



ABATE of Anchorage Board Meeting Minutes
Scheduled: 02 September 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--excused
- 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
- 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 – motion to approve minutes by Bonnie Welsh, seconded by Ken Coston, approved by board
- c. Approval of Board Chair to take items out of sequence if necessary.--invoked

IV. Approval Past Meeting(s) Minutes – From August 05, 2021 –motion to approve minutes by Ken Coston, seconded by Bonnie Welsh, approved by board

V. INTRODUCTION OF ANY GUESTS & MEMBERS –

- a. John Weddleton, Anchorage Assembly, Boscos; Johanna Noble

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

VII. OLD BUSINESS –

- a. Board Member Attendance at Monthly Meetings
 - i. No Quorum in March—11 meetings per year; last four meetings had minimum for quorum
 - ii. Be sure nominees know time and meeting requirement before accepting and running for board seat
- b. Freeze-Up Run (**Saturday, September 18, 2021**)
 - i. Willow Trading Post- \$15 per plate-burgers and chicken
 - ii. Flyer -Published—starts at The Motorcycle shop
 - iii. Volunteers—Chris “Token” Applebee to lead run, road guards
- c. 2021 Fall Fling for Women (**April 23 & 24, 2022**) (**Postponed until Spring due to COVID**)
 - 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. Annual Election for ABATE of Anchorage (**Jared**)
 - i. Dates/Schedule—Jared to put out email regarding elections
- e. 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. ABATE of Alaska has a board and officers as previously listed until new board meets.
 - 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.
- f. Financial Solvency and Fundraising
 - i. Financials – Bookkeeper's reports
 - ii. Gaming permit
 - **HobNob Pull Tabs LLC**
 - a. **Location Discussion**
 - 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 additional streams of revenue in addition to Rider Education & Pull Tabs
 - v. ABATE of Anchorage Non-Profits Minimum Reserve
 - vi. Financial Policies
 - Events- guidelines
- g. Rider's Education Program
 - i. Website is being updated to be mobile friendly hopefully done in the next couple of weeks.
 - ii. Classes are not filling due to end of season
 - iii. Rider Education Meeting— Calendar open, Classes open
 - MSF office is open.
 - iv. Three Angels Memorial/Lease – (Ed/Barb)
 - **Updated plan from the Muni may include new Homeless Shelter!!**
 - 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.
 - v. New Bikes for Range –
 - Plan?
 - Status?
 - 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.
 - Coaches have selected instruction days, still need some contracts returned.
 - viii. Women BRC classes (**very popular**)
 - 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. New Bikes – Gaming Funds?
 - xii. Motion to conditionally approve purchase of KTM's on loan for 17K as long as cost falls under balance in both accounts:

Kat Sowa-Lapinskas —Yes; Patti “Peppermint” Bogan—Yes, Bonnie Welsh—Yes, Dan ”Spider” Schneider—Yes, Ken Coston—Yes: *approved by board*

- xiii. Sale of old bikes – Money assignment/Disbursement
- xiv. Can-Am Ryker damaged
 - Status: repairable—covered by insurance
- h. 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? COVID resurgence a factor?
- i. 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. Bonnie may be able to go
 - 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.
- j. 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**
 - Teleconference info to follow
 - iv. **Young Drivers Emphasis Area Team Meeting (Ken)**
 - Update—meeting every quarter?
- k. Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) | NHTSA
 - i. <https://www.nhtsa.gov/research-data/fatality-analysis-reporting-system-fars> (No Activity)

- I. Marketing (???)
 - i. Social media
 - Facebook Page - 4,757 following page (approaching 5K member)
 - Alaska Motorcycle Community Group – 3,026 members
 - Twitter – 952 Followers
 - Instagram – 491 Followers
 - 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)**
 - Success! – Revisit annually?
 - viii. Photo contest to produce calendar for ABATE fundraising
- m. ABATE of Anchorage Policies and Procedures
 - i. Initial Policies adopted
 - ii. Partially started Technology Policy
 - iii. **Election Policy**
- n. 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.
- o. 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. Bonnie to purchase commemorative parting gift for long time instructor who is retiring.

IX. OTHER SHORT BUSINESS

- a. None

X. 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. Potential Date set thanks to Ken and Heidi —**Meeting in October**

- d. Big Dave to reach out to Joanna re: FARS see what is going on. —**In Process**
- e. Jared drafting letter plan/track gaming funds—**In Process**

XI. ACTION ITEMS FROM THIS MEETING

- a. Jared to email election nomination form
- b. Bonnie to work with Tim and Laura regarding KTM purchase

XII. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Next scheduled Board Meeting Date is Thursday, October 7th, 2021 at 7:00 PM. (**Teleconference & Board Room**)
- b. Next General Membership Meeting is Thursday, September 16th, 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**

XIII. Calendar

- a. Event Calendar - **Proposed Dates are on Run Calendar**
 - i. Freeze-Up Run (**Saturday, September 18, 2021**)