

# A.B.A.T.E. of Arizona

## Southern Arizona Chapter Monthly Meeting Minutes



**Meeting Date:** February 18,2023

**Site:** Northwest Tucson Moose Lodge  
**Site Address:** 2660 W Ruthrauff Rd., Tucson, AZ 85705

**Presiding Officer:** Jeremy Krauss

**Officers Attending:**

Coordinator: Jeremy Krauss	Present
Vice-Cordinator: Anissa “Dragonfly” Huntington	Not Present
Secretary: Monica Byrne	Present
Treasurer: Monica Byrne	Present
Membership: Jim Butsback	Present
Sgt at Arms: JD Dare	Present
Safety: Darron Huntington	Not Present
P.A.C.: William Cleveland	Present
Runs/Events: Robert “Gizmo” Welton	Present
Communication: Judi Miller	Present
Merchandise: Lael Clark	Present
B.O.D. Rep: Anissa “Dragonfly” Huntington	Not Present

**Meeting Call to Order @ 10:00 am**

Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. Keep in our prayers Mike Infanzon in the hospital a couple weeks ago with heart issues, Tommy who is the coordinator of the Mojave Chapter was diagnosed with Stage 4 Cancer of his Mouth & Throat keep him in your prayers.

**Reading of the Mission Statement:** Jeremy Krauss

**Reading of the Minutes by Secretary:**

Motion made by Robert Welton and seconded JD Dare to waive reading and accept as presented was approved.

**Coordinator's Comments:** I basically went out the Cycle Gear Bike Night this month and it has been super cold didn't have much of a turn out due it was Valentine's Day. Next month they will be having their Bike night and I am trying to get TPD out there or Pima County Sherriff Dept. to get someone out there to talk about the Lane Filtering with them. Also, I going to coordinate with Team Arizona or the Road Guardians to help try and build up their events. The event is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month.

**Vice-Coordinator's Comments:** Nothing at this time

**Treasurer's Report:**

There is \$ 3,695.82 Combined In-Chapter. There were \$ 0 in expenses and the chapter raised \$ 0. Motion was made by Robert Welton and seconded by JD Dare to accept the report, which was approved.

**Safety:** Same as before there is ice on roads, be careful riding out there and check your tires before riding.

**Membership Report:** 114 Active Members, 149 Inactive Members. Something East Valley chapter came up with & I stole it from them & modified it for our chapter. They put it out for Business Members printed it out for you to see how to talk & promote Business members, Lady from the Diva Cage Jamie became a business member, was at "To Broke for Sturgis" & other events. The guys from East Valley got her to sign up as a business member. She is on her way here to speak. Other than that it is a mess with the email system, I am sure Judi will get into it later.

**Merchandise:** Not a lot to report, no sales over the past month. I did however get for those know got another shirt available on T-spring in long sleeve. I did the black print on bright colors & white print on darker colors. There is entire range of colors in 2 different prints, all sizes on the T-spring go online & check it out.

**P.A.C.:** Kong's laws HB2419 that bill is being held in commissions. Our sponsor Matt Grass has reluctantly but decided to hold this bill in committee to amend this bill, we are going to work with the Arizona Trucking Association & some of the penalties, because they had some concerns with it. So we going to amend this bill& then we can move on with it. That is where this bill is at this time.

The other one everyone is so concerned about the Lane Splitting repeal, that was an accident. Forget about the language on that, I had an hour long phone conversation with Senator Wadsack last Sunday, this bill was originally setup by the legislative counsel to address an issue with automobile racing & some motorcycle racing on the streets. Obviously somebody didn't know what they were doing, they considered it to be the lane splitting repeal, it was absolutely had no intention at all with repealing the lane filtering or anything to do with that stuff it had nothing to do with motorcycles. She has pulled the bill; she is going to keep it as a striker so she can use

that bill for something else but she is not going to do anything with it. Michael & I are going work with her in the off session to help her get the language to with what she is trying to address. It a not issue at this time.

There are 99 transportation bills most of them are license plate & stuff like that. There is one HB2216 that I am keeping an eye on specifically this one is by Gail Griffin. Has something to do with Hazardous Air Pollutants commissions.

