



ABATE of Anchorage Board Meeting Minutes
6 February 2025, 6:30PM to 8:30 PM

1) Meeting Called to Order

- a) By Dan Schneider at 6:36 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 -- Present
- d) Travis Fahlsing -- Present
- e) Marie Berry -- Present
- f) Tiffany "12 Gauge Page" Karling -- Absent
- g) Stephanie Martinez -- Present

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 -- Present
- e) Sgt-At-Arms -- Tom Dillon -- Present
- f) Legislative Affairs -- Travis Falsing -- Present
- g) Legislative Affairs -- Louise Crago -- Present
- h) Run Coordinator -- Tom Dillon - Present
- i) Newsletter Editor -- Bonnie Welsh -- Present
- j) Membership -- James Siegel Jr -- Zoom
- k) Rider Education - Bonnie Welsh -- Present
- l) Gaming - Dan "RC" Owens -- Absent
- m) Products -- Marie Berry-- Present
- n) Public Relations -- Tiffany "12 Gauge Page" Karling -- Absent
- o) ABATE of Alaska State Board Reps
 - (1) Travis Fahlsing -- Present
 - (2) Louise Crago -- Present

4) UPDATE OF AGENDA & APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES -

- a) Current Agenda Updates/Additions -
- b) Approval of Agenda - motion by Stephanie, 2nd by Marie
 - 1. Passed unanimously.
- c) Approval Past Meeting(s) Minutes -- From January 2, 2025 — motion by Stephanie, 2nd by Travis
 - 1. Passed unanimously

5) INTRODUCTION OF ANY GUESTS & MEMBERS

- a) Julie Forsyth
- b) Previn Deveroux
- c) Danika Schneider
- d) Gina Hagar
- e) Alex Traxler

6) Executive Session (only if needed/called)

- a) Not needed

7) OLD BUSINESS –

- a) 2025 Meet/Greet – January 25, 2025 - **RECAP**
 - 1. Smaller than normal attendance
 - (1) Other events at the same time
 - 2. Possibly not advertised well
 - 3. More posters
 - 4. 5 new Memberships and 6 renewals
 - 5. One toy donation
 - 6. Given 8 \$25 gift cards from Main Event – to decide use later
 - 7. Two members donated cash
 - 8. Financials not available at the time of the meeting
 - 9. James will mail cards
- b) Spring Fling for Women/Health & Wellness Expo – April 5-6
 - 1. The booth has been paid for.
 - 2. Will have a sign-up sheet available for volunteers
 - (1) Gina can do Sunday
 - (2) Danika can do Saturday
- c) Swap Meet – April 26
 - 1. ABATE received donated gear.
 - (1) Will sell items at the Swap Meet.
 - (2) Money to go towards Christmas in July.
- d) 2025 Gathering at the Bike Blessing – May 3
 - 1. Planning meetings to start
 - (1) First one will be at Peanut Farm (Stephanie to call and reserve the room) on Thursday February 13 at 630pm
 - (2) Biweekly after until closer to the event.
 - 2. Per Julie, SBS has confirmed they will advertise on their board starting a week prior to the Blessing
 - 3. Dan and Marie will meet with the AK Vets on February 12 about hosting the Official After Party.
 - 4. Julie will have her Patch booth – gave cash payment and application to Marie.
 - 5. Possibly having the Texas Roadhouse Armadillo in place of the clown
 - 6. HOG will be providing security again

7. Marie motioned that in return for providing security, we donate booth space to HOG. Stephanie seconded the motion. Passed Unanimously. Alex gave Marie the application.
 8. MRF will have Ride Day again for the moto-curious
 9. Coaches to encourage skills classes/labs to be offered later in the year.
- e) Break-up Run – **Placeholder**
- f) Eagle River Triathlon – **Placeholder**
1. Dan will coordinate
- g) Christmas in July 2025 - **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
- h) Freeze-up Run - **Placeholder**
- i) Alaska Strategic Highway Safety Plan - Stakeholder Meetings – 2023-2027
Alaska Highway Safety Plan has been approved by the Federal Highway Administration. **No update – upcoming meeting**
1. Areas of concern, committees formed, Motorcycles separate category.
 2. Bonnie, Johanna, and Spider attended meetings to go through the action plan.
 - (1) Need attention on legislative agenda.
 3. 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
- j) ABATE of Alaska State Board (**Travis & Louise**)
1. President (State Coordinator) position – Louise voted in
 2. Vice-President (Assistant State Coordinator) position – Travis voted in
 3. Treasurer position – Gina voted in
 4. Secretary position – Alyssa from North Star ABATE voted in
 5. Possible changes to Policies/By Laws coming
 6. Next meeting is March 19, 2025, at 7pm via Zoom.
- k) ABATE of Anchorage/ABATE of Alaska Legislative Agenda
1. Motorcycle profiling project.
 2. Bikers inside the Beltway
 - (1) May 19-20
 3. Meeting of the Minds
 - (1) September 25-27 in Shreveport, LA

