



ABATE OF ARIZONA

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State Meeting Minutes

Date: July 1, 2023
Time: 11:00
Place: Zoom

Call to Order: 11:02

Pledge of Allegiance – Waived

Attendance

President:	Jim Butsback	Present
Vice President	Paula Beall	Present
Secretary	Mark Krumrey	Present
Treasurer	Cliff Prentice	Present
Membership	Cynde Aydt	Present
Legislative Director	Michael Infanzon	Present
Sergeant at Arms	Vacant	
Safety	Matthew Reemelin	Present
Political Action Coordinator (PAC)	William Cleveland	Present
Communications:	Judith Miller	Present
Chapter Merchandise	Vacant	
BOD	Rick Ferguson	Present
TBFS Chair	Sandra Tavares	Absent/Excused
Run/Events	Shirley Moore-Bizub	Present

Introduction of Guests & new Members: Mark Krumrey as Interim Secretary

President's Comments: Welcomed Mark as Interim Secretary,

Minutes: Review minutes that were emailed, make amendments, accordingly, send to Mark for final collating.

REPORTS

President: Welcomed Mark as Interim Secretary,

Vice-President

Paula has spoken to Lonnie to update, he is going to grade, water things down, work on dust, paint concession stand, she is going to try and BACA and a Jewelry person to come in as vendors. Emphasizing there is water at the event over lack of trees. Yavapi County to bring Slip and Slide, American Club to dig hole and make mud, handing out fliers to passersby and discussing events, and promoting the event. High Country has given a list of other vendors to contact. She suggested we cook hamburgers, she would volunteer, working on vendors.

Treasurer

Beginning Balance	\$73,415.76	22 Deposits:	\$6,346.75
Expenses:			\$1,365.78

Balance – End of Month \$78,396.73

Statements not ready at the time of preparation. Origin of income is \$2K from APMC for TBFS

Cliff and spell out the deposits, Jim mentioned to not break it down now, Cliff Did sent out a screen shot which listed all the different Chapter Accounts, total available from all the chapters is \$112,000.00 Cliff mentioned that we are bringing more money in than paying out. Jim mentioned that we aren't paying out for a venue.

Motion to accept Treasurer Report: 1st Mike Infanzon, 2nd Shirley Bizub. Motion passed.

Membership

Cynde Statistics at end of June are as follows:

Total Membership	749
Individual	430
Joint	230
Club	35
Business	54

Membership up from 733 from previous month. Cynde mentioned that we will probably lose a bunch this month due to members waiting to renew at TBFS, she further stated that numbers usually drop but always come back. BB Discussed expired Memberships of Hanson Mater Tech and American Italian Club still listed as active members, American Italian given a one-year free membership a couple of years back and have not renewed since. Cynde stated she would get with “Woody” on Monday and get the active list corrected and updated.

Legislative Director

Mike sent out an End of Sessions four-page report and summarized for members the salient points of the report. legislature in recess until July 31st. Mike is planning a trip to DC in October. Discussion ensued regarding profiling incident at NCOM with Anti-Gang Task Force against Sons of Silence, Mike introduced himself to GTF for discussion, GTF said they were going to do what they wanted, County Attorney was notified by Mike, AG office was not notified any GTF was involved. In the meeting with the county AG office with Mike action will be taken. Sons of Silence did not write up reports, but Joey Lester did, Mike has three verifiable reports in his files. Mike encouraged people who have been profiled by Law Enforcement to write up an after-action report and submit to Mike for evidence. Discussion further ensued regarding the incident at NCOM.

Rick Ferguson passed on clubs' appreciation for effort on the spot and a great credit to ABATE.

Mike stated it's about relationships.

LD-2 Senator Steve Kaiser Resigned, put up three names, Shawna Bolick being one of them, most qualified, will probably be appointed Senator, life member of ABATE.

Safety: Matthew Reemelin:

Matthew related two Motorcycle shootings in Scottsdale and Mesa in the past week and a half. Have situational awareness.

Make sure to hydrate and check your bike.

Jim encouraged us to pass on to the Chapters, to be aware of wildlife on way up to TBFS.

Merchandise

Working on Merchandise for TBFS, not working on State Merchandise presently.

PAC

Basically, money donated to campaigns upwards of \$6K, broken down in Mikes report as to how much was given to candidates.

William Cleveland did not report at this time. Congratulates team and individual members for effort put forth for success of ABATE.

