

ABATE, ST JOE CHAPTER, RIVER RIDERS

November 4, 2007 @ Chris Leitz house outside St. Maries

MEMBERS and GUESTS PRESENT: Les Burton, Mary Burton, Chris Leitz, Gary Brown, Denise McCracken, Gayle and Mike Trisdale, Moose, Richard Nagy, Dave Reddekopp

Les Burton called the meeting to order @ 12:12pm. The October minutes were approved.

TREASURERS REPORT: Dennis McCracken officially resigned this position as her and Lowgear are moving to Nampa. She turned in the camera. We are hoping Sue Heminger will continue on as treasurer until a new one can be found. Thanks Sue, you're the greatest!

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT: We have 81 new/renewed members with a few people waiting until later in the year to join.

SECRETARY REPORT: Our chapter tri-folds have been updated and are now available to all members and the public, feel free to copy them and distribute to businesses and organizations. We have not received the October State minutes, the \$88 due from the State for the Spring Opener and the \$100 (+ or-) which was submitted for reimbursement for the Spring Opener. Mary also thanked those who voted for her for State Secretary, which she declined and believes the position is still open. (After this meeting on Nov. 7th Pauline Durst resigned as State membership secretary and newsletter person- those positions are also now open at the State level)

HISTORIAN REPORT: Gayle thanked the Chapter for the pictures sent and she has gotten a new scrape book, which needs to be filled.

MEDICAL COORDINATORS REPORT: Absent

T-SHIRT COMMITTEE: We will be trying to figure out how many shirts each member would like to order so we can decide on an amount for our first order. Gayle will help, no money will be collected at this time.

WEBMASTER REPORT: Not present

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY OFFICER: We will not have this category as the drivers ed classes have become privatized and will not allow us to attend.

AMBASSADOR AT LARGE: Not present

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Xmas in St. Maries parade:** Norman said we misunderstood and he did not intend to organize a float for the parade. Chapter will not participate in this function.
- 1. **Chapter Xmas Party:** The party will be December 29th at the Eagles Lodge in St. Maries. Phone numbers for the sleeping accommodations (Pines motel etc) are available by calling the Secretary. The Chapter has rented the two Guesthouses two blocks from the Eagles for all members to crash if they wish and/or are unable to drive. It was suggested everyone bring their sleeping bags to utilize those rooms. The dinner will be from 5-7 with the Chapter furnishing the meat and everyone bringing potluck. Chapter meeting from 7 to 8 and the band (Four on the Floor) from 8 to midnight. Chapter members have access to the dance free and the public will be charged \$5 a person and \$7.50 a couple.
- 2. **Member of the Year:** Will be voted on at the December meeting and the award will be presented at the January meeting. Les will try and see if Matt Ihm is interested in doing the award or find someone else who can.
- 3. **State Situation:** Les explained a complaint was filed with the State against Karen Hunley (life member and one of the original originators of ANI) of the River City Rouges Chapter of ANI. The complaint was she hung a flyer from her chapter over the active flyer of Kootenai Chapter. A committee of three people

(from three of the six chapters) was formed and their letter of recommendation was read and is available for review. The committees recommendation, in part, was:

1. "After reviewing all written material provided, we "the committee" have come to the conclusion the Abate Chapter, "River City" are in direct violation of our State By-Laws. This would be in regard to the complaints as outlined in all material, (letters) made available, and previously brought before their Chapter." " Therefore "we the Committee" regretfully recommend the State Board suspend membership, and revoke the Charter of "River City Chapter".

The members present discussed this issue: Moose said the final decision rests with the State Board of Directors at the next State meeting and the "committee's" recommendation would be considered. Les said since he will be part of the board of directors, he would like input from all Chapter members, as he will vote as they wish him to. Comments said on this subject by those present were: "It seems all chapters should have had representation on that "committee". " A reprimand letter at the most should be sent" "Karen Hunley denies this was an intentional act by her" " Even if she did it on purpose why would the Chapter be kicked out of Abate?" "Need to change the State by-laws so every chapter would be represented in this type of "committee". "Seems like kindergartners, not bikers" "How can the State kick out a Chapter for what one person did?" Les said this would be discussed at the next Chapter meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- The dates for the events for next year have been decided, all flyers need to be presented at the December meeting for approval and/or changes. It is hoped the bands will be listed on those flyers.
1. April 12, 2008-Hiway clean up
 2. June 14, 2008-Memory Run
 3. July 19, 2008- families together
 4. August 1-3, 2008- Too Broke for Sturgis
 5. September 6, 2008- End of the Sun
 6. October 12, 2008-Hiway clean up

There was no quorum so nothing could be voted on at this meeting.

- Bike Pac was discussed and will be voted on at the Dec. meeting. It would cost \$100 to show our support to this organization that works on legislation for all bikers, and keeps us informed.
- Les showed everyone the Appreciation awards sent out to everyone who donated to our end of the sun run. Mike and Gayle said they got one as we used Mike's bike trailer for Axel's bike.
- Les said N-Com next year will be in Houston, Texas May 8-11 and anyone interested in attending should see Les so we can ask the State for the funds.

Les adjourned this meeting at 1:20 Next meeting- 12/29/07 in St. Maries at the Eagles Lodge after the dinner before the dance @ 7:00 pm. This will be the Dec and January meeting. Moose said a Chapter could combine two Chapter meetings if it was discussed at a meeting.