

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

Southern Arizona Chapter Monthly Meeting Minutes



Meeting Date: September 16,2023

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

Meeting Call to Order @ 10:00 am

Reading of the Mission Statement: We are a political organization. We will lobby and educate the government and the general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image. We will endeavor to enlist the cooperation and participation of all organizations and individuals who share a similar interest in preserving our American tradition of FREEDOM. We will involve ourselves in fund raising to achieve our goal. Read by Jeremy Krauss

Reading of the Minutes by Secretary:

Motion made by _Anissa Huntington___ and seconded _Darron Huntington___ to waive reading and accept as presented was approved.

Coordinator's Comments: Cycle Gear is having another event tomorrow they had their bike night last week but kept really quite. Gizmo was there with me when the Arizona motorcycle club was Moto Sonora for their social. Met like a half dozen people there made a decent impression on them trying to figure out to get them to join. I am not sure how got excited about this. I am going keep communication with them on regular basis. Trying to stay active at meetings new riders & where they are at and trying to get them to show up & trying make an impression & be friendly.

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

Treasurer's Report:

There is \$ 5,536.20 Combined In-Chapter. There were \$ 0 in expenses and the chapter raised \$ 0 for 50/50. Motion was made by Darron Huntington and seconded by Anissa Huntington to accept the report.

Safety: Weather is changing. The roads at Miracle Mile & Grant near Flowing Wells they are going to be doing some repaving, so there will be some loose gravel. Be careful riding in those areas. Still have some Monsoon weather until the end of the month, so the roads will still be slick. Be careful when riding during the storms. Check your tire pressure as the weather will be changing again. We also have the snowbirds coming in & they don't see you & be aware of them and surroundings also.

Membership Report: We found a glitch in the membership system it's been giving us artificially inflated numbers as to how many members we got. So as of right now our chapter has 84 Active Members, 185 Inactive Members, would have 269 Members if all Active. It's about 20% less then what it was. Woody is fixing it & Cindy keeping a separate spreadsheet in Excel, as to what our membership is. I go the renewals Certificate the membership cards & patches for the Moose Lodge. Our coordinator signed off, we can present at the meeting. We have a new member but this is Jim Doyle has always been a member but first time being at our meeting.

Merchandise: Nothing at this time. Monica will try to get ahold again to get the Tee Spring & PayPal account logins & passwords.

P.A.C.: Michael is working on Legislation for next session, now that the results are the survey have been completed. The THREE (3) issues we will be working on are:

- 1) Increased penalties for violating Hands-Free Statute
- 2) Kong's Law
- 3) Securing the Motorcycle Safety funds, so they will never be appropriated to the wrong agency again.

Michael is working with AMSAF to increase the MSF from \$1 to \$2.

In addition, Michael met with the new Director of the Governor's Office of Highway Safety and discussed alternative ways of appropriating the MSF without worrying about the possibility of mis-appropriating those funds again.

Michael had a 90-minute meeting with the Maricopa County Attorney over the GTF presence at NCOM; Formal complaints have been filed with AG's Office and DPS.

Michael is also litigating on a profiling incident that happened in Pinal County. He has scheduled a meeting with Sherriff Lamb to discuss the issue

On the MRF side:

NHTSA investigates Tesla again over an Autopilot configuration that allows extended periods of time WITHOUT prompting the driver to apply torque to the steering wheel.

H.R. 1435 (Protecting the Internal Combustion Engine) PASSED in the House of Representatives on Thursday.

S.2090, the companion bill of H.R. 1435 in the Senate needs more Cosponsors; Please contact your Senators and ask them to support S. 2090

IIHS (Insurance Institute for Highway Safety) has released a document highlighting what it sees as "Simple Steps" to reduce Motorcycle deaths. In 2021, over 6,000 motorcyclists were killed on our nation's highways and that was 14% of ALL traffic fatalities.

MRF Meeting of the Minds is on Sept. 21-24 in Harrisburg, Pa. 2023 Hall of Fame Inductee will be our very own, Mary Kay Donnay!

Locally;

City of Tucson/Pima County elections are coming up in November. More on those elections next month.

