



*Dedicated to Freedom of the Road.*

**A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.**  
P. O. Box 4504 Portland, Oregon 97208

**State Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Saturday, March 13, 2010,**  
**Eagles Lodge, Albany, Oregon**

***A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.**  
**promotes motorcycle awareness,**  
**education, safety and liberty**  
**through community involvement**  
**and legislative action.***

**Coordinator, Ted Tracy**, called the meeting to order at 12:08 pm with 15 Chapters present and eligible to vote. The new Klamath County Chapter was presented by Spanky. Ted then led the group in saying the **Pledge of Allegiance**. Randy Phipps said we should be grateful that the Ninth Circuit Court has given us back “In God We Trust” on our American money and other places. The group observed a **Moment of Silence** for Downed Brothers/Sisters and Service Men/Women.

The three Klamath County officers present stood and introduced themselves. The Vice Coordinator, Fred Mullkey, Secretary, Mrs. Mullkey, and Treasurer, Carolyn were warmly welcomed. There were several other **Guests and First Time Attendees**.

The motion was made by Bob Highfill (Lincoln County) to adopt as printed in the State Newsmagazine with the addition of the correction sent in by Mike Friend about the Defender Program, seconded by Alan Nichols (WaCo), and passed by the Chapter Reps.

**Coordinator, Ted Tracy**, thanked Lower Columbia Chapter for hosting the last meeting at Clatskanie and welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave out a couple caps to guys who stood up and recited the Mission Statement. The caps were given to the Board by Mike McHugh from the Life Flight Network who will talk to the group later. Ted said we will do the same next meeting and that everyone should learn the Mission Statement and take their turn reciting it because **that** is what we are about.

Sergeant at Arms South, Bill Foster, stood, introduced himself, identified his Chapter, and asked that everyone do the same during today’s meeting so that the new people could learn who everyone is.

**Secretary,** Glenyce Jackson, had no correspondence to report but asked for a volunteer Substitute to take the minutes for the May 8 meeting since she will be in Orlando for the NCOM Convention that weekend. No one stood up—hopefully, next meeting someone will step up. Please....

**Vice-Coordinator North,** Alan Nichols, reminded everyone to do a complete maintenance check on their motorcycle after the winter before starting the Riding Season. There are lots of runs coming up and it is a good idea to prepare before you have trouble on the road far from home.

**Vice-Coordinator South,** Pat “Spanky” Allen, was happy to have the new Klamath County Chapter up and running. He had a sample of an alternate document that may be used to hold down the cost of tri-folds. He gave it to Linda Henderson, Membership Secretary for review at Ted’s request. He said there is strength in numbers so we should all actively recruit new members.

**Vice-Coordinator East,** Gene Mortimore, gave an update on Fossil and showed the special jacket made and donated by Laura, owner of Stewart Leathers, with the Fossil emblem in the lining to make it unique. Raffle tickets for the jacket are available for sale. The proceeds of the Raffle will go to the Fossil EMT’s who are always there to help. Rod suggested putting a picture of the jacket on the web page to help sell more tickets. Gene continued saying the Shamrock has survived—it is still open—and there is a new bar and restaurant open in Fossil, the R&J, with great food and biker friendly atmosphere.

**Mike McHugh,** from Life Flight Network, gave a brief explanation of what the group does and how much membership costs. ABATE members get a discount and it is a valuable, reasonable priced insurance for the whole family. Check the web page for details or the Ad elsewhere in this News Magazine. He answered questions and left.

**Treasurer,** Kay Sipple, was late because she got to go to driver’s school so Connie gave the Treasurer’s report. The balance is really down because ABATE had to pay a \$5400+ penalty to the IRS for late taxes for 2007.

**Membership Secretary,** Linda Henderson (WaCo), reported there are currently 1765 members and two new Life Members in Lincoln County. Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Beaver Creek!

**Sanctioning Officer,** Matt Price (Salem), said that all of the Runs he has received have Certificates of Insurance. He reminded the Reps that he has to have head counts for every run because over-runs are costly. Please send the head count in with the Chapter payment to the State.

**State Auditor,** Connie Kintz, found a bunch of old reports and has been swamped trying to figure it out. There are still two Chapters that haven’t gotten their reports in and they have to go to the Tax Man this week so expect a call! Ted reminded everyone what happens when Chapters fail to comply—“We could have done lots of good things with the \$5400 we had to give to the IRS.” That clearly shows the importance of getting your reports in on time!

**News Magazine Editor,** Rot Path, thanked everyone for being here. He said he'd had email server problems earlier in the week but it is OK now so if your Chapter report bounced back to you, please re-send it. Lee's computer is down so he needs to find someone else to send his report. Brian asked if the rumor was true that the Crusty Editor has gotten high speed? Yes! Remember the deadline is the 10<sup>th</sup> of every month! Mat Price reminded the Chapters that event flyers need to be in as early as possible so they can be published.

**Legislative Director,** Randy Phipps, reported that BikePAC met last Saturday and they were wondering if they can expect any funding from ABATE this year? He said originally they were to get \$6000 a year. Ted said in year 2000 ABATE had \$60,000 in the bank. Look at the budget from the Planning Session, see where we are now. Brian (River City) said that a motion to get the money has to be made every year. Mel Yeager introduced BikePAC Executive Director, Nic Oliver, who said they just want to kill the rumors that are circulating about ABATE severing their affiliation with them. They need people to step up and show up for Black Monday and the May Awareness Rally. There followed lots of discussion.

