



ABATE of Anchorage Board Meeting Minutes
04 February 2021, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

I. Board Members -

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

- a. Kat Sowa-Lapinkas--present
- b. "Peppermint" Patti Bogan--present
- c. Tiffany "12 Gauge Page" Karling --present
- d. Bonnie Welsh--present
- e. "Big Dave Grizzly" Monroe--present
- f. Daniel "Spider" Schneider--present
- g. President – Ken Coston--present

II. OFFICER REPORTS (Optional) - (Indicate if Present)

- a. President – Ken Coston--present
- b. Vice President – Jared Noble--present
- c. Secretary - Lesle "Scottie" Moore--present
- d. Treasurer – Tim Kelly--present
- e. Sgt-At-Arms - Daniel "Spider" Schneider--present
- f. Legislative Affairs - Tom "Zookeeper" Evans--present
- g. Run Coordinator – Kat Sowa-Lapinkas--present
- h. Newsletter Editor – Teo Ransum
- i. Membership - Marie Berry--present
- j. Rider Education - Bonnie Welsh--present
- k. Gaming - Dan "RC" Owens
- l. Products - Ed Rutledge---present
- m. Public Relations – Tiffany "12 Gauge Page" Karling--present
- n. ABATE of Alaska State Board Reps
 - Ken Coston
 - Tim Kelly

III. UPDATE OF AGENDA & APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES -

- a. Current Agenda Updates/Additions –
- b. Approval of Agenda – Motion to approve agenda Tiffany "12 Gauge Page" Karling Tiffany—seconded by Ken Coston; **approved by board**
- c. Approval of Board Chair to take items out of sequence if necessary.
Invoked
- d. Approval Past Meeting(s) Minutes – From January 07, 2021 Motion to approve minutes Daniel "Spider" Schneider —seconded Ken Coston by **approved by board--**

IV. INTRODUCTION OF ANY GUESTS & MEMBERS –

- a. Johanna Noble

V. Executive Session (only if needed/called) - NONE

VI. OLD BUSINESS –

- a. Bike Blessing 2021 (Ken & Sarah)
 - i. Poster --Anchorage ABATE hosting event should be completed soon
 - ii. Working on packages
 - iii. Working on plan A (Park Strip) currently working on and plan B a drive through blessing, Option C (Northway Mall, still looking into)
 - iv. AK Vets asked to do Rolling Thunder and presenting the colors as well as official after party
 - v. Planning meetings—will have committees and subcommittees for different duties set up when ready to have public meetings waiting to make sure that we are ready
 - vi. Next Meeting—February 16, 2021
 - vii. Tom Evans to work on proclamations from Governor and new mayor of Anchorage.
 - viii. Forms updated.
 - ix. Deadline is April 15, 2021 to sign up, after will require a \$100 late fee.
 - x. HOG anticipated to provide security and parking.
 - xi. Big Dave to send out sponsorship letter for recruiting sponsors of the event.
- b. By-Laws Changes and Issues - **(Tim Kelly)**
 - i. ABATE of Anchorage updated by-laws finalized/approved
 - ii. ABATE of Anchorage updated policies finalized/approved
 - iii. What is next?
 - Invitations to other chapters (Dates?)
 - Target Dates to finish?
 - Name Change complete?
 - a. ABATE of Anchorage
 - b. ABATE of Alaska
 - ABATE of Alaska Bank Account?
 - iv. The name changes have been processed. COI for DMV. Application has been mailed in. Gaming permit application submitted for name change, now under ABATE of Anchorage. Hob Nob has been contacted. Holding off on bank as there are outstanding checks, tax return complete and submitted as ABATE of Alaska. Gaming would like IRS acknowledgement. Wild Apricot is going to stay ABATE of Alaska. Holding off on new ABATE of Alaska Business License due to expiration date (12/31/2020) Laura and Bonnie are working with MSF and name change. Signers will need to be determined for the bank. Each Board will need to make that decision. Possible temporary signers. January meeting would be a good time to review signers for bank account.