Bike Pack – Obviously, ABATE of Arizona we do a lot of things fighting for motorcycle rights. Bike Pack is setup by the lobbyists to help us get our foot in the door with our representatives at various functions & meetings, so that we can address the issues & gain some ground legislative wise. I am setting up; all the chapters will be I think will be setting up bike pack. Anybody that to donate to help us fight for your motorcycle rights I have it right here. All donations have to be done by Individuals. Chapters cannot donate.

### **Runs/Events:**

**Save the Date: Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023** for Motorcycle Freedom Rally at the Dome, Wesley Bolin Plaza, Phoenix Monk. More Information to come!!

**Fisher House Run March 11<sup>th</sup>** starting at Tucson Moose Lodge ending at American Legion #109. Need Raffle Prizes & Bob needs volunteers. Start at 9 am Kickstands up at 11 am. Flyers are done get them from Anissa and get them passed out. We will have some food vendors & other vendors. Also, Judi will be looking into advertising on the radio stations. We are going to have ABATE Members at each stop to greet the riders and hand out beads instead of having the bartenders pass them out. Does anyone have a table we can use at this event? Monica has one we can use & will bring. Taco guy will be there & the Seafood Hook will be there. Raffle prizes businesses anywhere ask for donation for the raffle. JD to bring another canopy. Be at the Moose Lodge by 8:30am to setup. Please advertise on Next door, Neighbor communities & social media. Bob to get the \$200.00 in tens to have change at sign in. We will work out the reimbursement to Bob at the end. Confirmation the door will be open by 8:30 am or before at the Moose Lodge.

**AZ Accident Scene Management, LLC March 25<sup>th</sup>** is the next class, Learn life savings skills and its only \$50 with an AMSAF Scholarship!

**Communications:** First of all ABATE of Arizona has opened a Twitter Page that happen since our last meeting. Come look us up. Fisher House contacted Tucson Star, Tucson Weekly, Tucson Centennial, think they will be posting something about the event about 2 weeks before the event. Jeremy has suggested What's Up Tucson which is a Twitter & Facebook page ad appear in there already had 9,000 views not sure how many will come.

Emailer system – just so that everybody is aware ABATE emailer system has not been working for months & is completely gone. I have built my own emailer list for this chapter & for all of ABATE. So if anyone needs a communication to go out, send to me & I will handle it but give me 2 days' notice though. It's at least a backup for sending out emailers. As far as a replacement email system, I have been working with Woody, he is my technical advisor on this we picked out an emailer system called Groups.io, there is questions about this but just so everyone is assured this a company owned by corp. in California & that is where the server is. It's pretty easy to use we set up the structure of the emailer system & now we are starting test it. Woody & I have been meeting on this for the past couple weeks. We did set up Southern Arizona Chapter already at least for the officers & hope you received an email from the system asking for you join. We will be testing that & then open up to the rest of the chapter. It will probably be several months of testing,

**Board:** Noting at this time

**Old Business:** Gun raffle what Jim wants to know what we want to raffle & when we want to have the drawing? Everybody suggested a hand gun, some small & nice someone can carry. JD Dare suggested Glock 19 or Ruger EC9S? We will be raffling off a Ruger EC9S & 2 boxes of ammo. Whoever we buy from ask them to donate targets. Voted on and approved. Jim to order 300 raffle tickets. We will be drawing the winning ticket at the July meeting & tickets will cost \$ 10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00.

