



ABATE of Anchorage Board Meeting Minutes  
Scheduled: 01 July 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
- c. Tiffany "12 Gauge Page" Karling
- 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
- 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 – none
- b. Approval of Agenda - Daniel "Spider" Schneider motioned to approve agenda, Ken Coston seconded motion—**approved by board**
- c. Approval of Board Chair to take items out of sequence if necessary.
- d. Approval Past Meeting(s) Minutes – From June 03, 2021 Daniel "Spider" Schneider motioned to approve minutes, Ken Coston seconded motion—**approved by board**

**IV. INTRODUCTION OF ANY GUESTS & MEMBERS –**

- a. none

**V. Executive Session (only if needed/called) – None**

**VI. OLD BUSINESS –**

- a. Christmas In July Toy Run (**Sunday, July 18, 2021**)
  - i. Need Event Coordinator-Big Dave to put out email
  - ii. Potential partnership with R&W Anchorage and Anchorage Firefighters—Firetruck locked down
  - iii. Event Size – May be much larger, maybe on par with Gathering
  - iv. Location(s)
    - Starting at Alaska Vets MC Clubhouse
    - Ken sent letter to Alaska Regional, CU1 a sponsor, Dimond mall parking lot near H&M as final stop??
    - Clown—we may need to purchase supplies
    - Kat will reach out to Hope Community Resources/ARC
    - Family oriented vendors/booths
    - Budget \$1500.00 Bonnie motioned to approve amount Ken seconded—Kat Sowa-Lapinskas -Yes, Bonnie Welsh-Yes, Daniel “Spider” Schneider—Yes, Ken Coston-Yes:  
***approved by board***
    - Bonnie to shot for McKinnel House teens and to talk with Tiffany re: teen toys.
- b. AK Regional Wheel o Rama – **August 7, 2021 10a-2p**
- c. 2021 Fall Fling for Women (**Saturday, September 18, 2021**)
  - i. Have KTM's there to highlight women's classes-significant interest. 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.
- d. 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. We will move forward with board and officers as signers to finish setting new ABATE of Alaska up.
  - v. 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. 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.
- e. Financial Solvency and Fundraising
  - i. Financials – Bookkeeper’s reports
  - ii. Gaming permit
    - **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 Anchorage Non-Profits Minimum Reserve
  - vi. Financial Policies
    - Events- guidelines
- f. Rider’s Education Program
  - i. Website is being updated to be mobile friendly hopefully done in the next couple of weeks.
  - ii. Some classes are filling two weeks ahead
  - iii. New class: Bike Bonding for riders who need to refamiliarize themselves with their bikes after a break in riding.
  - iv. Rider Education Meeting— Calendar open, Classes open
    - MSF office is open.
  - v. Three Angels Memorial/Lease – (Ed/Barb)
    - Current site cleared for upcoming season.
      - a. Other locations are still being looked at
        - i. Muni will only commit to annual contract as there are other developers looking at the site.
        - ii. 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. New Bikes for Range –
    - Plan?
    - Status?
  - 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 (Proctored more road tests in last two years)
- xii. New Bikes – Gaming Funds?
- xiii. Sale of old bikes – Money assignment/Disbursement
- xiv. Richter in accident and is inoperable.
- g. Holiday Party/Meet and Greet for 2021/2022? - **Tabled until COVID-19 restrictions are relaxed - Event Fundraising Committee-Bonnie W. Patti B**
  - 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
- h. MRF/SMSA Updates/Reports
  - i. MRF – Really pushing hard to recruit members
    - How can ABATE help?
    - Entertaining nominations for MRF Hall of Fame
    - Meeting of the Minds Sept. 22 - 26, 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/Boscas, The Motorcycle Shop, and Neighbors Windows and Doors have all offered to donate mileage or purchase mileage tickets for ABATE using mileage.
- i. Alaska Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) Safety Meetings
  - i. Plan published
    - [http://dot.alaska.gov/stwdplng/shsp/shsp\\_plan.shtml](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**

- j. Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) | NHTSA
  - i. <https://www.nhtsa.gov/research-data/fatality-analysis-reporting-system-fars> (No Activity)
- k. 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, Johanna)**
    - **Statuses??**
    - Success – Revisit annually?
  - viii. Photo contest to produce calendar for ABATE fundraising
- l. ABATE of Anchorage Policies and Procedures
  - i. Initial Policies adopted
  - ii. Partially started Technology Policy
  - iii. **Election Policy**
- m. 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.
- n. 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. Potential Instructors Class in August

## VIII. OTHER SHORT BUSINESS

- a. BITB 2021
  - i. Hotel Reimbursement - \$578.00 – ABATE of Anchorage
  - ii. Flight Reimbursement - \$448.11 – ABATE of Alaska (CoC check)
  - iii. Ken Coston motioned to approve reimbursement as noted above, Daniel “Spider” Schneider seconded motion—**approved by board**
- b. AMA Charter Affiliate Link Change Big Dave to fix
- c. CoC Update Big Dave elected to CoC Board
- d. Eagle River Triathlon Update—only 9 people showed up. Really need 20 or more

## 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 —**In Process**
- c. Big Dave to reach out to all ABATE chapters statewide —**In Process**
- d. Bonnie to investigate SMSA —**In Process**
- e. Big Dave to reach out to Joanna re: FARS see what is going on. —**In Process**
- f. Jared letter plan/track gaming funds

**X. ACTION ITEMS FROM THIS MEETING**

- a. Bonnie Welsh to buy card for Dan “RC” Owens

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

- a. Next scheduled Board Meeting Date is Thursday, August 5, 2021 at 7:00 PM. (**Teleconference & Board Room**)
- b. Next General Membership Meeting is Thursday, July 15, 2021 at 7:00 PM at Guido’s Restaurant! (**Spotlight Business: None**)
- c. Motion to adjourn by...Bonnie Welsh, seconded by Ken Coston—  
***approved by board.***

**XII. Calendar**

- a. Event Calendar - **Proposed Dates are on Run Calendar**
  - i. Christmas In July Toy Run (**Sunday, July 18, 2021**)
  - ii. Freeze-Up Run (**Saturday, September 18, 2021**)