I have the results of the city of Tucson motorcycle crashes from 2022 & 2023. I am analyzing these statistics to find common contributors to these accidents, so we can present both TDOT and TPD some ideas to reduce these accidents. In 2022, we had 15 (possibly 17) fatalities in the city of Tucson; as of a week ago, we have had 12 inside the city limits in 2023. Also, I have a new contact within the TPD's Traffic Division that I am hoping to meet with in the next month before the next chapter meeting.

Finally, I will NOT be accepting any nominations this year for State Officer, nor Chapter Officer positions. As some of you know, I have been working for many years with Michael Infanon as his Southern Arizona Associate at Epic Policy Group, Inc. Epic Policy Group was assigned as ABATE of Arizona's Lobbyist last year, so I will continue to Represent ABATE of AZ as your Lobbyist. My hope is that more members will run for State & Chapter Legislative positions, thus, giving the organization more ideas, more choices, and renewed excitement!

Runs/Events:

September 12th, 2023, Cycle Gear Bike Night 5385 E. Broadway Blvd. Tucson, Arizona 85711 from 5pm – 7pm.

November 4th, 2023, Pima County Chapter Bikers Against Child Abuse Awareness at the Wooden Nickel Tavern 1908 S. Country Club Rd., Tucson, AZ 85713 from 10:00am – 4:00pm
Bands & Vendors

November 2nd – 4th, 2023, Riot on the River at the Winkelman Gila River Park, Winkelman, AZ. Weekend Admission \$20 per person \$30 per couple, Free camping spaces, Public Showers Building, Limited camping spaces, first come basis, \$2 beers & beverages, Biker games, Vendors, Food, Wet Tee shirt contest. Live Music Saturday mid-day.

Communications: Nothing at this time

Board: Nothing at this time.

Old Business: Nothing at this time

New Business: Just so everyone knows Double B who is our New Masterlink Editor, also the Coordinator of the High Country Chapter he was hospitalized this week they found a brain tumor & also other locations of Cancer. They believe they got all the tumor but we finally got someone doing a tremendous job on the masterlink, keep him in your prayers.

We presented the Tucson Moose Lodge with their Certificate of Business Membership.

The following are the nominations for Southern Arizona Chapter Officers 2023. We will be voting on all officer positions at the November 18th meeting. With the exception of the B.O.D Rep as that is a 2 term & Anissa Huntington will hold that position through end of 2024.

Chapter Coordinator: Jeremy Krauss 520-305-0231, jeremykrauss@gmail.com

Vice – Coordinator: Anissa Huntington 520-443-0285 anissahuntington04@yahoo.com

Secretary: Monica Byrne 310-626-3636 msbyrne2015@gmail.com

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Membership: Jim Butsback 520-247-3051 jimbutsbac@yahoo.com

Sgt at Arms: Rob Rogers 612-223-4553 rrogers2@comcast.net

Safety: Darron Huntington; 520-551-9352 Radar1bones@gmail.com

PAC: Rob Rogers 612-223-4553 rrogers2@comcast.net

Communications: Judi Miller 630-248-9777 judi.fxdl@gmail.com

Runs/Events: Vacant

Merchandise: Vacant

BOD Rep (two years): Anissa Huntington 520-443-0285 anissahuntington04@yahoo.com

If you have nominations for State Level Officers, please see Jim Butsback. He will have the information. We need a State Pac Officer.

Monica to pick up sandwich for the Road Clean up. Rob Rogers will bring his truck for dropping off members. Monica has the form for the road cleanup & all the supplies.

Membership Drawing:

A total of \$ 53.00 was in the pot. Mark Buckner, name was pulled & donated back. Next Month will be \$ 64.00.

50/50 Pot: The winner was Jim Doyle for the amount \$ 16.00 donated back.

Motion to Adjourn:

Was made by Darron Huntington Seconded by Anissa Huntington to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 10:40 am.

Next Meeting: October 21st, 2023 at Mescal Bar & Grill 70 N Cherokee Trail, Benson, AZ 85602 for our Meeting starting at 12:00 pm. We will meet at the Moose lodge & ride to Buddy's Bar 189 E Hwy 82, Huachuca City, AZ to do the road cleanup at 10:00am. Kick stands up by 8:30am. Then go to Mescal Bar & Grill for our meeting after road cleanup. We will be voting on Officer's at this meeting & we need everyone to be at the meeting.

Jeremy Kruass

Coordinator

Monica Byrne

Secretary