**New Business:** Jim has the ticket's! If you need them see him after the meeting.

Jim brought up about "Too Broke" let everybody know what's going on. As of right now, the new owners of Mormon Lake Lodge have not given us a contract yet. Were down to push comes to shove days, we are looking at other venues. I am going up Thursday riding up to Seligman area to look at Grand Canyon Caverns Campgrounds with Sandra & Moonshine. I though initially that they were screwing us because Aramark didn't like us that we are a motorcycle organization. I have found out there are over 14 organizations that have not got contracts for events there. We have been at Mormon Lake Lodge for over 20 years. Scott Gold who was the marketing manager for the resort group which owned Mormon Lake Lodge who is has been a 15yr ABATE member, he doesn't know what they are doing. He figures from the way they are doing it is when they bought this package from Forever Resorts ok they had 8 or 9 resorts. And Mormon Lake was one that you take it in order to get the ones you want. They are not booking anyone not the Rodeos all of that. We are getting to the point where it's either push like hell to get it done, Now, granted it's not going to have all the amenities Mormon Lake Lodge had. But we might be able to have other things be able to sell alcohol, & some other stuff it might be worth some benefits. But I will let everyone know we might have to put it off to the later in the

year or might have to cancel it all together. But until we have a for sure contract location we can't setup vendors, Bands or anything. We still need people for the committee though cause now that time gets shorter & shorter, we are going to need more people to get stuff done. I would like to see 1-2 people from every chapter. I put it out in the masterlink.

Jeremy wants to see if we can get t-shirts for Cycle Gear event & other events so we have something to sell. Would like to get 2 each of the extra-large, large, medium, small & x-small. Jim still has some that state merchandise that could sold. Can we use some of the money in our account to buy chapter shirts to sell at our events? We would need to find someone that could print them up not use t-spring where the cost is cheaper. We need to look into getting patches or pins made up for our events, such as Fisher House for next year to be able to give to the riders at our events. Leal to look into getting Chapter shirts made up for us to sell at our events & agrees with Jim it would cost about \$5.00 a shirt to get done. We need get pricing on Men's & Ladies shirts, and will bring up at next meeting.

Bob brought a guest, introduced Larry, he is with Club Nirvana & Jamie she is at Diva Cave & Club Nirvana. She wants talk us about a Club Nirvana affiliation & fundraising for the organization, where we can sell merchandise & make our organization money. Club Narvana is a Cannabis dispensary they offer many products. Cannabis in the State of Arizona the legal Cannabis trade produced over 1 Billion dollars last year. Between 5 million people and half of those are under the age of 21. You have 2 options you go with Club Nirvana; you build a business an affiliate business just like Mary Kay for Cannabis, you sign up. Everything that your team does benefits everybody because we work together. Signing up as an organization with an LLC which is what I did with my store. That gives you the power to talk about it without having any legal ramifications because there are a lot of laws when it comes to Cannabis. We don't actually sell Cannabis; we facilitate the purchase of credits for the online purchase of Cannabis products that get delivered to your door. You don't have to carry inventory, Club Nirvana provides that for you, you don't have to provide your own trade show setup Club Nirvana does that for you. Bob asked how do we become an affiliate? Club Nirvana there is signup fee it is a business decision; I believe the last packages we had \$499 & \$1295. With that said we can raise money, we are good at that. To benefit the organization, we can raise money, we might be able to work something out if enough people want to do it together to maybe foster the organization, based on individual participation. Judi had a legal question, our chapter is not incorporated the ABATE of Arizona is the organization I don't know if we can make a decision on this. Can we as a chapter vote this in or would we have to go through the State? If we wanted to do this at the chapter level that would be up to the chapter. With Club Nirvana we can bring in a LLC, which you speaking about being a chapter there is nothing that structures the chapter individually and it's all under ABATE of Arizona and we are not a LLC, Ultimately I could ask the owner how this could work I actually never run into situations but one person can be responsible for that. We may have to wait until Jim gets back information on the state level.

**Membership Drawing:**

A total of \$ 67.00 was in the pot. Keith Chapman, name was pulled. The amount will rollover to next month because he/she was not at the meeting. Next Month will be \$ 78.00.

**50/50 Pot:** The winner was Monica Byrne for the amount \$ 20.00 donated back.

**Motion to Adjourn:**

Was made by Robert Welton Seconded by JD Dare to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 11:19 am.

**Next Meeting:**

March 18th, 2023 at 10:00 am Northwest Tucson Moose Lodge 2660 W Ruthrauff Rd., Tucson, AZ 85705.

Jeremy Krauss  
Coordinator

Monica Byrne  
Secretary