



ABATE of Anchorage Board Meeting Minutes
Scheduled: 07 January 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
- g. Run Coordinator – Kat Sowa-Lapinkas
- h. Newsletter Editor – Teo Ransum
- i. Membership - Marie Berry
- j. Rider Education - Bonnie Welsh--present
- k. Gaming - Dan "RC" Owens--present
- l. Products - Ed Rutledge--present
- m. Public Relations – Tiffany "12 Gauge Page" Karling
- n. COC Liaison - Tim Kelly

III. UPDATE OF AGENDA & APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES -

- a. Current Agenda Updates/Additions – none
- b. Approval of Agenda – Motion to approve agenda by Bonnie Welsh, Ken Coston seconded motion –**approved by board**
- c. Approval of Board Chair to take items out of sequence if deemed necessary. Invoked
- d. Approval Past Meeting(s) Minutes – From December 03, 2020 motion to approve minutes Dan "Spider" Schneider. Bonnie Welsh seconded motion. **approved by board**

IV. INTRODUCTION OF ANY GUESTS & MEMBERS –

- a. Laura Goggins, Teo Ransum, Marie Berry

Executive Session (only if needed/called) - NONE

V. OLD BUSINESS –

- a. Election of 2021 Board Chair Ken nominated Big Dave, seconded by Kat approved by board approved by unanimous consent
- b. 2021 Appointed Officer Positions—Dan “Spider” schneider motioned to approve appointees, Patti Bogan seconded motion. **approved by board**
 - i. Sgt-At-Arms - Daniel “Spider” Schneider
 - ii. Legislative Affairs – Tom “Zookeeper” Evans
 - iii. Run Coordinator – Kat Sowa-Lapinkas
 - iv. Newsletter Editor – Teo Ransum
 - v. Membership - Marie Berry
 - vi. Rider Education - Bonnie Welsh
 - vii. Gaming - Dan “RC” Owens
 - viii. Products - Ed Rutledge
 - ix. Public Relations/Marketing--Tiffany “12 Gauge Page” Karling
 - x. ABATE of Alaska State Board
 - Ken Coston
 - Tim Kelly
- c. Bike Blessing 2021 (Sarah, Kat, Ken, and Greg)
 - i. Poster --Anchorage ABATE hosting event should be completed soon
 - ii. Working on packages
 - iii. Working on plan A (Park Strip) and plan B like last year, Option C (Northway Mall)
 - 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—January 19, 2021
 - vii. Tom Evans to work on proclamations from Governor and new mayor of Anchorage
- d. By-Laws Changes and Issues - **(Tim Kelly)**
 - i. ABATE of Anchorage updated by-laws finalized/approved motion to approve By Laws by Ken Coston, Bonnie Welsh seconded motion. **approved by board**
 - ii. ABATE of Anchorage updated policies finalized/approved –motion to approve policies and procedures by Dan “Spider” Schneider, motion seconded Ken Coston **approved by board**
 - 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?

- i. Starting balance—motion to move 10K to ABATE of Alaska by Ken Coston, seconded by Bonnie Welsh—**approved by board** roll call vote Bonnie Welsh: Yes, Patti Bogan: Yes, Ken Coston: Yes, Dan “Spider” Schneider: Yes, Kat Sowa-Lapinskas: Yes, Tiffany “12 Gauge Page” Karling: Yes.
 - ii. 10,000 is two years’ worth of membership fees
 - iii. 1000 per year for software
 - 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.**
- e. 12th Annual virtual Polar Plunge for Special Olympics Alaska - <https://fb.me/e/1XVrU4p9q> email discussion **Kat to put something out**
- f. 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**
 - **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
- g. Rider's Education Program
 - i. New schedule in the works—four people signed up for 2021 season
 - ii. Rider Education Meeting— Calendar planned, Classes open
 - MSF office has been forced to close.
 - iii. Three Angels Memorial/Lease – (Ed/Barb)
 - Muni has sent a Lease Termination Notice
 - a. **Received email saying developers will be breaking ground in the spring. Note this has been the case the last two years – Will know more in February**
 - b. 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
 - Team CC interested in helping with plan of new location and then identify how people/businesses can help.
 - iv. Rider Coaches
 - Endorsing/Promoting ABATE of Alaska
 - Membership Forms/Packets
 - v. WOW partnership with Women BRC classes (**very popular**)
 - Approached by Diamond Girls MC to also be involved
 - vi. 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
 - vii. Laura mentioned additional BMW's for 2021 when she went to pay, also reminded that gaming funds could cover cost
- h. Holiday Party/Meet and Greet for 2021 - **Tabled until COVID-19 restrictions are relaxed**
 - i. **Event Fundraising Committee-Bonnie W. Patti B, Scottie M**
 - ii. Possibly February and making it a fund-raising event to include meet the board

- iii. nd officers during the event.
- iv. Potential Fall Party at end of riding season coinciding with Freeze Up Run
- i. MRF/SMSA Updates/Reports
 - i. MRF – Really pushing hard to recruit members
 - Can ABATE help?
 - ii. Training Scholarships
 - a. <https://www.yourvalley.net/stories/peoria-nonprofit-awarded-100000-grant-for-motorcycle-rider-training-scholarships,161918>
 - iii. SMSA – National Association of State Motorcycle Safety Administrators—Bonnie to look into
 - 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.
- 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**
 - a. 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)
- l. Marketing (Tiffany)
 - 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

- m. ABATE of Anchorage Policies and Procedures
 - i. Initial Policies adopted
 - ii. Partially started Technology Policy
 - iii. **Election Policy**
- n. ABATE of Alaska 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

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Poster contest winner Carolyn Andrus

VII. OTHER SHORT BUSINESS

- a. Motorcycling Profiling Survey—
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NCOC2021>
- b. Membership recruitment

VIII. 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—emails sent

IX. ACTION ITEMS FROM THIS MEETING

- a. Kat to email something prior to Saturday regarding Polar Plunge
- b. Bonnie to investigate additional BMW
- c. Bonnie to investigate National Association of State Motorcycle Safety
- d. Big Dave to build a QR code for ABATE of Alaska to join

X. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Next scheduled Board Meeting Date is Thursday, February 4th, 2021 at 7:00 PM. (**Teleconference**)
- b. Next General Membership Meeting is Thursday, January 21st, 2021 at 7:00 PM via (**Teleconference**) (**Spotlight Business: None**)
- c. Motion to adjourn by...Dan “Spider” Schneider, Ken Coston seconded motion. ***approved by board***

XI. 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**)