



ABATE OF ARIZONA

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State Meeting Minutes

Date: June 3, 2023
Time: 11:00
Place: Zoom

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Meeting ID: 524 079 6832
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Call to Order: 11:02

Pledge of Allegiance – Waived

Attendance

President:	Jim Butsback	Present
Vice President	Paul Beall	Absent/Excused
Secretary	Vacant	
Treasurer	Cliff Prentice	Present
Membership	Cynde Ayd	Present
Legislative Director	Michael Infanzon	Present
Sergeant at Arms	Vacant	
Safety	Matthew Reemelin	Present
Political Action Coordinator (PAC)	William Cleveland	Absent
Communications:	Judith Miller	Absent/Excused
Chapter Merchandise	Vacant	
BOD	Rick Ferguson	Present
TBFS Chair	Sandra Tavares	Absent/Excused

Introduction of Guests & new Members: Barry “Double B” Bell, Shirley Bizub

Jim asked for someone to take minutes: Cynde Aydt volunteered, Rick Ferguson will record and send to Cynde.

President's Comments: We have the new editor of MasterLink joining us.

Minutes: Waived - 1st Cynde, 2nd Matthew, motion passed.

REPORTS

President: Our long time editor of MasterLink has stepped down. Barry "Double B" Bell has accepted the position on an interim basis, at the same pay as Eric for the interim period. Eric will send everything he can to Barry. Barry is Coordinator for High Country chapter, and communications officer for Mountain Motorcycle Assn of AZ. He was Director of Marketing for a Graphic company. Some of the problems Eric was having was because the application was using was built about 20 years ago for offset printing, which doesn't translate well for digital format. He wants to update that, and hopefully translate better the information that is provided from the chapter. Reformatting and eliminating filler will help tremendously. Barry would like to utilize tools and technology that are common so that if something were to happen, anyone could pick up the newsletter and do it.

Cynde will let Woody know that the membership system info should go to Barry now. We

have new patches, both sizes. Large ABATE Shield is still \$8, the small ABATE Shield \$5

Jim has lane filtering cards. He would like to get them to all motorcycle training schools.

We have several state positions open. If anyone knows anybody interested in different positions, please have them contact us.

Vice-President

Paula is busy today, but is still working hard on putting stuff together for TBFS. Everything seems to be going good.

Treasurer

Beginning Balance	\$76,097.12	Deposits: \$	992.79
Expenses:			\$3,674.15
Patches:	\$ 475.00		
Eric:	\$ 500.00		
Merch & Exp:	\$ 230.94		
MI Travel	\$1,201.60		
MI Exp	\$ 248.15		

Balance – End of Month \$73,415.76

Chapter Balances attached in Treasurer report emailed to group.

Ace Graphics: Todd does our printing for us. Jim ordered our lane filtering cards. We got 5,000 for \$160

Cliff purchased a roll of stamps

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

Membership

Cynde thinks membership system has been fixed. She will be talking with Woody this week.

Total Membership		733
Individual	424	
Joint	226	
Club	35	
Business	48	

Instead of sending out the chapter membership reports at the end of the month, she waited until the 1st of June and sent them out to each chapter along with now many members will be expiring in June and how many expired in May.

We are still working with Todd to get the new tri-folds done. Mike Infanzon: The final draft for them will be done this weekend, and once approved it will take about a week to get what we order. They will be sent to Mike's office when done.

Legislative Director

Mike met with Jay from Law Tigers yesterday to go over the contract with Russ Brown. They won't be the exclusive legal entity. Jay is passing out lane filtering cards, needs more. Mike will get them to him.

Went to DC, visited 27 offices in 2-1/2 days, for MC issues, covering 8 states for MRF. He was only one from Arizona there. Visited all of Arizona's senators. Congresswoman Lesko and her staff are 100% on board with everything we need. Congressman Gossar wants to make sure that Yarnell Hill is clean as far as rocks and gravel. Had 45 minute time in Senator Kelly's office. He's 100% supportive of MC issues we have. Talked about electric motorcycles.

Mike and Will have already working started language on next years bills. They will be modifying language of the drafted Kong's law bill to make it more clear in it's intent.

Mike has the first draft for the Motorcycle Awareness drivers test questions for potential bill for next year.

Sine Die won't be until possibly October.

NCOM is in two weeks.

Safety

Make sure to hydrate and check your bike.

Merchandise

No report

PAC

Already covered under Legislative report.

Jim would like to find a way to get all ABATE members who are registered to vote to get on Request To Speak line. Go to the state website and fill out the Request Form. According to Mike Infanzon said the best way of doing it is Mike would need first name, last name and email address and he, or someone from Phoenix can go down to state and he can sign them up with a generic password. From there, they can go in and change their password.

Runs/Events

They are building the stage, a lot done in the arena, Lonnie has been doing a lot of work on the grounds, sponsorship is starting to come together. Waiting for vendors payments and other stuff in. Bring Squirt guns, mini wading pools, dunk tank – Jim will volunteer to spend time in the dunk tank, Diva Cave is donating special shorts and tee-shirts for the dunk tank.

Still looking for sponsors for bike games, bike show, wet tee-shirt contest, put up fliers wherever you go.

Website store is now up so people can go in and pay for registration.

We're doing pretty good. It's all coming together.

Cynde will put out email on what positions we are still looking for help.

Communications

Judi emailed communications report to officers. Cynde went thru communication report points:

Most of focus has been on TBFS, store up and running, sent out new copy of TBFS for Sturgis flyer, she tweaking new email system – if anyone needs help let her know, she's going to try to put together a training for it, other work continues to be as normal – posting business members info on the FB pages and updating email addresses. She will not be here for this and the July meeting.

Old Business

Website is now updated for 2023, the store is up for TBFS passes, the new email system, please promote everybody in your chapters to accept new email.

IRS – Rick reached out to Jeanene twice this month. We're on the way to getting this resolved. More info next month.

Business and member spotlight for new MasterLink.

AMSAF dinner – had a good time. AMSAF raised some money.

We are going to need help with the NCOM membership/information booth for the NCOM conference in two weeks. We need to find out who, from East Valley Chapter or Phoenix Shadow Mountain chapter who can work the booth. No popup necessary. We will have table in hallway. We are also getting a hospitality room that we can use to entertain.

Do we want to have Deb Butitta memorial patches at NCOM. Jim will talk to Dennis to see if we can get some.

People working the booth do not need to register for the event.

New Business

Celebration of life for JD Dare, our former Sgt At Arms, next Saturday at the Tucson Moose Lodge.

Both members of East Valley out of the hospital. Damian Paige and Rob VanPelt are both doing well. Still healing and recovering.

Open Discussion

None

Motion to Adjourn

1st Shirley, 2nd Mike Infanzon – motion passed. **Time:** 12:18

Next Meeting

Date & Time: July 1st, 2023 at 11:00AM

Where: Zoom

Minutes taken by Cynde Ayt

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