



ABATE of Anchorage Board Meeting Minutes  
13 June 2024, 6:30PM to 8:30 PM

**1) Meeting Called to Order**

- a) By Dan Schneider at 6:34pm

**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 -- Zoom  
e) Marie Berry -- Present  
f) Tiffany "12 Gauge Page" Karling -- Present  
g) Stephanie Martinez -- Zoom

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

- a) President – Marie Berry -- Present  
b) Vice President – Ken Hunt -- Zoom  
c) Secretary – Louise Crago -- Present  
d) Treasurer – Stephanie Martinez -- Zoom  
e) Sgt-At-Arms – Jorge Martinez -- Zoom  
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 -- Absent  
(2) Louise Crago – Present

**4) UPDATE OF AGENDA & APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES -**

- a) Current Agenda Updates/Additions -  
b) Approval of Agenda - motion by Bonnie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tiffany Passed unanimously.  
c) Approval Past Meeting(s) Minutes – From May 2, 2024 — motion by Tiffany, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonnie Passed unanimously with noted correction of Tiffany's name.

**5) INTRODUCTION OF ANY GUESTS & MEMBERS –**

- a) Laura Goggins - online

b) Wyatt Gresham - online

**6) Executive Session (only if needed/called)**

a) None

**7) OLD BUSINESS –**

a) 2025 Meet/Greet- Place Holder

1. Tiffany to get counterfeit bill markers.

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

1. Recap

(1) Financial

i) Income: \$6175

ii) Expenses: \$4672.10

iii) Profit: \$1502.90

(2) Best Practice

(3) Do better

(4) Lesson learned

i) Not having bathrooms near food vendors, make sure to follow the designated map.

ii) Better marking and have measurements for the booths on the map

iii) Rolling Thunder not as big as previous years and confusion of meeting location for those not part of a club

2. Location possibility for next year

(1) Sullivan Arena – **not possible as this is Muni property**

3. Thank You cards

(1) Spenard Builders Supply on Minnesota for putting up advertising on their sign for The Gathering and Bike Blessing

i) Bonnie will print pictures to include with Thank You cards

c) Break-up Run – May 11, 2024

1. RECAP

(1) Had a good turnout

(2) Winning hand got \$180

(3) Losing hand got the gnome

d) Christmas in July 2024

1. Schedule – July 28

(1) Possibly change order of drop off.

(2) Start 1 hour later.

2. Facilitators – Stephanie, Marie, Louise

3. Event Coordinator

4. After BBQ

(1) A lot of food was left last year d/t Salvation Army feeding everyone prior.

5. Firefighters – **Bonnie contacted.**

6. Toys (\$1679.01 in fund currently)

7. Santa

- (1) Tiffany will handle Santa as there is someone really interested in doing it and feels they would be giving back.
- 8. Trailer cleaning
  - (1) Trailer will be taken to Laura's June 26th for clean out, inventory of items, power washing at nearby carwash, and painting
- 9. Regular planning meetings – location TBD
  - (1) Meetings start June 24, 2024, 6pm
- e) Freeze-up Run September 14, 2024 – Placeholder
  - 1. Tiffany requested 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
- f) 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.
  - 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 their .gov web address so they can apply instead of Anchorage
    - (2) Louise will follow up with Johanna on this.
- g) ABATE of Alaska State Board (**Ken & Louise**)
  - 1. Discussed having state board meeting at 2024 Salute to Vets
  - 2. Secretary, Treasurer – still needed, no volunteers yet.
  - 3. Asked to fund MSF RRETS approved up to \$5,000.
  - 4. A \$500 donation from Juneau ABATE was sent to Laura - with no memo/description. Should be for the PDW
  - 5. Asked to discuss returning portion of membership to inv chapters -- tabled
  - 6. State does pay for Wild apricot and purchased patches for members.
  - 7. Next meeting is August 28, 2024, at 7pm via Zoom.
  - 8. New check signers -Stephanie
- h) ABATE of Anchorage/ABATE of Alaska Legislative Agenda
  - 1. Rep. Stanly Wright State Legislator District 22
  - 2. Motorcycle profiling project.
  - 3. Bikers in the Beltway
  - 4. Meeting of the Minds
  - 5. COC liaison
    - (1) Dave Monroe.
  - 6. Right on Red ordinance
    - (i) Shot down!! For now...
- i) Rider's Education Program --
  - 1. Classes started
    - (1) ADV lease

