



ABATE of Anchorage Board Meeting Minutes
5 September 2024, 6:30PM to 8:30 PM

1) Meeting Called to Order

- a) By Dan Schneider at 6:31 P.M.

2) Board Members -

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

- a) Bonnie Welsh -- Present
b) Dan "Spider" Schneider -- Present
c) Dylan Hunt -- Absent
d) Jorge Martinez -- Absent
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 -- Absent
f) Legislative Affairs - Big Dave "Grizzly" Monroe -- Absent
g) Run Coordinator – Choose an item.
h) Newsletter Editor – Bonnie Welsh -- Present
i) Membership - Marie Berry -- Present
j) Rider Education - Bonnie Welsh -- Present
k) Gaming - Dan "RC" Owens -- Absent
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 by Tiffany, 2nd by Stephanie
 1. Passed unanimously
c) Approval Past Meeting(s) Minutes – From August 1, 2024 — motion by Tiffany,
 2nd by Stephanie
 1. Passed unanimously

5) INTRODUCTION OF ANY GUESTS & MEMBERS –

- a) Travis Fahlsing
- b) Robbie Gherardini
- c) Wyatt Gresham
- d) Previn Deveroux
- e) Ken Coston
- f) Steve Stripling

6) Executive Session (only if needed/called)

- a) None

7) OLD BUSINESS –

- a) 2025 Meet/Greet
 - 1. Planning meetings will be starting soon
 - 2. Need to decide on theme which will contribute to the menu
 - 3. To be held at Main Event approximately the 25th of January 2025
- b) 2024 Gathering at the Bike Blessing – May 4, 2024
 - 1. Recap
 - (1) Thank You cards
 - i) Spenard Builders Supply Etc...Bonnie will print pictures to include with Thank You cards
 - a. Cards signed during board meeting.
 - 2. Next Blessing will be May 3, 2025
- c) 2025 Gathering at the Bike Blessing – May 3, 2025 - **Placeholder**
- d) Break-up Run – **Placeholder**
- e) Christmas in July 2024 - **Placeholder**
 - 1. Needed for next Christmas in July:
 - (1) Toddler, infant, and sensory toys
 - (2) Toys for Girls ages:
 - 1. 6-9
 - 2. 10-12
 - 3. Teens
 - (3) Toys for Boys ages:
 - 1. 10-12
 - 2. Teens
 - (4) Clothing
 - 1. Premie
 - 2. Newborn
- f) Freeze-up Run September 14, 2024
 - 1. The run end at Klondike Mike's to coincide with their Diamond & Denim event.
 - 2. Would like the run to be there around 5/5:30pm
 - 3. Julie Forsyth to be Run Coordinator
 - 4. Gnomes are ready for the losing hand(s)
 - 5. Prize wheel is ready
 - 6. Need road guards for the run.

- g) Alaska Strategic Highway Safety Plan - Stakeholder Meetings – 2023-2027
Alaska Highway Safety Plan has been approved by the Federal Highway Administration.
 - 1. Areas of concern, committees formed, Motorcycles separate category.
 - 2. Bonnie, Johanna, and Spider attended meetings to go through the action plan.
 - (1) Updates to come.
 - (2) Need an ABATE presence
 - (3) The conference is September 16 and 17.
 - (4) Bonnie will be attending.
 - 3. Need attention on legislative agenda.
 - (1) Bring to state?
 - 4. Grants are currently closed – ABATE is eligible per Johanna.
 - (1) Suggested ABATE of Alaska needs to get the .gov web address so they can apply instead of Anchorage
- h) ABATE of Alaska State Board (**Ken & Louise**)
 - 1. Nothing to report, no recent meeting
 - 2. Secretary, Treasurer – have been listed in name only since needed for biannual report for Laura to submit
 - 3. Next meeting is September 18, 2024, at 7pm via Zoom.
- i) ABATE of Anchorage/ABATE of Alaska Legislative Agenda
 - 1. Rep. Stanley Wright State Legislator District 22
 - (1) Still no contact
 - 2. Motorcycle profiling project.
 - 3. Bikers in the Beltway
 - 4. Meeting of the Minds
 - 5. COC liaison
 - (1) Dave Monroe – has not been to ABATE meetings
 - 1. Motion for Louise to temporarily be the COC liaison until after elections
 - a. Motion by Marie
 - b. 2nd by Bonnie
 - c. Passed unanimously
 - 6. Right on Red ordinance Shot down!! For now...
- j) Rider's Education Program –
 - 1. Bonnie will develop a matrix to be used for cancellations or reschedules and the fees will be enforced.
 - 2. \$28000 approximate income for August
 - (1) More private lessons this year than the last 2 years combined.
 - (2) There are some spots available in various classes before end of season
 - 3. Possibly looking to add another conex.
 - 4. ADV lease – Bonnie emailed again
 - (1) No update currently
 - 5. Veterans and MSF -Battle Dawgs—successfully engaged Veterans.
 - (1) Bonnie meeting with the groups

