

# A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc., STATE BOARD MEETING

## February 8, 1992 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Coordinator Rotten Roger at Bowling Green in Cottage Grove.

Roger introduced all officers who were present and then we had chapter roll call.

After Roger read the letters from ABATE of FLORIDA and Pennsylvania he introduced Brian Stovall of Bike PAC of Oregon and MRF. Brian's report consisted of Federal Bill SB 2204 for our awareness (the only information at this time was that it concerned language change), also of accusations of Gus Haag and the possibility of theft of money and or items belonging to the MRF organization and of Teresa's nomination for a position with the Oregon Traffic Safety Commission. Congratulations and all of our best wishes and regards were sent to Teresa with Brian.

He addressed a portion of the voting process to us and why it appears a politician is voting opposite of how he believes. They aren't just voting on a small paragraph but possibly a 4 or 5 hundred page document.

Before he left he reminded us that each one of us has the capability to help promote biking by helping at ranges and getting involved with Team Oregon for example. (They usually are in need of a few volunteers and what better way to practice what we preach about education!!!!) A challenge was made to all chapters to get involved in the Team Oregon classes.

### Roll Call:

|                    |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| Columbia River-1   | NE Portland-2       |
| Douglas County-2   | North Coast-2       |
| Indian Creek-1     | Rivergate-          |
| Jackson County-    | Salem-2             |
| Josephine County-2 | SE Portland-2       |
| Lane County-2      | Washington County-2 |
| Lincoln County-2   | Yamhill County-2    |

The minutes of the January '92 meeting were approved as read.

### REPORTS:

**Vice Coordinator:** Captains' report was about improving our credibility, image and citizenship (e.g. registering to vote, getting endorsements to ride, taking the ERC and showing more responsibility concerning drinking and driving). He would also like to see communication on all levels improve which includes seeing more interaction among individuals, officers, chapters and organizations.

**Public Relations:** Rich discussed the upcoming May Awareness rallies and suggested that you work with your speakers as far as agendas and speaking time. Work with them & their agenda because they are usually making the time to be with us and have other engagements.

Rich is requesting information from all chapters on their charity events (how much earned for the charity, what kind of event it was, how it was received). These are good PR tools and Rich would like to use them for us.

He also talked of the cable classes some of our members are taking. Our people will have access to the equipment and can use it to video our good works. (Tree planting, toy runs, etc.)

**State Run Coordinator:** Roger reported We got the 1,000 posters from Budd and Roger expects to start receiving them about the 1st of March. Fossil tickets are on sale, toilets have been taken care of, concessions need to see Angie, the T shirt drawing will be voted on at the next board meeting garbage was a LARGE topic of concern. Chapter reps have a list of Fossil needs which include paramedics, nurses, carpenters aids to help Rusty and more. Fossil tickets and/or the money need to be returned to Lois at the May Board meeting. (Don't forget, it's the ticket, the money or your life!!!!)

During the Fossil report we discussed the beer booth, servers and third party liability.

The "ROADS TO FOSSIL" poker run was discussed and explained. Don't forget to buy your book and join us on a fun run. Tees will be sold to run participants only. See your chapter reps for more information!!!

**Education Director:** Mel will be following up on letters he previously sent out and talked about May Awareness. When he discussed the "blackmail law" he mentioned that if we didn't have the seatbelt or helmet laws we would be penalized but that the money that would go toward education would be quite substantial. We wouldn't really lose the money, just shuffle it around.

**Legislative Director:** Touching on blackmail Steve made mention that blackmail implies intimidation and extortion threatens with violence. He gave a breakdown of dollars voted for spending and reminded people to re-register from time to time. His PROJECT VOTE FREEDOM will be mailed out to coordinators and legislative officers. It's partly tongue-in-cheek where the candidate will fall. Steve is requesting comments and suggestions to be returned to him from chapters and individuals because he would like to formulate a good tool for all of us to use when we are polling our legislators/candidates who are running for offices on both local and state levels. He also feels that we have individuals in our organization who should be running for offices. Teresa is a model example for all of us.

**Membership:** Carolyn reported that we have 1047 members now. Current membership totals by chapter:

|                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|
| Columbia River    | 42  |
| Douglas County    | 107 |
| Indian Creek      | 59  |
| Jackson County    | 102 |
| Josephine County  | 75  |
| Lane County       | 69  |
| Lincoln County    | 94  |
| NE Portland       | 143 |
| North Coast       | 31  |
| Rivergate         | 13  |
| Salem             | 107 |
| SE Portland       | 118 |
| Washington County | 64  |
| Yamhill County    | 23  |

Mother enclosed a handout in the rep packets concerning how she does her job. She feels this will answer some of the questions that come up about membership and expirations.

**Newsletter Editor:** Donna is out househunting!!!!

**ABATE Products Director:** Angie said don't forget, ABATE hats for \$5.

Concessions are reminded to get with her when they know their plans (free enterprises will be charged \$100 plus entry fee, chapters will pay 25% of their profit), tickets for the EMT jacket raffle are \$2 each or 3 for \$5, size or product can be exchanged through the dealer.

**Ways and Means Director:** Kraig reported the coloring books will be available at break or after the meeting. (Price \$2)

**Historian:** Larry is requesting pictures and fliers of events and please don't forget to identify who and what. Would especially like to see a few toy run pictures appear.

**Treasurer:** Joy reported that through 2/07/92 we have a grand total of \$7354.04.

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| Checking: | 2209.44 |
| Savings:  | 4730.48 |
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**Old Business:**

Freedom Pins: It was moved by Larry Burrows that ABATE of Oregon give 1000 Legalize Freedom pins away at the Swap Meet in April. It was seconded and passed with no one against and only one abstention.

**BEST of the WEST:** Taken care of at break

**STEAM:** Please push attendance at the chapter level. Cost incurred at this point in time are \$85 for the college and \$100 for the insurance.

Kraig made a motion that the state put on the STEAM Seminar without cost to participants. It was seconded and passed with no one against and only one abstaining.

Please send in a registration of individuals who will attend. Send names and office if they hold an office to the State P.O. Box.

**New Business:**

Sgt of Arms #2 - Mel nominated Cal Wilhoit for Sgt. at Arms II. He accepted and was elected. **CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!**

**ABATE Tri-folds:** now available

Roger passed out ABATE calling cards to the state officers. He suggested changing the tri-fold to a glossy paper with color. It would cost \$400 for the artwork. (Actual cost of setup is \$1100 but the amount over \$400 is donated.

Mel made a motion that was seconded and passed that ABATE of Oregon spend \$400 to have tri-fold changed with new artwork. There was one abstention.

Before adjournment Rich spoke concerning awareness by drivers of the motorcyclists.

Mention was also made that we need more communication between chapters, board officers & state reps.

Please remember to use the term "drawing" on flyers rather than "raffle".

Winner of the Fossil 'T' art work is Pat Ern.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lois Gleason  
Secretary

Vicky, a special thanks to you for taking the minutes for me.

**THANKS!!!!!!!**



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