



ABATE of Anchorage Board Meeting Minutes
Scheduled: 01 April 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-Lapinskas--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
- e. Sgt-At-Arms - Daniel "Spider" Schneider
- f. Legislative Affairs - Tom "Zookeeper" Evans--present
- g. Run Coordinator – Kat Sowa-Lapinskas--present
- h. Newsletter Editor – Teo Ransum
- i. Membership - Marie Berry-present
- j. Rider Education - Bonnie Welsh--present
- k. Gaming - Dan "RC" Owens--present
- l. Products - Ed Rutledge
- 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 – none
- b. Approval of Agenda -
- c. Approval of Board Chair to take items out of sequence if necessary.
Invoked
- d. Approval Past Meeting(s) Minutes – From February 04, 2021—Dan "Spider" Schneider motioned to approve minutes; Kat Sowa-Lapinskas seconded **Approved by board**

IV. INTRODUCTION OF ANY GUESTS & MEMBERS –

- a. Johanna, Robin Brandt-Lebiedz, Laura Goggins.

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS –

a. Bike Blessing 2021 (Ken & Sarah)

- i. Poster - Anchorage ABATE hosting even
- ii. Working on packages
- iii. Dimond Mall-location moved due to Muni not committing to permits for event.
- iv. AK Vets asked to do Rolling Thunder and presenting the colors as well as official after party. Party to start 3-4pm?
- v. Planning meetings—have committees and subcommittees for different duties set up when ready to have public meetings waiting to make sure that we are ready.
- vi. Meeting Weekly in April - Next Meeting—April 6, 2021 meetings from 630-730. -letter to vendors goes out in next week.
- vii. Tom Evans to work on proclamations from Governor and new mayor of Anchorage. **Tom go by office tomorrow for Mayor**, sent two requests to Governor.
- viii. Deadline is April 15, 2021 to sign up, after will require a \$100 late fee.
- ix. HOG anticipated to provide security and parking.
- x. ABATE to provide masks available, require vendors to have hand sanitizer at every table. No power available. A Generator will provide power for sound system.

b. Break-Up Run (Kat)

- i. Sheep Creek Lodge—donated room at the lodge could be raffled off (raffle off at the Gathering? Membership renewal/sign up incentive? Door Prize) Route- Alaska Leather, Team CC (Eagle River) Birchwood Saloon, Denali HD, Millers, Sheep Creek Lodge
- ii. Poster-poster sent out to for approval.
- iii. Assistance—everything is ready.
- iv. **Kat to add cabin price and meet time to poster as well as QR code**

c. 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 Tim and RC took care of yesterday.
- 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 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. Big Dave still working on getting in touch with other chapters. Tim reaching out to person in Valdez.
 - Laura having issues getting affirmation letter back from IRS, second request sent today. IRS not responding presently.
- d. Financial Solvency and Fundraising
- i. Financials – Bookkeeper's reports-no financials at this time, to be sent out next week.
 - ii. Gaming permit
 - **HobNob Pull Tabs LLC**—Jan/Feb activity has been sent in
 - 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. Website being updated to be mobile friendly hopefully done in the next couple of weeks.
 - ii. Some classes already full
 - iii. Rider Education Meeting— Calendar open, Classes open
 - MSF office is open.
 - iv. 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. Redevelopment of the Former Native Hospital Site
 - ii. Muni will only commit to annual contract as there are other developers looking at the site.
 - iii. Land Exchange with Tozier Dog tract if we get booted off.
 - Team CC interested in helping with plan of new location and then identify how people/businesses can help.
 - v. 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?)**
 - vi. Getting into connex to review inventory with Floyd possible selling at Swap Meet.
 - vii. Rider Coaches
 - Endorsing/Promoting ABATE of Alaska and ABATE of Anchorage.
 - Membership Forms/Packets- Ken to talk to Laura to get contents so we can make more Motion to authorize spider 750 second Ken **approved by board**
 - Coaches have selected instruction days, still need some contracts returned.
 - viii. WOW partnership with Women BRC classes **(very popular)**
 - Approached by Diamond Girls MC to also be involved
 - ix. Will need a connex to store three wheels, 3-wheels stored in connex; will need storage for run trailer – **Tabled until next season?**
 - x. 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; still waiting on changes

- xi. Laura mentioned additional BMW's for 2021 when she went to pay, also reminded that gaming funds could cover cost.
- xii. 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 Big Dave bought ticket and is drafting letter to set up appointments with Congressional members
 - 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. Bonnie signed up waiting on information, will follow up. Bonnie is hoping to attend event. Also will get information on fees for organization.
 - iv. John Weddleton/Boscors, 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)
 - j. Marketing (???)
 - i. Advertising—Facebook has 4684 following page
 - ii. Products
 - iii. Any marketing should have ABATE of Alaska logo
 - iv. Steve Stripling- Ken has been talking to him regarding radio spots for classes
 - 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***
 - Dimond and Chugiak reviewing. East and Bartlett have approved and will be published.
 - 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. **2021 Fall Fling for Women**—Have KTM’s there to highlight women’s classes-significant interest. October 2-3, 2021 and then again in the spring. Great opportunity to get the word out. We should sign up for April 23-24, 2022 event as well. We will lock in rate if we sign up now.

VIII. OTHER SHORT BUSINESS

- a. Look into moving more money to building fund. What percentage of income from student fees? What percentage of gaming income? Do we need to designate an amount? Get estimate on site cost and set goal. Project plan and design. Maybe purchase our own site. Put together a dollar amount for State to review and allow us to divert gaming funds.

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 mayor of Anchorage for Bike Blessing —**In Process**
- d. Big Dave to reach out to all ABATE chapters statewide —**In Process**
- e. Bonnie to investigate additional BMW. Getting 4 lowered KTM and additional BMW to use —**In Process**
- f. Bonnie to talk to Laura to get contents list for Membership Forms/Packets so we can make more. —**In Process**
- g. Big Dave to reach out to Joanna re: FARS see what is going on. —**In Process**

X. ACTION ITEMS FROM THIS MEETING

- a. ~~Kat to add cabin price and meet time to poster as well as QR code (completed during meeting).~~
- b. Tom go by office tomorrow for Mayor.
- c. Ken to talk to Laura to get contents.
- d. ~~Big Dave to create QR code for joint ABATE page. (completed during meeting).~~

XI. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Next scheduled Board Meeting Date is Thursday, April 1st, 2021 at 7:00 PM. (**Teleconference**)
- b. Next General Membership Meeting is Thursday, March 18th, 2021 at 7:00 PM via (**Teleconference**) (**Spotlight Business: None**)
- c. Motion to adjourn by... spider 2nd ken approved by board

XII. Calendar

- a. Event Calendar - **Proposed Dates are on Run Calendar**
 - 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**)