6. Website updates in the works – **On Hold til Off Season**
- k) Financial Solvency and Fundraising
 1. Financials – Bookkeeper’s reports
 - (1) No report available as August had not been finalized
 2. Gaming permit
 - (1) Lotto AK
 - (i) Received \$19820.88 to date.
 3. Potential Fundraising
 - (1) Needs work.
 4. Non-Profits Min Reserve-75% <http://www.keyfundsol.com/Services.html>
 5. Financial Policies
- l) MRF Report
 1. MRF – Really pushing hard to recruit.
 - i) Need to update listed members from: - **To be discussed at State**
 1. Tom
 2. Tim
 3. Scotty
 4. Grizzly
 - ii) MRF A&E – Young Activist Scholarship - **Placeholder**
 - (i) 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**
 2. Johanna will be able to represent ABATE at the meeting
- m) SMSA- September 11-14, 2024
 1. Statistics and Marketing
 2. IIHS.org MC crash statistics
 3. Motorcycles account for 14% of crashes but only 3% of vehicles.
 4. Dan will be going at his own cost
 5. Johanna is available to attend.
 6. Bonnie may be able to attend on behalf of ABATE
 - (1) Stephanie made a motion and Tiffany 2nd the motion to pay up to \$1500 per person, adjusted if needed, to send to Denver, CO
 - a. Passed unanimously
- n) Marketing (**Marie Berry/Tiffany “12 Gauge Page” Karling**)
 1. Social Media (Anchorage & State) Committee is Dan” Spider” Schneider, Johanna Noble, and Bonnie Welsh- no update.
 2. Products - on hand: skull caps, glass cloths, pens, T-Shirts, and card decks
 - (1) Pens have been ordered – 1000, awaiting the quote for payment
 - (2) Need to order:
 - i) Short sleeve women’s shirts
 - ii) Microfiber towels from Costco
 - iii) Chapstick
 - iv) 2024 patches for Gathering/Blessing

3. Need to get flyers about upcoming events to the Chamber of Commerce to promote on their pages as well as it is part of their membership.
4. Grab bags for memberships.
 - (1) 80 were made.
5. Range bags.
 - (1) Made 300 so far
 - (2) \$2500 Approved
 - (3) Marie purchased ponchos for the range bags or swag bags – still need to discuss/finalize
6. Totes with range bags will be moved to office over the winter.
- o) By-Laws Changes and Issues – **on Hold til Off Season**
- p) ABATE of Anchorage Policies and Procedures - **on Hold til Off Season**
 1. Partially started Technology Policy
- q) ABATE of Anchorage Officer Operations Manuals - **on Hold til Off Season**
 1. Bike Blessing
 2. Toy Run
 3. Election Policy/Procedure
 - (1) Ken H. working on updating.
 4. Run Coordinator
 - (1) **Need someone**
 5. Membership Coordinator
- r) Ride days at Gathering - **Placeholder**
- s) Places to participate and promote - **Placeholder**
- t) Legislative concerns - **Placeholder**

8) NEW BUSINESS

1. Upcoming elections
 - (1) President
 - (2) Treasurer
 - (3) Board Seats X 3
 - a. Dan
 - b. Jorge
 - c. Tiffany
 - (4) Nominations coming in. A few received at meeting. All nominated accepted. Last day for nominations is September 19 at the General Membership meeting. Then ballots will go out with voting to conclude at counting at October GMM
 - a. Nominations:
 - i. President: Marie
 - ii. Treasure: Stephanie
 - iii. Board Seats: Previn, Wyatt, Dan, Travis, James, and Tiffany

9) OTHER SHORT BUSINESS

- a) None

10) ACTION ITEMS FROM LAST MEETING/PENDING

- a) Webpage reconstruction. **In process**
- b) Bonnie to print pictures for the Thank You cards. – **In process**
- c) Thank you card to Birdy for coordinating and leading the break-up run
- d) Bonnie is working on a dozer to clear the track. – **on hold**
- e) Dan to see about organizing road guards for freeze-up run.
- f) Dan to follow up with Representative Wright again
- g) Bonnie checking on zoning for use at the range
- h) Marie will get tote from the range to put swag bags in.
- i) Bonnie to get discount cards for the range bags. **In process**

11) ACTION ITEMS FROM THIS MEETING

- a) Marie will update the application for the Bike Blessing, Ken C offered to assist.
- b) Laura to create a line-item category for the Bike Blessing 2025 since we have vendors/groups paying money already.
- c) Dan to order the levers when he returns from Denver
- d) Marie will notify Big Dave about him no longer being the COC liaison for Anchorage
- e) Stephanie to follow up with Laura to schedule a meet-up to be added as a signer for checks.
- f) Bonnie to reach out to reserve Main Event for January 25, 2025.

12) Calendar

- a) Event Calendar 2024:
Freeze up Run September 14, 2024

13) ADJOURNMENT

- a) Next scheduled Board Meeting Date is Thursday October 3, 2024, at **6:30 PM.**
(in the **Board Room**)
- b) Next General Membership Meeting is September 19, 2024 at 7pm at Guido's.
- c) Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42pm made by Stephanie, 2nd by Marie
1. Passed unanimously