



ABATE OF ARIZONA

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State Meeting Minutes

Date: February 4, 2024
Time: 11:00 AM
Place: Zoom Call

Call to Order: 11:01 am

Pledge of Allegiance – Waived

Attendance

President:	Jim Butsback	Present
Vice President	Paula Beall	Present
Secretary	Open Position	Vacant
Treasurer	Cliff Prentice	Present
Membership	Cynde Aydt	Present
Legislative Director	Michael Infanzon	Present
Sergeant at Arms	Gary Crawford	Not Present
Safety	Matthew Reemelin	Excused
Political Action Coordinator (PAC)	Stacy Montgomery	Not Present
Communications:	Judith Miller	Present
Chapter Merchandise	Damian Paige	Excused
Master Link	Barry Bell	Present
BOD	Rick Ferguson	Present
State Runs and Events	Open Position	
Introduction of Guests:	None	

Minutes Motion to accept January 6 Minutes 1st Judi Miller 2nd Paula Beall Motion passed. There was a moment of silence for those who are ill and those we have lost.

REPORTS

President, Jim Butsback: Jim thanked everyone who attended the Officer Training Day on January 28. He was disappointed at the lack of turnout of all new officers and that some chapters sent no one. High Country Chapter had a conflict with another event so did not attend. No one from Yavapai or Yuma attended. For those who did attend, the sessions seemed to go quite well. All three officers from the new Glove chapter attended and participated enthusiastically. The presentation by Rep Nguyen was very good and informative. He also received his Freedom Fighter vest. Lobby Day took place the following day, January 29. Was a very enjoyable day and several officers and others were able to attend. It was a positive, good day. Pictures have been posted on Facebook. Upcoming events include Meeting of the Minds in September, Bikers in the Beltway in May, and Abate of Arizona's sponsored Day at the Dome in April. These will be posted on the website calendar.

Vice President, Paula Beal: Paula thanked Mike for organizing Lobby Day. Re Too Broke, Paula had a meeting with Lonnie and started to get things tied down re Too Broke. She will be helping Sandra and wants to get sponsorship letters out soon.

Treasurer: Cliff Prentice

Beginning Balance	\$77,538.34
Deposits:	\$ 915.50
Check Withdrawals	\$ 2,546.76
EOM Balance:	\$75,930.08

Cliff recommended upgrading QuickBooks to be able to use for budgeting. This upgrade would also allow more people than just Cliff access to using the system. Jim and Cliff are working with the EV and Globe treasurers, so they are on the appropriate bank accounts. They are also removing individuals no longer in positions needing access to the accounts.

Membership, Cynde Aydt: Cynde reported 646 active memberships: 373 individual and joint memberships, 15 memberships with 3 clubs, 184 Life memberships, 50 business memberships with 25 businesses. The plan is to reach out to all the life members to verify they are still active. She discussed a problem with the current database because it does not accommodate a "state" membership, only chapter memberships. Someone who is a member of more than one chapter is counted more than once. Cynde and Jim Butsback are reaching out to other MROs in the country, particularly those with large numbers of members about what membership systems they use.

Legislative Director, Mike Infanzon: Mike reported he thought Lobby Day went well though he was concerned other MROs did not participate. Apparently, they had been told that the event was ABATE only. He asked everyone to always direct questions regarding legislative issues and events to him. He gave brief updates about several pieces of legislation. SB 1064, Gas Formulation has some issues, and it is currently held up. SB 1420, Traffic Stops, is being amended to make it better while protecting 4th amendment rights. SB 1567, Off Highway Vehicles Education, trying to get it amended to include the traffic safety fund increases and allow AMSAF to reach out to off roaders.

Safety, Matthew Reemeling: No report.

Merchandise, Damian Paige: Damian was working so he was unable to attend the meeting. Jim reported he is working on updating the online store and has jumped in to get some new products developed.

Runs & Events: Vacant

Communications, Judi Miller: Judi gave a brief update. All the changes in officers at the start of the year have been updated in the email system. New email lists for each chapter's officers and one for "all officers" of ABATE have been created. The state secretary abarteofaz.org email address messages will be directed to a new (temporary) linked email address until a new secretary is found.

Master Link, Barry Bell (BB): Barry reported that the latest Masterlink includes information on the two newest business members, He discovered a hyperlink problem that he is working on. He is getting too much contact very close to the publication date of the newsletter. Discussed some options, perhaps will initiate a submission deadline. Cynde will be sending him membership updates by the 15th of each month. He needs the Globe Officer list. Jim has discussed with the chapter coordinators to submit to the newsletter more chapter level business member updates and member spotlights.

BOD, Rick Ferguson: No recent BOD meeting to report on.

Old Business, Jim Butsback: Nothing not already discussed.

New Business, Jim Butsback: Cliff brought up an idea for grant writing to generate funding to get more things done without eating into revenue. These grants could be used to help with membership drives, education and so on. The next step is a job description, including the skills needed and specifics of the duties. This would be a part-time paid position, supported by some of the grant money generated. Cliff and Jim will meet and discuss this idea further.

A motion was made by Mike Infanzon, seconded by Cynde, to approve purchase of an Upgraded QuickBooks license to support budgeting and other needs, at a cost of up to \$120 per month. This was unanimously approved.

Motion to Adjourn:

1st Barry 2nd Paula. **Time:** 12:15 pm

Next Officer Meeting: March 2, 2024, 11 am via Zoom.

Minutes by Judi Miller (stand in secretary for the meeting)
Typed 2/4/2024.