2. There was some wind damage to the new panels Bonnie purchased. ABATE purchased the strongest materials the company had.
  - (1) Bonnie also returned the extra panels and is waiting on the refund.
3. Bike updates.
  - (1) Selling 6 bikes, 4 KTMs and 2 rebels sold for \$14,100.
  - (2) Purchased two RE Hunters for \$8,400.
    - i) One has been delivered
  - (3) Need 2 more, email vote approved \$8,800, due to colors
4. Veterans and MSF -Battle Dawgs—successfully engaged Veterans.
  - (1) Bonnie meeting with the groups
5. 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 in either domain.
        - ii) \$500 for Jared to start the transition to a stand-alone site.
- j) Financial Solvency and Fundraising
  1. Financials – Bookkeeper’s reports
    - (1) Stephanie submitted the report to Laura.
    - (2) Building fund—\$15/ student
  2. Gaming permit
    - (1) Lotto AK
      - (i) Received \$19820.88
  3. Potential Fundraising
    - (1) Needs work.
  4. Non-Profits Min Reserve-75% <http://www.keyfundsol.com/Services.html>
  5. Financial Policies
- k) MRF Report
  1. MRF – Really pushing hard to recruit.
    - i) MRF A&E – Young Activist Scholarship -Placeholder
    - ii) Bikers in the Beltway—Report?
    - 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. Dan unable to go in September to PA meeting
    - (1) Tiffany or Marie are possible backups to go.
- l) 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. Bonnie may be able to attend on behalf of ABATE
- m) 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.
    - i) Johanna requested – via Marie – durags for the range
      - (i) We will not be getting any additional
    - (2) Facebook Page –
      - i) ABATE of Alaska: 5100 followers
      - ii) ABATE of Anchorage: 351 followers
    - (3) Alaska Motorcycle Community Group – 3571 members
    - (4) Twitter – 498 Followers
    - (5) Instagram – Followers
      - i) Anchorage: 96
      - ii) State: 585
  2. 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
  3. Grab bags for memberships.
    - (1) 80 were made.
  4. Need range bags.
    - (1) \$2500 Approved
      - i) Budget of approximately \$3/bag in the past
      - ii) Marie, Tiffany, and Louise have made approximately 300 bags thus far. Will get together to complete the remaining bags now that the remaining items have come in.
      - iii) Cost is less than \$2/bag so far.
- n) By-Laws Changes and Issues -
1. current
- o) ABATE of Anchorage Policies and Procedures
1. Partially started Technology Policy
- p) ABATE of Anchorage Officer Operations Manuals
1. Bike Blessing
  2. Toy Run
  3. Election Policy/Procedure
    - (1) Ken H. working on updating.
  4. Run Coordinator
  5. Membership Coordinator
- q) Ride days at Gathering.
- i) Trailer for ride days
    - (1) Toy hauler w/fuel station

- (2) Sell existing truck
- ii) Insurance
  - (1) MSF covers insurance.
    - i) \$250/oval
      - (i) ABATE pays and MSF will reimburse.
    - (2) ABATE need to commit to 4 more days for Ride Days
    - (3) More options are coming.
- r) Places to participate and promote.
  - 1. Marie to get more information on the Safety Fair at Alaska Regional on June 15<sup>th</sup> from 10-2.
  - 2. Eagle River Triathlon June 2
- s) Legislative concerns
  - 1. Possibly do a poll on the Anchorage Community page and/or email students.
  - 2. 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.
  - 3. Have a committee page.
    - (1) Invites out from meeting.
- t) Charlie (Charleen) Babcock passed away 4/27/24 in AZ.  
Potluck at Reilly's Irish Pub on Fireweed on June 21 at 3pm

## 8) NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Rep Stanley Wright (AK Dist 22 State Rep) concerning legislative affairs
  - (1) Dan will follow up with him since he was not at the meeting.

## 9) OTHER SHORT BUSINESS

- 1. Chamber of Commerce events
  - (1) Meet & Greet on June 20. Would like ABATE there
    - i) Tiffany suggested we be on bikes if possible

## 10) ACTION ITEMS FROM LAST MEETING/PENDING

- a) Webpage reconstruction. **In process**
- b) Bonnie to contact Jason about dirt work needed for building the ADV range. **In process**
- c) Dan to get Bonnie more details. **In process**
- d) Dan to get quotes for the toy hauler due to homeless being in the truck and leaving a lot of trash. **In process**
- e) Marie will get with Ken C. about emptying and cleaning the trailer then painting it with Kilz. **In process**

## 11) ACTION ITEMS FROM THIS MEETING

- a) Louise to send Bonnie Providence contact information again. **Done before meeting ended**
- b) Bonnie to print pictures for the Thank You cards.
- c) Thank you card to Birdy for coordinating and leading the break-up run

- d) Bonnie to contact the stops for the Toy Run. **Done before meeting ended**
- e) Marie to get boxes for donations for the Toy Run.
- f) Tiffany will handle Santa for the Toy Run.
- g) Louise to follow up with Johanna about the state grants and web address.
- h) Bonnie is working on a dozer to clear the track.
- i) Dylan to reach out for donations for the range bags.
- j) Bonnie will email to withdraw from the Alaska Regional Hospital Safety Fair and let them we will participate next year.
- k) Marie to get a quote on pens.

## **12)Calendar**

- a) Event Calendar 2024:
  - Christmas in July 28, 2024
  - Freeze up Run September 14, 2024 - placeholder.

## **13) ADJOURNMENT**

- a) Next scheduled Board Meeting Date is Wednesday, July 3, 2024, at **6:30 PM**. (in the **Board Room**)
- b) Next General Membership Meeting - will resume in the fall
- c) Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16pm/
  - 1. Made by: Bonnie
  - 2. 2nd by: Dylan
  - 3. Passed unanimously