



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

1) Meeting Called to Order

- a) By Dan “Spider” Schneider at 6:42pm

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 -- Present
d) Jorge Martinez – online
e) Marie Berry – Present
f) Tiffany “12 Gauge Page” Karling -- Present
g) Stephanie Martinez – Online

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

- a) President – Marie Berry -- Present
b) Vice President – Ken Hunt -- Online
c) Secretary – Louise Crago -- Present
d) Treasurer – Stephanie Martinez— Online
e) Sgt-At-Arms – Jorge Martinez— Online
f) Legislative Affairs - Big Dave “Grizzly” Monroe-- Absent
g) Run Coordinator – Vacant
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— Absent
(2) Tim Kelly— Absent

4) UPDATE OF AGENDA & APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES -

- a) Current Agenda Updates/Additions-
b) Approval of Agenda—motion to approve by Tiffany, 2nd by Marie
c) Approval Past Meeting(s) Minutes – From January 4, 2023—motion to approve by Bonnie, 2nd by Tiffany (with one typing error noted by Bonnie – Dan will make correction). Passed unanimously.

5) INTRODUCTION OF ANY GUESTS & MEMBERS –

- a) Billy Stapleton – Online
- b) James Siegel Jr – Online
- c) Dannika Schneider
- d) Jared Noble
- e) Johanna Govaars-Noble

6) Executive Session (only if needed/called)

- a) Executive Session was called.
 - i) Paused at 7:57pm
 - ii) Executive Session concluded at 8:10pm
 - iii) No action was taken, and no vote was made during the executive session.

7) OLD BUSINESS –

- a) 2024 Meet/Greet- January 27, 2024, Hawaiian Theme
 - i) Recap-
 1. Tiffany: Feedback from the Vets – it was a fun time, loved food, enjoyed the games, need more donations for future events.
 2. There was disappointment that only 1 dancer was there and only did one dance.
 3. Advertise next time to possibly carpool d/t parking space limitations. The building has a capacity of 150.
 4. Stephanie and Jorge's kids were great and very helpful during the entire event as well as clean up.
 5. Dividing up responsibilities a bit more if possible.
 6. 124 tickets sold.
 7. 150 portions of food – had a lot of leftovers plus desserts.
 8. \$1797 cash, unknown on CC monies.
 9. \$197 pot for 50/50
 10. \$65 cash donation
 11. \$60 merchandise donation
 12. Possibly have several themes in rotation
 13. Having backup dancers available
 14. Work on continuity book.
- 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.
 - (2) The first
 - (3) planning meeting is February 6 at 6pm at Las Margaritas, meetings will be every other week until about a month prior and then will be weekly. Future locations TBD
 - iii) Poster Contest
 - (1) 1 submission so far
 - (2) Post on Facebook requesting submissions.
 - (3) Decision will be made at 2/6 planning meeting.

