

## **ABATE, ST JOE CHAPTER, RIVER RIDERS**

August 5, 2007 in Elk River @ the campground after Too Broke for Sturgis Rally  
**MEMBERS and GUESTS PRESENT:** Les Burton, Mary Burton, Sue Heminger, Mike Aldinger, Larry and Chris Yockey, Norma and Robert Pfiester Shellie Scheffer, Dawn Bennett, Steve Morton, Tim and Barb Schluneger, Jeff Green, Rod Clark, Connie and Dexter Skomp, Cindy and Greg Lounsbury, Chuck Gilmore, Pete and Patrice Pfeiffer, Roy Mier, Norman and Beverly Burch, Richard Nagy, Carl Johnson, Steve R Merriare (sp?), Rory Schlenken (sp?), Randy Mattson, David Reddekopp.

**Les Burton called the meeting to order at 10:10 am.** The July minutes were approved as read, with the following corrections; Mike donated half of his winnings to the Humane Society not the Chapter and it was \$88 per chapter, KZZL.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Sue said we have \$\*\* in checking and \$\*\* in Savings. Sue billed approx. \$100 to the State for reimbursement for Opener expenses. We have not received the \$88 from the State yet. Too Broke Income: \$\*\* Mini Chopper-\$\*\* Gate-Poker run \$\*\*, Expenditures: Bands (\$\*\* & \$\*\*) Elec (\$\*\*) Porta Potties (\$\*\*). Sue said she will deposit enough in the Savings to get it back up to \$\*\*.

**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT:** We have 76 new/renewed members with our newest members Doug and Bonnie Martin and Krazy Carl Johnson.

**SECRETARY REPORT:** Reminder that the nominations for Chapter officers will be next meeting. Chapter member Mike Burton and his passenger collided with a deer last weekend. Deer is dead, Bike is repairable, Mike is out of the hospital, and his passenger will be released soon. Chapter members Hawg Silva and Anne Fletcher Silva were married and are on their honeymoon.

**HISTORIAN REPORT:** Not present

**MEDICAL COORDINATORS REPORT:** Cindy reports no injuries in the campground. Les said Tall Paul a Hells Canyon member broke his leg in town when his bike wrecked.

**T-SHIRT COMMITTEE:** Shirts are ready to be made, hopefully by the end of the year to be ready for the next riding season. We may ask for an advance from the State to fund this expenditure.

**WEBMASTER REPORT:** Robert Pfiester said making changes to the State website has been slow due to the conflict between the State and the State Webmaster.

**MOTORCYCLE SAFETY OFFICER:** Les said the local schools have gone to private Contractors for drivers Ed.

**AMBASSADOR AT LARGE:** Absent

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Too Broke for Sturgis:** Approx 150 thru the gate- Venders report doing well and wish to return next year. Sassy (Mad Hatter food service) said she would bring other vendors with her next year including a leather vender, and she authorized us to use her name in our flyers as she has a following. Suggestions were: different colored armbands for vendors, more advertising, and more help (from members) at the gate and during the Rally. Next year we need more members to commit to a job so we don't burn out a few. Having bottled water with our Chapter logo on it to sell. A picture donated by Greg and Cindy Lounsbury was auctioned off and the \$110 made was immediately donated to families together. Dawn said that would cover a weekend of services for two families. It was first second and all in favor to pay the Pfiester's \$50 for electric used. It was suggested to put a picture of the mini chopper on next years raffle tickets. Noreen Banks from Troy Idaho

won the Mini Chopper. Jim Alexander of the “Bible Christians” who gave free hot dogs, corn on the cob and lemonade Friday, Saturday and Sunday, won the Poker run (\$230) with four twos (46 hands sold). The Log Inn Bike show was won by Jim Bennett, and the prize was lodging for two at Elk River Inn and dinner for two at the Log Inn. Rider who came the farthest was Glen Grimm from Lancaster California who received a Chapter Patch and a Strom Electric T-Shirt.

- **End of the Sun:** Les said this run is on target, The Talking Bird representative Randy has assured us there will be a really good band and they are excited we are coming. Les hopes everyone can make this last Chapter run of the year.
- **State Meeting:** The situation at the State meeting was discussed at length, with these suggestions made: 1) A mediator, to try and settle personality issues between different people, which make it almost impossible for the State to conduct a productive meeting. 2) There needs to be a new State coordinator who can control the meetings so they don't get out of control. Someone who can stop the yelling and personal attacks which happen every State meeting. It was suggested to vote for Chuck Gilmore as State Coordinator with Moose as deputy coordinator. Since the ballots have been sent out this would need to be a write in or the Chapter could ask the State to send out new ballots with this option. 3) The State by-laws need to be followed with no exceptions or the by-laws need to be changed. 4) Les said if the Chapter members have any comments, which they would like relayed to the State Board members, they can send those comments to him and he will take them to the State meeting in October, or a member can call the Chapter secretary and she will make a note of their concerns. 5) It was noted, if we start a president of kicking out members we don't like we won't have a volunteer membership and the North Idaho Abate will end up like the South Idaho Abate. If only three Chapters out of 6 send representatives, no quorum exists and no business can be conducted. 6) There are other avenues than sanction and kicking out our members, such as a fine or reprimand letter. 7) Members who have given years of service to this organization should be recognized for their dedication and this past service should always be taken into consideration when there are sanctioning or fining discussions. 8) Les said there is a vacancy for a State Secretary and the only people running (with the exception of Chuck Gilmore who is running for State Coordinator) are the same people who are already State officers, running for the same positions. 9) Members present who have attended past State meeting stated they would not attend another one due to the combative and mean nature of each meeting and lack of communication they saw.

Les said to put the State Meetings on the September agenda. He reminded everyone there will be Chapter nominations at the September Chapter meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Wild fire in St. Maries is under control-six Chapter member's homes were threatened. 550 acres were burned.
- Chuck Gilmore invited everyone to the Friendship run and campout in Pierce Idaho, Saturday September 1, 2007 (Labor day week end)
- Les wants everyone to think about a Chapter Xmas Party in December or January and bring back suggestions on locations and other related thoughts.

Les adjourned this meeting at 11:10 Next meeting-9/9/07 9:00 St. Regis Montana
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