



ABATE of Anchorage Board Meeting Minutes
7 March 2024, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

1) Meeting Called to Order

- a) By Bonnie Welsh at 6:32 pm

2) Board Members -

Five of Seven Board Members needed to establish Quorum - (Indicate if Present)

- a) Bonnie Welsh -- Present
b) Dan "Spider" Schneider -- online
c) Dylan Hunt -- Present
d) Jorge Martinez – online
e) Marie Berry – Present
f) Tiffany "12 Gauge Page" Karling -- Present
g) Stephanie Martinez – Present

3) OFFICER REPORTS (Optional) - (Indicate if Present)

- a) President – Marie Berry -- Present
b) Vice President – Ken Hunt -- Present
c) Secretary – Louise Crago -- Present
d) Treasurer – Stephanie Martinez— Present
e) Sgt-At-Arms – Jorge Martinez— Online
f) Legislative Affairs - Big Dave "Grizzly" Monroe-- absent
g) Run Coordinator – None
h) Newsletter Editor – Bonnie Welsh-- Present
i) Membership - Marie Berry-- Present
j) Rider Education - Bonnie Welsh-- Present
k) Gaming - Dan "RC" Owens -- online
l) Products – Marie Berry-- Present
m) Public Relations – Tiffany "12 Gauge Page" Karling -- Present
n) ABATE of Alaska State Board Reps
(1) Ken Coston -- Present
(2) Louise Crago -- Present

4) UPDATE OF AGENDA & APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES -

- a) Current Agenda Updates/Additions - none
b) Approval of Agenda — motion to approve by Tiffany, 2nd by Jorge. Passed unanimously.
c) Approval Past Meeting(s) Minutes – From February 1, 2024 — motion to approve by Jorge, 2nd by Tiffany. Passed unanimously.

5) INTRODUCTION OF ANY GUESTS & MEMBERS –

- a) Dannika Schneider
- b) Julie Forsyth
- c) Billy Stapleton – online
- d) Johanna Noble – online
- e) Laura Goggins – online
- f) Zach Holden - online

6) Executive Session (only if needed/called)

- a) Not needed

7) OLD BUSINESS –

a) 2024 Meet/Greet- January 27, 2024, Hawaiian Theme

- i) Recap-
 - 1. 124 tickets sold.
 - 2. 150 portions of food – had a lot of leftovers plus desserts.
 - 3. \$1797 cash, unknown on CC monies.
 - 4. \$197 pot for 50/50
 - 5. \$65 cash donation
 - 6. \$60 merchandise donation
 - 7. Costs
 - i) Report from Laura: Spent \$4999.03, budget \$5000.
- ii) Need to check money closer.
 - 1. Received a \$100 bill that is prop money.
 - 2. Tiffany to get markers.
- iii) Rotate themes each year.

b) 2024 Gathering at the Bike Blessing – May 4, 2024

- i) Location – Dimond Mall
- ii) Planning Meetings-
 - (1) Should contact vendors/organizations sooner due to budget setting.
 - i) Currently breaking even.
 - (2) planning meeting every other Tuesday until April at 6pm at Las Margaritas, then weekly
- iii) Poster Contest
 - (1) Winner selected Poster made.
- iv) Official Afterparty with AK Vets
 - (1) Poster approved. Needs printed. Tiffany suggested Bonnie also get handbills for easier handing out or to place on counters.
- v) Pricing
 - (1) \$100 for non-profits or clubs
 - (2) \$200 for retail or food vendors
 - (3) Exchange donations for space at Bike Blessing
- vi) Clown – Travis
 - (1) \$100 estimated to build a backdrop.
 - (2) Using some of his parts to create a prop that participants can sit on to take pictures.

- (3) We will own the backdrop; he wants the prop back.
- vii) Sourdough is donating a trailer.
- viii) ROTC will be helping.
- ix) Tom Evans is working on the Proclamation.
- x) Barriers are being set up on Friday for the event on Saturday.
- xi) Julie mentioned SBS advertising around April 26th on their signage.
- xii) Ken suggested doing Thank You letters after the event.
- xiii) Kaladi Coffee Truck will be there.
- xiv) SOT invited to the next meeting.
- xv) 3 areas will be needed to add an option for 3-wheel.
 - (1) In the works
- xvi) The Chamber offered assistance with advertising as well as the trash cans.
- xvii) Spacing
 - (1) Possible issue with spacing.
 - i) Bonnie asked for a list of the vendors.
- xviii) Kat has donations, Marie working on rail passes.
- xix) Need tables:
 - (1) 8-10 tables
 - (2) 36-50 chairs
- xx) Need to Cross Promote at Spring Fling
- xxi) Need game ideas.
 - (1) Helmet toss.
- xxii) House of Harley is having an unofficial party at HOH.
- xxiii) HOG chapter needs to stay at Blessing until the end.
- xxiv) Rolling Thunder
 - (1) Needs to be better organized.
 - (2) Possibly use delineators.
- c) Anchorage Wolverines
 - i) Resume in Spring – date TBD.
- d) Christmas in July 2024
 - i) Schedule – July 28
 - (1) Possibly change order of drop off.
 - (2) Start later.
 - (3) Louise to look into adding Providence.
 - ii) Facilitators – Stephanie, Ken, Marie, Louise
 - iii) Event Coordinator
 - iv) After BBQ
 - (1) A lot of food was left last year d/t Salvation Army feeding everyone prior.
 - v) Firefighters – Bonnie to contact.
 - vi) Toys (\$1700 in fund)
- e) Break-up Run – May 11, 2024
 - i) Needs a run coordinator.**
- f) Freeze-up Run September 14, 2024 - Placeholder