**MRF Rep,** Jay Jackson (WaCo), asked the Chapters to become Sustaining Members of MRF and everyone just to join. Co/Asst. Rep Glenyce said that the Feds have passed the Highway budget so the States should receive their 2010 Funds which are ear marked for safety use.

**AIM/NCOM,** Gunny, reminded everyone that the NCOM Conference is coming right up and the rooms are filling fast so you should register soon. Flights are cheap right now.

**Sergeant at Arms North,** Randy Phipps, is trying to contact all the other Chapter Sergeant at Arms to fill in the schedule for the Spring Swap Meet on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Ted said that we will have Chapter Rosters available before the end of the month. He promises, huh, Glenyce?

**Sergeant at Arms South,** Bill Foster, said he turned the Fossil Process over to Howie so he can get the security crew together before the event. He added that it is very important to line up the help for the Swap Meet ahead of time.

**Sergeant at Arms East,** Jim Middleton (River City), backs up Bill's statements and he is going to the Washington Spring Swap Meet and make a circle around WA to pass out flyers.

**Products Director,** Dave Meeker, has been doing inventory and it took him hours to count the thousands of pieces in stock. He needs art work for the Fossil t-shirt by the April board meeting so get your art in. It is the 33<sup>rd</sup> year and he wants to get some Fossil pins made.

**Education Director:** Geoff White –ABSENT

**Education Director II:** VACANT -

**Public Relations Director:** Debra Lutje – ABSENT

**State Run Coordinator (Fossil),** Howie Long, says there will be day passes available this year and the PayPal seems to be working good. He has had calls about the date mis-print in the News-Mag so please fix it. River City has volunteered for Clean-Up duty—Thank you! May 15

and 16 will be work days so everything is ready for the opening. Come help and have fun.

**State Run Coordinator II:** Rick Prentice - ??

**State Swap Meet Coordinator:** VACANT – Howie reported for Patricia that 20 vendors have sent in their applications already. She says Thank you to everyone for helping. Ted says please, Someone step up and take this job over.

**Historian:** VACANT-

**WebPage Editor,** Trace Ceccacci, said the Fossil tickets are selling on-line. He asks that if something doesn't work right on the web pages, please call him and tell him what's going on so he can fix it.

**Quartermaster,** Dwayne Sterba, reports that the first Saturday of April a crew is going to fix the Conex. The trailers need fixed up a little. WaCo will replace the rotten wood in the stage and they will get the hitch stabilizer installed so the trailer is ready to go.

**ABATE's BikePAC Representative,** Randy Phipps, says everything has been covered with the help of Nic Oliver. Please pick up some flyers for May Awareness and get them out so there is a good crowd in Salem.

**Confederation of Clubs Representative North,** Jay J, nothing to report. Just Everyone needs to show up for the Runs to the Capitol.

**Confederation of Clubs Representative South:** Pat "Spanky" Allen – No report.

### **Unfinished Business:**

Officer Elections:

Swap Meet Coordinator – Please, Someone step up!

Education Director II --

Historian

- Motion #4 Regarding A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Operating Procedures- (tabled 1/9/10 cont. to 2/13/10) The committee had a short meeting today and will continue next month at 11 am before the board meeting.
- Discussion about the Defenders Program (tabled 2/13/10) Need a phone list or emails to contact members. Ted asked Mike from CoC if he has some input. He says JayJ will be the liaison between ABATE and CoC and the Defender Program is for Clubs. ABATE can be supporters of the Defender Program.
- 2010 Officer Data Forms need to be filled out and turned in to the Secretary – Ted will contact the Chapters that haven't gotten their info in this month!

**New Business:**

- Motion was made by Alan Nichols (WaCo), seconded by Nancy Witham (Hub City), to put an Ad in the News Magazine for 3 months and a link on the web page for Life Flight Network. The motion Passed.
- Motion was made by Brian Stovall (River City), seconded by Alan Nichols (WaCo) to publish a business card size Ad in the News Magazine for 6 months for Stewart Leathers at no cost. The motion passed.

Treasurer, Kay Sipple, reminded everyone to get their reports turned in.

**Announcements:**

**Next State Board of Directors Meeting: April 10, 2010, at the Eagles Lodge, Albany, OR at Noon. Computer help, Bylaws Committee, meet at 11:00 am.**

4/25/2010 - ABATE of Oregon Spring Swap Meet

May 8<sup>th</sup>, Saturday- LoCo's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spring Run

May 6 -9, 2010, - NCOM Convention, Orlando, Florida

May 21-23, 2010 - Southern Oregon Swap Meet by JoCo

May 28-31, 2010 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fossil Campout

June 11 -13, 2010 - MRF Best of the West Seminar, Boise, Idaho

Aug 7, Saturday, - JoCo's Run to the Coast

Aug 2010 - JoCo/Douglas County's SOS Campout

Sept 19, Sunday - JoCo's Last Chance Social

Oct 3, 2010 - JoCo's Grants Pass Toy Run

Too many more to remember! Which one shall we do this weekend??? Be Safe, Have fun!

Adjourn 2:25 pm

Respectfully submitted by  
Glenyce Jackson,  
Recording Secretary, ABATE of Oregon