- v. We will move forward with board and officers as signers to finish setting new ABATE of Alaska up. Laura will take care of things as they come in.
- vi. How are we going to fill new ABATE of Alaska's Board? Beginning Jan. 1 this board would be Anchorage ABATE. Will try to arrange video/teleconference in order to move the state organization forward.
- vii. ABATE of Alaska has a board and officers as previously listed.
 - Kent, President of North Star ABATE: wondering about By-Laws and concerned about overlap between two organizations. New board has opportunity to update By-Laws, policies, and procedures once new board is seated. Two representatives from each chapter will be able to write by-laws and make decisions on the state level versus individual communities. Schedule a meeting with chapters.
 - One newsletter for state, all chapters to submit articles.
- c. 12th Annual virtual Polar Plunge for Special Olympics Alaska - <https://fb.me/e/1XVrU4p9q>
 - i. Kat spoke to Melissa at Special Olympics. Event is winding down keep in mind for next year.
- d. Financial Solvency and Fundraising
 - i. Financials – Bookkeeper's reports
 - ii. Gaming permit (gaming monies to be recognized in December or January) Laura will look to see how it was done. Email chain to determine
 - **HobNob Pull Tabs LLC**
 - iii. <http://www.keyfundsol.com/Services.html>
 - iv. Potential Fundraising
 - Havoc mentioned past years ABATE events to raise monies
 - a. Raffles, spaghetti feeds, etc
 - b. volunteers to manage events need addition streams of revenue in addition to Rider Education
 - v. ABATE of Alaska Non-Profits Minimum Reserve
 - vi. Financial Policies
 - Expenses— President/Treasurer may approve emergent expenses
 - a. Personal reimbursements up to \$500
 - b. Does not apply to normal cost of business or pre-approved expenses
 - Events- guidelines
- e. Rider's Education Program
 - i. There have been multiple sign-ups for classes in the upcoming season.
 - ii. Rider Education Meeting—
 - iii. Three Angels Memorial/Lease – (Ed/Barb)

- Received email saying the Muni is proposing to terminate the contract with the developers

“We are proposing to terminate our agreement with the current developer, so this area at Tudor/Elmore this coming summer should be clear for you to use.” **Cleared for upcoming season.**

- a. Other locations are still being looked at
 - i. Sullivan Arena Parking Lot is current backup **Bonnie to make contact to see if possible, Northway Mall parking lot may be an option**
 - ii. Redevelopment of the Former Native Hospital Site
 - iii. Muni will only commit to annual contract as there are other developers looking at the site.
 - iv. Land Exchange with Tozier tract
- Team CC interested in helping with plan of new location and then identify how people/businesses can help.
- iv. Motorcycle Shop willing to sell ABATE new bikes 4000 and 5000 for BMW 310 would pay us back all but 500 after two years (Dan/Bonnie) **(Is this still a viable option/need?)**
- v. Rider Coaches
 - Endorsing/Promoting ABATE of Alaska and ABATE of Anchorage.
 - Membership Forms/Packets- talk to Laura to get contents so we can make more
 - Chime meeting at the end of February. Coaches schedule to be worked out at the meeting. Board members and officers are encouraged to attend. Bonnie to send out invite to meeting.
- vi. WOW partnership with Women BRC classes **(very popular)**
 - Approached by Diamond Girls MC to also be involved
- vii. Will need a connex to store three wheels – **Tabled until next season?**
- viii. DMV requiring written test in addition to rider course. Barb is looking for paperwork indicating course is approved to waive requirement **(Next regulation update may include a return to include written and riding test in waiver.)** Juneau is involved Bonnie to look into as well
- ix. Laura mentioned additional BMW's for 2021 when she went to pay, also reminded that gaming funds could cover cost.
- x. Daniel “Spider” Schneider received a text from Andrew. He has bike he has four Dukes available. Same terms as last season. Final purchase 3250.00 He ordered 5 more of the BMW 310 and would allow us to use. May have to pay extra for a protection plan.

- f. Holiday Party/Meet and Greet for 2021 - **Tabled until COVID-19 restrictions are relaxed** **Event Fundraising Committee-Bonnie W. Patti B, Scottie M**
 - i. Possibly February and making it a fund-raising event to include meet the board and officers during the event.
 - ii. Potential Fall Party at end of riding season coinciding with Freeze Up Run
- g. MRF/SMSA Updates/Reports
 - i. MRF – Really pushing hard to recruit members
 - Can ABATE help?
 - Looking forward to Bikers in the Beltway (Washington DC) in May
 - Entertaining nominations for MRF Hall of Fame
 - Meeting of the Minds Sept. 2021 in Atlanta GA.
 - ii. Training Scholarships
 - a. <https://www.yourvalley.net/stories/peoria-nonprofit-awarded-100000-grant-for-motorcycle-rider-training-scholarships,161918>
 - iii. SMSA –October 13-16, 2021 in Boise ID.
 - iv. John Weddleton/Boscoss, The Motorcycle Shop, and Neighbors Windows and Doors have all offered to donate mileage or purchase mileage tickets for ABATE using mileage.
- h. Alaska Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) Safety Meetings
 - i. Plan published
 - http://dot.alaska.gov/stwdplng/shsp/shsp_plan.shtml
 - ii. SHSP Emphasis Area Team Leaders Meeting
 - BigDave – Appointed Team Lead for Motorcycles and ATV
 - Mostly discussed roles and approach--Assistant is putting together list of motorcycle vendors.
 - Team meetings to be held—board members and officers will be asked to participate via teleconference.
 - Follow-Up Leader’s Meeting Once per Quarter
 - iii. Alaska SHSP Motorcycle/ATV Emphasis Area Team Meeting - **Postponed due to COVID-19**
 - a. Teleconference info to follow
 - iv. **Young Drivers Emphasis Area Team Meeting (Ken)**
 - **Update—meeting every quarter**
- i. Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) | NHTSA
 - i. <https://www.nhtsa.gov/research-data/fatality-analysis-reporting-system-fars> (No Activity) Big Dave to reach out to see what is going on.
- j. Marketing (???)
 - i. Advertising—Holiday Season giveaway of BRC class, Facebook has 4500 following page
 - ii. Products
 - iii. Any marketing should have ABATE logo
 - iv. Steve Stripling