- g) Alaska Strategic Highway Safety Plan - Stakeholder Meetings – 2023-2027
Alaska Highway Safety Plan has been approved by the Federal Highway Administration.
 - i) Areas of concern, committees formed, Motorcycles separate category.
 - ii) Bonnie, Johanna, and Spider attended meetings to go through the action plan.
 - (1) Updates to come.
 - iii) Need attention on legislative agenda.
 - (1) Bring to state?
- h) ABATE of Alaska State Board (**Ken & Louise**)
 - i) Discussed having state board meeting at 2024 Salute to Vets
 - ii) Scottie resigned, need a secretary and treasurer.
 - iii) Asked to fund MSF RRETS (tabled)
 - iv) Asked to discuss returning portion of membership to inv chapters.
 - v) State does pay for Wild apricot and purchased patches for members.
 - vi) Next meeting is March 27, 2024.
- i) ABATE of Anchorage/ABATE of Alaska Legislative Agenda
 - i) Big Dave drafting legislation for anti-profiling, get sponsors—using legislation from other states.
 - ii) Motorcycle profiling project.
 - iii) Bikers in the Beltway
 - iv) Meeting of the Minds
 - v) COC liaison
 - (1) Dave Monroe.
 - a. Unable to fulfill requirement?
 - vi) Dead Red ordinance
 - (1) Need someone to attend assembly meeting.
 - i) Take place every 2 weeks.
 - (i) Next meeting is on March 19th.
 - (ii) Check agenda at muni.org
- j) Rider's Education Program—
 - i) Classes available Online for 2024
 - ii) Range buttoned up for season, ordering new roof and sides for tents, review how to handle range next season, may need new cones, and new range kit.
 - (1) Waiting on the lease
 - (2) 1 roof & 2 sides for tents \$460 w/o shipping
 - i) Bonnie will talk w/Tiffany about Freight Forward with her job.
 - iii) Three Angels Memorial/Lease in work.
 - (1) Rider Coaches –Paperwork done.
 - (2) Endorsing/Promoting ABATE of Alaska and ABATE of Anchorage.
 - (3) Goodie Bags in the works.
 - (4) **New Rider Coaches, class May 11-19, 2024.**
 - i) Applications out.
 - (i) Max of 12 applicants, couple slots left (2 or 3).
 - (5) MSF adventure riders' course will happen this year
 - i) More info coming about ADV range.

- iv) Women BRC classes, Tiffany asked to be notified of class dates.
- v) Z125 Repaired and Lowered. 30 Inches Seat height w/std seat
 - (1) Going to sell 4 KTM and 2 Rebels
 - (2) Ordered 1 more Z125 for about \$4,000.
 - (3) Lowering kits for all Z125s arrived
- vi) Veterans and MSF -Battle Dawgs—successfully engaged Veterans.
 - (1) Bonnie meeting with the groups
- vii) Website updates in the works
 - (1) Jared is working on updates.
 - (2) Separate Anchorage from the state site
 - (3) Server was purchased by Jared/Johanna a few years ago.
 - i) Discussions of reimbursement or work in trade to be discussed in the future.
 - (i) Per Johanna – paperwork is being submitted for reimbursement.
 - 1. Johanna will follow up w/Laura
 - (4) Domains purchased.
 - i) ABATE of Anchorage .org and .com were \$99/3 years.
 - (i) Nothing is currently hosted on either domain.
 - ii) \$500 for Jared to start the transition to a stand-alone site.
- k) Financial Solvency and Fundraising
 - i) Financials – Bookkeeper’s reports
 - (1) Stephanie submitted report to Laura.
 - (2) Dan shared the budget numbers through the end of the year.
 - (3) Dan paid the Chamber of Commerce.
 - (4) Building fund—\$15/ student
 - ii) Gaming permit
 - (1) contract renewal Lotto AK
 - i) Renewed
 - ii) Money will be sent to Laura around the 15th of each month if permit used.
 - (i) No activity in February.
 - iii) Potential Fundraising
 - (1) Needs work.
 - iv) Non-Profits Min Reserve-75% <http://www.keyfundsol.com/Services.html>
 - v) Financial Policies
- l) MRF Report
 - i) MRF – Really pushing hard to recruit.
 - i) MRF A&E – Young Activist Scholarship -Placeholder
 - ii) Bikers in the Beltway—Placeholder
 - iii) Issues- right to repair, altering motorcycles, MAC being seated, passive blood alcohol devices by 2026.
 - iv) Looking for assistant reps statewide
 - v) Meeting of the Minds – Placeholder
- m) SMSA- Placeholder
 - i) Statistics and Marketing
 - ii) IIHS.org MC crash statistics

