

## A.B.A.T.E. Of North Idaho, Inc., Board of Directors Meeting

October 9, 2005

Meeting was hosted by the Hoodoo Chapter at the Mark IV Motor Inn, Sandpiper Grill in Moscow, Idaho. We began at 12:28pm. There were 5 State Officers, 8 Chapter Board members and 16 members and guests signed in. The next State Board of Directors meeting will be held January 8, 2006, hosted by the St. Joe Chapter.

A teller committee of 3 members was appointed by the BOD to tally the State Officer election ballots.

The minutes of the July 10, 2005 State BOD meeting were read. Hoodoo Chapter amended the total amount donated to the Veterans.

Treasurer Report: Bank balances and information is confidential outside the membership.

### Officer Reports:

*Coordinator-* Moose talked about RISE and how it promotes what we are about. Respect – Integrity – Strength – Everyone.

*Deputy Coordinator-* Rod thanked Joel, Kitty and Cat for attending the Meeting of the Minds. Found out that the trailer insurance is covered by the homeowner who stores it. Thanked the Clearwater Chapter for putting the Friendship Run together.

*Secretary-* Receiving the Chapters minutes monthly via email. There is a minute guideline form available is needed. Other MRO publications are made available for all members.

*Treasurer-* Profit & Loss 2004 statements still need Clearwater and St. Joe financials. Have year to date Financials for 2005. Copies given to all Chapters.

*Membership Secretary-* 280 members on the mailing list as of 9-30-05 plus 38 Businesses and organizations.

*Ambassador-At-Large-* Picked up a couple new Hippies.

*Webmaster-* Chapter e-mail accounts have been set up for each Chapter to use to communicate information to the website. The State newsletter is also now on the website. An "In Memory Of" page has been added and members are invited to send in names and memories if they wish. Discussed upcoming renewal fees of maintaining our website. It was

MOTIONED and passed to approve payment of expenses of the website as presented. Discussed the need for authorization to edit material submitted, however it becomes too close to being censorship. All agreed that reports submitted by members should be reviewed for spelling, grammar, etc. before sent to the webmaster. A full report by the Webmaster is on record.

### Chapter Reports:

*Clearwater-* have 89 members. The Broomstick pool benefits Nicholas Ashby who has "werewolf disease". Chapter officer nominations were made at the last meeting. The next meeting is at the Wrangler, Nov. 2nd at 2pm. Broomstick pool at Jo's place following. Did a highway clean-up last month with a BBQ at Chuck's after.

*Hoodoo-* Russ brought up the Chapter sending members to the Meeting of the Minds and apologized for not requesting prior authorization from the Board for travel expenses. A Motion was made, amended and passed to put MRF, NCOM & AMA Seminars on the January State Meeting agenda.

Chapter membership is reported at 81. Chapter officer nominations are coming up and the next meeting is Nov. 12th. The Chapter volunteered some members to

help some Bayview people put on a Poker Run to benefit Hurricane Katrina victims. Picked up 32 bags of garbage on the highway clean-up with Kootenai Chapter yesterday. A blood drive is scheduled for Oct. 22 at the VFW on Hwy 41 in Spirit Lake.

*Kootenai Chapter-* Chapter has 48 members. Quorum every meeting. The Toy Run is Nov 5th. Four Chapter members made it to the Friendship Run. Saturday the 8th, yesterday, was our highway clean-up. Ernie noted the Chapter has a great group of members and lots of involvement and teamwork.

*St. Joe* – Chapter has 46 members. Memory Run & End of the Sun Runs went well. Highway clean-up picked up 26 bags of trash. The Nov. 6th meeting will be at the “Drifters Country Bar & Grill” in Emida at noon. Have been having rolling meetings all summer. Have added a Motorcycle Safety Officer, Chapter Chaplin and will be adding a Road Captain. Christine has made security armbands and can do some for each chapter. We discussed having First Aid armbands made up also for certified members.

#### Committee Reports:

*Newsletter-* Everyone decided it was great to have the newsletter on the website and that it should also be mailed out to everyone who is a paid member.

*Legislative-* Joel talked about attending the Meeting of the Minds and will be doing a joint report with Cat & Kitty to present to the State and each Chapter. He noted that he was given an award for MRF membership recruitment and that the “Hoodoo Hippies” won for best group name again. Discussed pipe decibels and the Lautenberg Amendment that was passed. See the MRF website for full details. We also discussed NHTSA and bridge monitors for speed. The “Intelligent Highway”

system for autos and that it does not address motorcycles.

Norman Burch would like to get a group together to make a trip to Boise during legislation. Chuc Coulter will help and Skip Brandt could give a tour.

*Financial/Budget-* We hope to have the 2004 financials completed and ready for CPA review by November 30th. Requesting the rest of the missing information to the State by November 1st. A budget cannot be done without this review.

*By-Laws-* No proposals or revisions submitted to the committee.

*Safety/Education-* The Motorcycle Awareness Program class was posted on the website a week prior to the class held in Coeur d’Alene. It was hoped that our Chapters would take the opportunity to become familiar with this program by attending these classes. The committee is interested in hearing any progress reports from the Chapters on their MAP class efforts as well as answer any questions.

*Awareness Rally-* Talked about riding to the Mission and having a speaker there. Put out an invitation to the City officials and the governor to join us. The city of Coeur d’Alene now requires groups obtain 1 million dollars of insurance. The cost of the Run will be \$100. security deposit (refundable), \$100. parade permit and \$136. for AMA sanction & insurance for a total upfront of \$336.00. Cost was approved by the Board. Discussed the need for new signs, banners, etc. Tim Herzog has some fiberglass he will donate to make new signs. This will be on the January 06 agenda. It was noted that ICMS and AMA are working together on the “Ride Straight” program.

*Spring Opener* – Karen reported the final net income. Ernie Crocker volunteered to chair the committee for next year.

*Friendship Run-* The invoice for the porta-potties was received and paid. Clearwater Chapter had pins made and sold them at cost to attendees. Discussed funding as Run is getting larger. It was MOTIONED and passed to reimburse the Clearwater chapter for any additional expenses.

*OLD BUSINESS:* The old ABATE trailer is still stored at Tom Taylor's. It was MOTIONED and passed to give the trailer to Tom to own. He will look in it for the registration. Our safe is still in it and will need to be transferred to the new trailer.

We discussed the travel policy guidelines accepted at the April '05 meeting. A committee will draw up a more detailed policy and present it at the January State BOD meeting.

*NEW BUSINESS:* Election results of State officers reported: State Coordinator- Moose Wittrock, State Deputy Coordinator- Tim Herzog, State Treasurer- Karen Hunley, State Ambassador-At-Large- Joel Arnoldi. The State Membership Secretary, Pauline Durst, went over the membership guidelines and answered questions to clarify the procedures. Discussed what an "Honorary" membership was.

*OPEN FORUM:* Willie talked about what NCOM – National Coalition of Motorcyclists is doing for our rights and the upcoming Region 1 seminar in Portland, Oregon.

*ANNOUNCEMENTS:* The next State Board of Directors meeting January 8, 2006 will be hosted by the St. Joe Chapter. The location will be posted at a later date. Meeting adjourned at 5:12pm.