- iv) Official Afterparty with AK Vets
- v) Pricing
 - (1) \$100 for non-profits or clubs
 - (2) \$200 for retail or food vendors
 - (3) Exchange donations for space at Bike Blessing
 - i) Marie to discuss at planning committee meeting about possible price reduction.
- c) Anchorage Wolverines
 - i) Resume in Spring
- d) Christmas in July 2024
 - i) Schedule – July 28
 - ii) Facilitators
 - iii) Event Coordinator
 - iv) After BBQ?
 - (1) A lot of food was left last year d/t Salvation Army feeding everyone prior.
 - v) Firefighters
 - 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.
- h) ABATE of Alaska State Board (**Ken & Tim**) – No notes available d/t reps absent
 - i) Discussed having state board meeting at 2024 Salute to Vets
 - ii) Some changes in state members
 - iii) Do we need to continue funding ABATE of AK?
- 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) Need COC liaison for ABATE.
 - i) Marie volunteered.
 - (i) Motion made by Tiffany, 2nd by Bonnie, passed unanimously.
 - vi) Education Meeting on Tuesday about upcoming training course.
 - vii) Bonnie is working on website updates.
- 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) Dan suggested ordering a 2nd roof, in case it's needed.
 - ii) Bonnie will talk w/Tiffany about Freight Forward with her job.
- iii) Three Angels Memorial/Lease in work.
 - (1) Rider Coaches –Paperwork due.
 - (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 will come out in February.
 - (i) Max of 12 applicants
 - (5) MSF adventure riders' course will happen next year, where?
 - 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.
 - (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 needs to convert her report and will send it to Laura.
 - (2) Dan shared the budget numbers through the end of the year.
 - (3) Tiffany mentioned that the Chamber of Commerce had not been paid yet.
 - i) Will have the email resent to Bonnie and CC Tiffany
 - (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 February and thereafter.
 - 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 – ABATE of Alaska 5K followers
 - (2) ABATE of Anchorage 236 followers
 - (3) Alaska Motorcycle Community Group – 3.5K members
 - (4) Twitter – 539 Followers?
 - (5) Instagram – 552 Followers?
 - 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) Any marketing should have ABATE of Alaska logo
 - v) Photo contest to produce calendar for ABATE fundraising?
- 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.
 - ii) Trailer for ride days
 - (1) Toy hauler w/fuel station
 - (2) Sell existing truck/trailer.
- b) MSF Ride Day
 - i) New Program for Ride Day
 - (1) Riders up – for the moto-curious
 - (2) Skills check & eval
 - ii) Ensure space is available.
 - (1) Extra space has been granted.
 - iii) Brings professional development for coaches.
 - iv) Insurance
 - (1) MSF covers insurance.
 - (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.
- c) Cabin Fever Alaska's 22-Hundred Casino night
 - i) Benefits AK22HD
 - ii) February 17, 7pm at Denali Harley-Davidson.
 - iii) Marie & Dan volunteered.
 - iv) Poker table to represent ABATE.
 - v) Donate a class as a prize - \$349 value
 - (1) Motion made by Bonnie, 2nd by Marie. Passed unanimously.
- d) Need for State Board Representative
 - i) Current reps have not been attending Anchorage board meetings to share at State Board meetings.
 - ii) Dan spoke with Ken, and he is committed to participating.
 - iii) Need another representative to replace Tim.
 - (1) Louise volunteered since she is the Secretary for the Anchorage ABATE
 - i) Motion made by Tiffany, 2nd by Dylan.
 - (i) Ayes: Marie, Dylan, Tiffany, Bonnie, Jorge, Stephanie
 - (ii) Nays: none
 - (iii) Passed unanimously for Louise Crago to replace Tim Kelly as a second representative of Anchorage ABATE on the State board.
- e) Billy suggested having signs or something in the yard at the Camp Crystal event this coming Halloween season.
 - (1) More discussion to be had.
- f) Membership monies
 - i) \$22k to state ABATE to date
 - ii) Keep membership monies in Anchorage ABATE
 - (1) State can request monies in the future after disclosing financials for the monies already sent.
 - iii) State should sponsor MRF PDW and pay.
 - (1) Feel like this would be more welcomed by other ABATEs across the state

- iv) Motion to keep membership money in Anchorage ABATE made by Marie, 2nd by Jorge. Passed unanimously.

9) OTHER SHORT BUSINESS

- a) Dan received an email from Laura about reregistering the truck.
 - i) After discussion - Dan will register online.
 - (1) Motion made by Bonnie, 2nd by Marie. Passed unanimously.
- b) Worker's form needs filled out.
 - i) Laura is the only one covered, all others are volunteers.
 - ii) Needs filled out yearly.
 - (1) Due in February, discuss in January.

10) ACTION ITEMS FROM LAST MEETING/PENDING

- a) Webpage reconstruction in the works.
 - i) Tiffany to initiate application for Chamber of Commerce-carried forward.
- b) Spider to reach out to Laura to grant full access to Websites.
 - i) Passwords given to Jared at the 2/1 meeting.

11) ACTION ITEMS FROM THIS MEETING

- a) Tiffany to follow up on emailed invoice to Bonnie and Dan.
 - i) Bonnie or Dan will pay when the invoice comes in.
- b) Dan will respond to Laura about the extended warranty.
- c) Dan will work with Laura on filling out WC form.
- d) Bonnie will make the certificate for the Rider's class for Cabin Fever
 - i) Name on certificate TBD
- e) Marie to f/up with Dave about Dylan & Louise not getting emails
- f) Jorge to connect for a bigger room at Las Margaritas

12) ADJOURNMENT

- a) Next scheduled Board Meeting Date is Thursday, March 7, 2024, at 6:30 PM. (in the **Board Room**)
- b) Next General Membership Meeting is February 15 at 7:00 PM at Guidos.
- c) Motion to adjourn made by Tiffany, 2nd by Marie. Passed unanimously.
 - i) Adjourned at 8:28pm

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