Runs/Events: Shirley Moore-Bizub

Have thirteen raffle items. Discussed funds from sale of alcohol. Breakdown is 25% of profit goes to the club that is bartending; due to going through local Elks Club nonprofit to get liquor license. Bartenders are volunteers and will get tips. Profits that are left, split 50/50 with Lonnie and ABATE. The beer distributor who supplies the area will go with 16 oz. aluminum cans of Miller/Coors products, for every case we buy we get one free due to only going with two brands. Beer will be selling for \$4.00, cocktails for \$6.00, jar for tips for the bar tenders. TBFS is not buying the alcohol, "they" are buying it up front. Due to having a liquor license, LE must have access to the liquor area. Lonnie is putting up a fence separating the liquor area from the rest of the grounds.

Judy mentioned that Sandra needs a volunteer to provide a truck to bring material from Phoenix to TBFS. Historically ABATE has rented a truck for such purposes, Jim is not opposed to doing it this year, just needs someone to take charge of loading and driving.

Lonnie is a member and is doing yeoman's work to set this up for TBFS. ABATE is the first event he is doing. There is no contract, it's a handshake agreement built on trust, has agreed to work for 25% of the gate. Has plans drawn up for restrooms and showers and RV spots. This could be a great thing for years going forward.

Mike questioned if GTF has been discussed with Winslow PD, who will run interference with GTF, but the GTF runs independently. Local LE are not concerned with the incident at Red River as they know it's a one-time incident. Mike as a TRO request drafted, to be dropped off at WINSLOW. Mike and Rick met with Jay from Law Tigers, willing to sponsor \$2K cash and \$1k in in kind services, bags, etc. Would like a sponsorship slot for that. Law Tigers locked on verbally with contract forthcoming when Jay comes back from vacation on 5th or 6th. Are state officers okay with countering to Russ Brown that we will accept their offer as a sponsor, not presenting sponsor, however we will not sign their contract which may force them to walk. Are we okay? They have first refusal and will probably walk. Mary K did secure insurance through AIM. Richard Lester will have a presence on the property doing their normal activities.

Cynde questioned whether there will be ATM machines at TBFS. Jim mentioned Matt Brown normally handles that but is incommunicado. Cynde discussed the cons of going into town to get cash. Jim will further investigate getting ATMs on property.

Communications: Judi Miller

Judi sent out an update promoting TBFS, next three weeks big push posting on Facebook, Twitter, and other social media. Marketing Campaign that Mike put together six posts over a six-week time, the first one last week, will be posted on motorcycle rider pages, Biker Pages, Twitter, etc. Discussed adding emails but issues are emails going to SPAM.

Master Link: Barry Discussed flow of information from Web Site to Master Link. Send to Judy for distribution. BB wants to do Mid-Month Mini-Publication shared by email Between the 10th and 15th for updates. Discussed Hardcopy for TBFS. Mike to get with Barry for further coordination.

BOD: Rick Ferguson

Highlighted success, of NCOM, mentioned major participation of clubs, groups, MRF etc. Will provide a write up with images for inclusion in Master Link. Discussed Meeting of the Minds in Harrisburg, PA., 21-23 September. Would like to focus on those who will attend and recommended making reservations early if going, discussed the difficulty of navigating from Phoenix to Harrisburg as there are no direct flights. Recommend an email thread for those who are interested in going. Will include Fliers in the Master Link. Jeanene having difficulty connecting with the IRS Discussed using Boss Advisors and Adam Brown to get tax status re-established, fees about \$1600.00 emphasized need of locating original tax-exempt form 1023, Jim mentioned he has letter with EIN. Rick will pursue. Mike stated the form is available from the IRS Electronically.

BOD meeting on 8 July, focusing on recruitment and increasing enrollment to 3500. Goal is to have the Indiana group to look at Arizona and think Arizona is the best group in the country.

Old Business

Member/business spotlight, gather info and get with Barry for inclusion into Mater Link.

New Business

Cliff Prentice recommends getting a new CPA who is a member and does taxes for CMA, convenient, competent. Recommended Paula Brown, member of chapter, CPA, would compensate for services. Cliff encouraged me to talk to Paula regarding particulars and compensation. Cliff to report back.

Open Discussion

The pool will be open for showers, approximately 5 minutes from the site.

Motion to Adjourn

1st Cynde 2nd by Judi— motion passed. **Time:** 12:18

Next Meeting

Date & Time: August 5th, 2023, at 11:00AM

Where: Zoom

Minutes taken by Mark Krumrey

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