- v. Banner sign through Minuteman Press sale
- vi. Children's handbook (Ken C), Long Island ABATE
- vii. **Local Year Book Ads (Ken, Spider, Lil' Spider)**
 - **Full Page Color** - **\$325**
 - **Half Page Color** - **\$175**
 - **1/4 Page Color** - **\$100**
 - ***Dimond High School Yearbook***
- viii. Photo contest to produce calendar for ABATE fundraising
- k. ABATE of Anchorage Policies and Procedures
 - i. Initial Policies adopted
 - ii. Partially started Technology Policy
 - iii. **Election Policy**
- l. ABATE of Anchorage Officer Operations Manuals
 - i. **Bike Blessing**
 - ii. **Toy Run**
 - iii. **Election Procedure**
 - iv. Run Coordinator
 - Tom, Chris, and Alan to discuss and work on
 - v. Membership Coordinator
 - Ken and Big Dave to work on - need to draft.
- m. Survey Monkey- **Big Dave can work with Tiffany and Kat**
 - i. Need to get Surveys going (2 types)
 - Members
 - Non-Members/Community

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Down Biker Fund/Building Fund – Transfer of monies. It is a legal issue for the organization. Suggestion to move remaining funds into building fund for Anchorage ABATE—concerns about targeted donations, part of housekeeping. Ken Coston motioned to move monies from down biker fund to building fund. Daniel “Spider” Schneider seconded—**approved by board.**
- b. Emails – new email address
- c. Website is ABATE of Alaska. It will be more general. We can set up a dedicated website. Does the board think we need another website?
Current site works.

VII. OTHER SHORT BUSINESS

- a. NONE

IX. ACTION ITEMS FROM LAST MEETING/PENDING

- a. Tom will look into earplug issue. Also putting a letter together with three points for the legislature. (Dead Red) —**In Process**
- b. Tom to work MRF membership at General Membership meetings
- c. Tom Evans to work on proclamations from Governor and new mayor of Anchorage for Bike Blessing
- d. Big Dave to reach out to all ABATE chapters statewide —**In Process**

- e.
- f. Bonnie to investigate additional BMW. - in process
- g. Bonnie to investigate SMSA –in process.

X. ACTION ITEMS FROM THIS MEETING

- a. Big Dave to send out sponsorship letter for recruiting sponsors of the event.
- b. Bonnie to send out invite to Rider Coaches meeting when meeting is scheduled.
- c. Bonnie talk to Laura to get contents so we can make more.
- d. Big Dave to reach out to Joanna re: FARS see what is going on.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Next scheduled Board Meeting Date is Thursday, March 4th, 2021 at 7:00 PM. (**Teleconference**)
- b. Next General Membership Meeting is Thursday, February 18th, 2021 at 7:00 PM via (**Teleconference**) (**Spotlight Business: None**)
- c. Motion to adjourn by... Daniel “Spider” Schneider, Bonnie Welsh seconded motion; ***approved by board.***

XII. Calendar

- a. Event Calendar - **Proposed Dates are on Run Calendar (Tentative)**
 - i. The Gathering at the Bike Blessing (**Saturday, May 1, 2021**)
 - ii. Break Up Run (**Saturday, May 8, 2021**)
 - iii. Eagle River Triathlon Road Guarding (**Sunday, June 6, 2021**)
 - iv. Christmas In July Toy Run (**Sunday, July 18, 2021**)
 - v. Freeze-Up Run (**Saturday, September 11, 2021**)