



ABATE of Anchorage Board Meeting Minutes
Scheduled: 06 May 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--present
- e. Sgt-At-Arms - Daniel "Spider" Schneider--present
- f. Legislative Affairs - Tom "Zookeeper" Evans
- 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
- l. Products - Ed Rutledge--present
- m. Public Relations – Tiffany "12 Gauge Page" Karling
- n. ABATE of Alaska State Board Reps
 - Ken Coston--present
 - Tim Kelly--present

III. UPDATE OF AGENDA & APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES -

- a. Current Agenda Updates/Additions –
- b. Approval of Agenda – motion to approve agenda by Bonnie Welsh, seconded by Kat Sowa-Lapinskas—**approved by board**
- c. Approval of Board Chair to take items out of sequence if necessary. invoked
- d. Approval Past Meeting(s) Minutes – From April 01, 2021 motion to approve minutes by Daniel "Spider" Schneider—Ken Coston seconded motion -- **approved by board**

IV. INTRODUCTION OF ANY GUESTS & MEMBERS –

- a. Johanna Noble, Gerry Balluta

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS –

- a. Bike Blessing 2021 (**Ken & Sarah**) approximately 800 motorcycles present
 - i. Input
 - (Volunteers???)
 - Group Issues/Conflicts and ABATE of Anchorage
 - Thank Scottie and Janet, Mike and Traci Glidden, Jared and Johanna Noble, Marie, Greg, Ed, Sarah, and Kat.
 - Drug use
 - Poll on Facebook
 - Donation to Navy Junior ROTC—make a 200.00 donation?
 - Thank you letters to Maile Delgado and other volunteers and businesses that donated to the event.
 - Thank Robyn for being the BB photographer and leading the HOG group!
 - ii. Wrap-up—issues re: vendor/parking, drug use in two to three weeks
- b. Break-Up Run (**Kat**) - **5/8/2021**
 - i. Location – Ship Creek Lodge (Live Band, BBQ-\$16/person)
 - ii. Sheep Creek Lodge—donated room winner?
 - iii. Stops - Alaska Leather, Team CC (Eagle River) Birchwood Saloon, Denali HD, Millers, Sheep Creek Lodge
 - iv. Kat added cabin price and times to poster as well as QR code
 - v. Assistance – **We Need volunteers!**
- 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?
 - 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. Big Dave (Heidi will be helping) 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
 - ii. Gaming permit
 - **HobNob Pull Tabs LLC**
 - Goals for new track believable and achievable to set aside monies for a long-term goal using gaming funds. There is a plan coming together; education committee currently discussing.
 - Purchase bikes with gaming fund to meet state requirements.
 - 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 Anchorage 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. Classes are going well. Booking three weeks out. Don't know Can-AM status at this time. A certain battalion unhappy with current situation but looking into special class. S-Wed. classes filling up.
 - iii. KTM's very popular with new students. Like the look, handling systems, overall showing up early to get the pick of the bikes.
 - iv. Rider Education Meeting— Calendar open, Classes open
 - MSF office is open.
 - v. 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.
 - vi. 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?)**
 - vii. Getting into connex to review inventory with Floyd possible selling at Swap Meet.
 - viii. 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.
 - ix. Women BRC classes **(very popular)**
 - x. Will need a connex to store three wheels,3-wheels stored in connex; will need storage for run trailer – **Tabled until next season?**
 - xi. 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
- xii. New Bikes – Gaming Funds?
 - xiii. Sale of old bikes (7 of 8 bikes sold) – Money assignment/Disbursement
- f. Holiday Party/Meet and Greet for 2021/2022? - **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—fly out Friday
 - 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/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
- 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** to add lessons learned
 - 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
- n. **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.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Christmas In July Toy Run (**Sunday, July 18, 2021**)
 - i. Need Event Coordinator
 - ii. Potential partnership with R&W Anchorage and Anchorage Firefighters
 - iii. Event Size – May be much larger on par with Gathering
 - iv. Location(s)
- b. Meeting locations – Anchorage EOC lifted effective 05/03/2021
 - i. Board Meetings—return to meeting in person.
 - ii. General Membership Meetings—talking to Guidos

VIII. 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. Big Dave to reach out to all ABATE chapters statewide **—In Process**
- d. Bonnie to investigate SMSA **—In Process**
- e. ~~Bonnie~~ Johanna to talk to Laura to get contents list for Membership Forms/Packets so we can make more. **—In Process**
- f. Big Dave to reach out to Joanna re: FARS see what is going on. **—In Process**

X. ACTION ITEMS FROM THIS MEETING

- a. Jared to work on letter for dedicated purpose for gaming funds.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Next scheduled Board Meeting Date is Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 7:00 PM. (**Teleconference**)
- b. Next General Membership Meeting is Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 7:00 PM via (**Teleconference**) (**Spotlight Business: None**)
- c. Motion to adjourn by... Daniel "Spider" Schneider, Tiffany "12 Gauge Page" Karling seconded—**approved by board**

XII. Calendar

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