



American **B**rotherhood **A**imed **T**owards **E**ducation of **A**rizona
7000 N. 16th St, Suite 120 #434
Phoenix, AZ 85020
ABATEofAZ.org
480-256-9237

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: January 4, 2020

Location: ABATE Office – Arizona American Italian Club, 7509 N 12th St., Phoenix

Description: Regular

Quorum Attendance:

East Valley	Jack Batt (Proxy)	<u>Present</u> / Absent
High Country	“Woody” Phillips [Chair]	<u>Present</u> / Absent
Mohave	Lisi Cloud Walking	<u>Present</u> / Absent
Phoenix-SM	Robb Felder	<u>Present</u> / Absent
Southern Arizona	Judi Miller	<u>Present</u> / Absent
Superstition	David Pennington	<u>Present</u> / Absent
Yavapai	Deborah Butitta	<u>Present</u> / Absent
Yuma	Frank White	<u>Present</u> / Absent

President Shirley Bizub Present / **Absent**
(Attending State Officer Meeting)

Treasurer: Tara Rudometkin **Present**/Absent

Committee Chairs:

Joel (JR) Rosen – Budget Present/**Absent**

David McLaren – Audit Present/**Absent**

Board Meeting Other Guests:

Mike Infanzon, (Authorized Lobbyist)

Jennifer Elcock & Christopher Beals

Agenda:

I. Call to Order Time: 10:10 am

I. Pledge of Allegiance – Lee Thompson lead the Pledge & Moment of Silence.

II. Prior Meeting Minutes (Waive or Read) –Waiving of the reading of the minutes & approval of the minutes of October 20, 2019 was approved on a motion by Robb Felder, seconded by Frank White.

III. Chairman Comments – Woody Phillips gave an update on the AMSAF Riding for the Long-Haul Dinner. This will be on May 2, starting at 5:30 pm. ABATE of AZ has a table for eight, for the 7 board members and the president. Woody also thanked



all 2020 board members for their work on behalf of ABATE and also those who have stepped up to be ABATE officers.

IV. Reports

- a. **Treasurer:** Tara Rudometkin gave an update. There was \$ \$78,970.98 in all ABATE accounts as of December 5. Tara will move \$26,900 from the TBFS account to the main state account. This will leave \$20,000 seed money in the Too Broke Account.
- b. **State:** No report. Shirley Bizub, the newly elected state President, was attending the January state directors meeting at the time of the board meeting.
- c. **TBFS:** Mike Schneider was not present. Tara Rudometkin and Duane "Disco" Tone, assistant TBFS chair, gave a brief update. Their first meeting of 2020 is scheduled for January 13. Vendors have been contacted and there is a lot of interest, including new vendors, interested in the event. The bands for Friday and Saturday nights are booked. Contract from Mormon Lake has not yet been received. Russ Brown & Associates will be helping pay for the registration packets.
- d. **Legislative Report:** Mike Infanzon, Jennifer Elcock and Christopher Beals gave the report. Their office is tracking all hours worked on behalf of ABATE, ACMC and MMA. The invoice for all work done on behalf of ABATE will be submitted to Tara. There will be no charges. Some of the highlights of work completed include assessing any legal issues relating to Poker Runs. Under state law there are no problems for ABATE holding these runs. They've also initiated work on the secure load legislation. Mike also took over the work of starting the work on the Motorcycle Safety Fund and Lane Splitting legislations. They met with various legislators last month on various topics. Christopher Beals started contacting inactive ABATE members to encourage attendance at the Day of the Dome. He noticed a pattern in that these "lost" members had never been contacted by ABATE and he suggested it may be helpful to develop official "welcoming" processes for new members. Woody Phillips said this idea will be passed along to the President of ABATE for development of a plan by the appropriate state officers. Jennifer Elcock gave an update on the meeting about profiling with the Mesa Police leadership. At that meeting it was agreed to more education for ABATE Safety Officers and the police is needed about motorcycling and the various people who ride, as well as the processes the police follow. The training manuals for these will need to be approved by all interested parties. Jennifer also gave an update on the potential for a class action lawsuit. If this is done, it will be based on input and decisions to proceed from individual motorcyclists and not ABATE as an organization. Mike is also working on an opportunity to be able to offer group health insurance to ABATE members who would like to



purchase.