4. COC liaison (**Louise Crago**)
5. Right on Red ordinance
 - (1) Louise continues to monitor the assembly agendas
- l) Rider's Education Program –
 1. Bonnie is working with Dan on the lease renewal to encompass the ADV course.
 2. Saw a large increase in the number of students 21 & under
 3. Bike update
 - (1) Selling 4 Royal Enfield bikes
 - (2) Dan will check resell prices to get resale values before listing
 - (3) Will have one at the Spring Fling and one at the Blessing
 4. Veterans and MSF - Battle Dawgs - successfully engaged Veterans.
 - (1) Bonnie meeting with the groups
 5. Website updates in the works – **Placeholder**
 - (1) \$500 approved for Jared to start the transition to a stand-alone site.
 6. Bonnie will run a Valentine's special for a class on FB.
 7. There is an upcoming ride coach meeting on Saturday February 15
- m) Financial Solvency and Fundraising
 1. Financials – Bookkeeper's reports
 - (1) Currently under budget
 - (2) CD?
 2. Gaming permit
 3. Potential Fundraising
 - (1) Needs work.
 4. Non-Profits Min Reserve-75% <http://www.keyfundsol.com/Services.html>
 5. Financial Policies
- n) MRF Report (???)
 1. MRF – Really pushing hard to recruit.
 2. MRF A&E – Young Activist Scholarship - **Placeholder**
 3. Bikers inside the Beltway (May 19-20) – **Placeholder**
 4. Issues- right to repair, altering motorcycles, MAC being seated, passive blood alcohol devices by 2026.
 5. Looking for assistant reps statewide
 6. Meeting of the Minds (September 25-27) – **Placeholder**
- o) 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) Need to order:
 - (1) Short sleeve women's shirts
 - (2) Microfiber towels from Costco
 - (3) Chapstick
 - (4) 2025 patches for Gathering/Blessing
 3. Swag bags for memberships.
 - (1) 80 were made.
 4. Range bags

- (1) \$2500 Approved
- (2) Winter project to create more
- 5. Ponchos will be placed in both the range bags and swag bags
- 6. Chamber of Commerce
 - (1) After Hours networking
- 7. Ads
 - (1) Reach out sooner in school year to secure ads
- p) By-Laws Changes and Issues - **Placeholder**
- q) ABATE of Anchorage Policies and Procedures - **Placeholder**
 - 1. Partially started Technology Policy
- r) ABATE of Anchorage Officer Operations Manuals - **Placeholder**
 - 1. Bike Blessing – **In Process**
 - 2. Toy Run
 - 3. Election Policy/Procedure
 - 4. Run Coordinator
 - 5. Membership Coordinator
- s) Places to participate and promote.
- t) Legislative concerns – **Placeholder since new session and members**

2) NEW BUSINESS

- a) Make Donation to PFPH increase to \$1,000.
 - 1. Stephanie made a motion to increase the \$875 from the Live Auction at the M&G to \$1000. Travis seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.
 - 2. Will present the donation at the Blessing – utilize the big check

3) OTHER SHORT BUSINESS

- a) Marie to get bike helmets in the Spring for ROTC

4) ACTION ITEMS FROM LAST MEETING/PENDING

- a) The tank still needs to come off the truck and the truck needs towed away. – **In process**
 - 1. Dylan offered to help.
 - 2. Travis and Tom coordinating with Dan to complete
- b) Dan and Johanna to discuss Rider coaches' classes training for next year. – **In process**
- c) Dan to get Jarod access to email to update the website. – **In process**
- d) Cards with ABATE QR Code to increase membership and ease of payments have been made, just need to be printed. **In process**

5) ACTION ITEMS FROM THIS MEETING

- a) Stephanie to call Peanut Farm to reserve the back room for planning meetings
- b) Marie to figure out gift card use from Main Event
- c) Louise to create a volunteer schedule for the various upcoming events
- d) James to mail out cards to new and renewed members.

6) Calendar

- a) Event Calendar 2025:
 - 1. Spring Fling Women's Health Fair – April 5-6
 - 2. Swap Meet – April 26
 - 3. Gathering at the Bike Blessing – May 3
 - 4. Break-up Run – May 10
 - 5. Eagle River Triathlon – June 8
 - 6. Christmas in July Toy Run – July 27
 - 7. Freeze Up Run – September 13

7) ADJOURNMENT

- a) Next scheduled Board Meeting Date is Thursday March 6, 2025, at **6:30 PM**. (in the **Board Room**)
- b) Next General Membership Meeting is February 20, 2025, at **6pm** at **Peanut Farm**
- c) Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 P.M. made by Marie , 2nd by Stephanie.
 - 1. Passed unanimously