- iii) Motorcycles account for 14% of crashes but only 3% of vehicles.
- n) Marketing (**Marie Berry/Tiffany “12 Gauge Page” Karling**)
 - i) Social Media (Anchorage & State) Committee is Dan” Spider” Schneider, Johanna Noble, and Bonnie Welsh- no update.
 - (1) Facebook Page –
 - i) ABATE of Alaska: 5100 followers
 - ii) ABATE of Anchorage: 351 followers
 - (2) Alaska Motorcycle Community Group – 3571 members
 - (3) Twitter – 498 Followers
 - (4) Instagram – Followers
 - i) Anchorage: 96
 - ii) State: 585
 - ii) Products—on hand. skull caps, glass cloths, pens, T-Shirts and card decks
 - (1) Need to order:
 - i) Short sleeve women’s shirts
 - ii) Microfiber towels from Costco
 - iii) Chapstick
 - iv) 2024 patches for Gathering/Blessing
 - iii) Grab bags for memberships.
 - (1) None made.
 - iv) Need range bags
 - v) Any marketing should have ABATE of Alaska logo
- o) By-Laws Changes and Issues -
 - i) current
- p) ABATE of Anchorage Policies and Procedures
 - i) Partially started Technology Policy
- q) ABATE of Anchorage Officer Operations Manuals
 - i) Bike Blessing
 - ii) Toy Run
 - iii) Election Policy/Procedure
 - (1) Ken H. working on updating.
 - iv) Run Coordinator
 - v) Membership Coordinator

8) NEW BUSINESS

- a) Ride days at Gathering.
 - i) Pressing forward
 - (1) Ride Day for mall staff.
 - i) More to come.
 - ii) Trailer for ride days
 - (1) Toy hauler w/fuel station
 - (2) Sell existing truck/trailer.
 - iii) Ensure space is available.
 - (1) Extra space has been granted.
 - iv) Brings professional development for coaches.
 - v) Insurance
 - (1) MSF covers insurance.

- i) \$250/oval
 - (i) ABATE pays and MSF will reimburse.
 - (2) ABATE partners w/other schools and coaches
 - (3) Riders need to be 16+
 - (4) ABATE need to commit to 4 more days for Ride Days
 - (5) More options are coming.
- b) Cabin Fever Alaska's 22-Hundred Casino night
 - i) Donated a class as a prize - \$349 value.
- c) Billy suggested having signs or something in the yard at the Camp Crystal event this coming Halloween season.
 - i) More discussion to be had.
- d) Places to participate and promote.
 - i) Marie to get more information on Safety Fair at Alaska Regional in June 15th/22nd
 - ii) Eagle River Triathlon June 2
- e) Legislative concerns
 - i) Possibly do a poll on the Anchorage Community page and/or email students.
 - ii) Johanna to get samples of booklet & quote.
 - (1) Can't apply for funding d/t no rep.
 - (2) Will get to the board or Bonnie.
 - iii) Have a committee page.
 - (1) Invites out from meeting.
 - i) Johanna
 - ii) Jorge

9) OTHER SHORT BUSINESS

- a) Dan received an email from Laura about reregistering the truck.
 - i) Truck is registered.

10) ACTION ITEMS FROM LAST MEETING/PENDING

- a) Webpage reconstruction in the works.

11) ACTION ITEMS FROM THIS MEETING

- a) Bonnie to contact firefighters.
- b) Louise to set up Facebook group for Break-up run.
- c) Bonnie to set up email about insurance w/Johanna, Laura, Janice.
- d) Louise to monitor assembly agenda for anything related to Dead Red or other items that could affect the motorcycle community.
- e) Dan to follow up with Dave and discuss who he is representing since he is the legislative representative.
- f) Ken Coston to ask about funding Professional Development at the next State Board meeting.
- g) Bonnie will send pictures to Dan and Johanna of the tent replacement pieces.
- h) Bonnie to contact Jason about the dirt work for building the ADV range.
 - i) Dan to get Bonnie more details.
- i) Dan will be checking on bikes after he returns.

12)ADJOURNMENT

- a) Next scheduled Board Meeting Date is Thursday, April 4, 2024, at **6:30 PM**. (in the **Board Room**)
- b) Next General Membership Meeting is March 21 at 7:00 PM at Guidos.
- c) Motion to adjourn made by Tiffany, 2nd by Marie. Passed unanimously.
 - i) Adjourned at 9:09 pm

13) Calendar

- a) Event Calendar 2024:
 - Spring Fling for Women April 6-7, 2024.
 - Swap Meet April 27 (Saturday before Blessing)
 - Gathering at the Bike Blessing May 4
 - ABATE Break up Run May 11, 2024
 - Christmas in July 28, 2024
 - Freeze up Run September 14, 2024 - placeholder