V. Old Business:

- a. **D & O Insurance:** Tara Rudometkin gave an update. She has submitted the D & O insurance application and expects to know by next week whether its been approved. She does not yet know the cost. It will not be retroactive. The effective date will be noted in the policy declaration. If the application is approved, she will arrange payment and let the board know its been taken care of. After discussion there was consensus that she is free to pay up to \$1000 for the insurance. If the quote is more than that she will not pay and immediately contact Woody Phillips. Woody will then contact the board via email for approval of the payment.
- b. **Tax Filing:** Tara Rudometkin reported that the filing of the 2018 tax documentation is in process and under review for accuracy. It will be submitted soon. For 2019 Tara will be using an external firm.
- c. **Approve New Officers requiring Board Approval:** The following persons were elected, but do not have at least one year of ABATE chapter officer experience and therefore their appointment needs the approval of the board. President – Shirley Bizub, Safety - Paul “Wolfman” Whaley Communications – Suzie “Little Bit” Potter. The relevant experience each person has was discussed. ***Upon a motion by David Pennington and seconded by Nolan Steed, the board voted to unanimously approve of all three to the positions indicated.***
- d. **East Valley Chapter Status:** East Valley and Superstition have now merged. Because of that action, Nolan Steed, current board rep for East Valley is no longer representing that chapter. ***Upon a motion by Deborah Butitta and seconded by Judi Miller, the board approved to name Nolan Steed “Board Member at Large” through the remainder of 2020.*** Nolan Steed Abstained from voting. There were no “no” votes.
- e. **Review of Previously approved Budgets.** The Board had agreed at its November 23rd meeting to review the approved State and TBFS budgets in January for any needed changes. No needed changes have been identified. ***Therefore, on a motion by Deborah Butitta and seconded by David Pennington, the board reaffirmed its approval of the 2020 ABATE State and Too Broke Budgets.***
- f. **Update on Audits:** Woody Phillips reported that the audits for Mohave and Yavapai have been completed. The next audits will be High Country followed by Phoenix Shadow Mountain.

VII. New Business Agenda Items

- a. **Review 2020 Critical Dates - Board:** Woody Phillips led the discussion. Appendix I from the current ABATE Policies and Procedures Manual, “Critical Timeframes” was reviewed. **The following additions are to be**

**made to the critical timelines:**

1. Under December: "Secretary shall renew the D & O Insurance and provide to all board members and officers a copy of the insurance updated Declarations page by December 31.
 2. Under April: The treasurer shall assure the filing of all taxes and tax documents and supply a copy to all board members on or before April 30th with an IRS filing requirement of May 15th.
- b. **Masterlink/Newsletter Advertising Rates:** This item was tabled until the April meeting.
- c. **Other Items:**
1. Woody Phillips said that the intent is for the State Directors and Board meeting schedules to coincide in 2020. The Board meeting, at noon, will follow the State officers meeting which is normally the 1st Sunday of each month at 10:30 AM. The Board of Directors meets quarterly so in April, July and October and the following January, the BOD meetings will follow the State Officers meeting.
 2. The use of Professional Tax preparer for 2018 and 2019 tax preparations was discussed. Deborah Butitta offered to share the contract information of someone she has used in the past and she will provide that information to Tara Rudometkin
 3. The Board also discussed the idea of starting up a periodic short newsletter for members to be informed of current ABATE activities; perhaps a quarterly 1 or 2 page update. There was consensus to pursue this. Woody Phillips will ask the State Officers to work out the details for getting this done and it will be discussed in greater detail at the April Board meeting.
 4. There was consensus that ABATE needs a privacy policy that defines the uses of the membership list and what approvals should be required for other uses of the list. Woody Phillips will pass this along to the State Officers & will generate a draft policy. It will be an April Board agenda item.
 5. The board discussed that the State Bylaws and Policy and Procedures Manual needs to be reviewed and a State By-Laws Committee needs to be formed and will replace any existing committee. Woody Phillips asked that board members share ideas by email about potential members and a possible chair of the committee. This will be an agenda item for the April Board Meeting.

VI. Next Meetings/Events (2020):

1. ABATE of Arizona BOD Meeting in Phoenix, at the Italian American Club, Sunday, April 5, 2020 at Noon (pending confirmation by State President in March).

DEDICATED TO FREEDOM OF THE ROAD



ABATE OF ARIZONA

American **B**rotherhood **A**imed **T**owards **E**ducation of **A**rizona

7000 N. 16th St, Suite 120 #434

Phoenix, AZ 85020

ABATEofAZ.org

480-256-9237

2. ABATE Motorcyclists Day at the Dome, at the Arizona Capitol, Phoenix, 9:30 am on February 19, 2020

I. Adjourn 12:05 pm

Motion made to adjourn by David Pennington, Seconded by Nolan Steed.
Unanimously approved.

Signed: "Woody" Phillips, Chair _____ *Woody Phillips* _____

Judi Miller, Secretary for the Board: _____ *Judi Miller* _____