Notice of Event and Approval form. The form is available on the ANI website, Archives, State Forms and Documents, Notice of Event Request for Approval Form.pdf.

Kootenai Chapter
May 12 Freedom Run

River City Chapter
May 12 Awareness Run

St. Joe Chapter
April 14 Highway Clean Up
June 23 Memory Run
July 14 For the Families (Families brochure given to Webmaster Willie Stephenson to post)
August 3, 4, 5 Too Broke for Sturgis
September 8 End of the Sun Run
October 13 Highway Clean Up

Meeting Adjourned – 4:00pm