



ABATE OF ARIZONA

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State Meeting Minutes

Date: January 6, 2024
Time: 11:00 AM
Place: Arizona American-Italian Club
7509 N 12th, Phoenix

Call to Order: 11:06

Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Gary Crawford, Sgt at Arms

Attendance

President:	Jim Butsback	Present
Vice President	Paula Beall	Present
Secretary	Mark Krumrey	Not Present
Treasurer	Cliff Prentice	Present
Membership	Cynde Aydt	Present
Legislative Director	Michael Infanzon	Present
Sergeant at Arms	Gary Crawford	Present
Safety	Matthew Reemelin	Present
Political Action Coordinator (PAC)	Stacy Montgomery	Not Present
Communications:	Judith Miller	Present
Chapter Merchandise	Damian Paige	Present
Master Link	Barry Bell	Excused
BOD	Rick Ferguson	Present
State Runs and Events	Open Position	

Introduction of Guests: Tim Miller, Mary K Donnay, Scot Williamson

Minutes Motion to accept December 2 Minutes 1st Judi Miller 2nd Paula Beall

Jim Butsback welcomed new State Officers, Damian Paige, and Gary Crawford. They gave brief introductions about themselves and then Jim, followed by all of the officer,

introduced themselves and gave their introductions.

REPORTS

President, Jim Butsback: Jim thanked everyone for the volunteer work that they do and gave a special thanks to the new officers for stepping up and taking on officer roles for ABATE. The Officer Training will be held starting 11 am on January 28, a Sunday to around 3 pm. Jim working on getting a guest speaker. Invitations will be sent out to all ABATE Chapter officers. State Officers are also expected to attend.

Coming up soon is the opening of the Arizona legislative session. Meeting of the Minds will be September 25-29 in St Louis. Jim encouraged attendance by officers if possible. In May Bikers Inside the Beltway will take place. Mike Infanzon will be there the entire week. The Too Broke event is scheduled for June 20-23.

Jim also reported that unfortunately Mark Krumrey has submitted his resignation from the secretary post in ABATE. A search will be held for a replacement. Mark did a great job and will be missed.

Vice President, Paula Beal: Paula discussed providing training on the Right to Speak APP. Mike will be discussing how to use the system at the officer training and will be making a trifold about how to use the RTS system that can be used when Paula goes to various events. Interested people should not try to sign themselves up but instead get help from someone on his team. More to come on that. Paula also discussed High Country making a map showing the locations of all the chapters as the process of selecting a new policy chief in Winslow.

Treasurer: Cliff Prentice

Beginning Balance	\$78,727.54
Deposits:	\$ 985.46
Check Withdrawals	<u>\$ 1,719.36</u>
EOM Balance:	\$77,993.64

Discussed further changes on ACC needed to ensure no fees from Chase for smaller accounts by chapters. This will be resolved shortly.

Membership, Cynde Aydt: Ensured everyone received the Spread Sheets she sent out. Summarized current Membership Status. Ongoing issues with reconciling membership with spread sheet numbers and State System and has been working closely with Woody who is technical support for the system. Much of this has to do with the tracking of “memberships” compared to “members” which can be confusing and causes errors. Some discussion about whether an off the shelf system should be considered by ABATE in the future. Cited membership from her Spreadsheets as follows: 343 individual and joint memberships, 15 memberships with 3 clubs, 176 Life memberships, 46 business memberships with 23 businesses, 24 sustaining members, 26 in memoriam members, total of 630.

Legislative Director, Mike Infanzon: Mike reported he has hired a new associate lobbyist. Ten bills impacting ABATE concerns have been prefiled. ADOT is planning Lane Filtering education, aimed particularly at motorists to help them become aware this is legal. This will be a statewide effort. The next legislative session begins in about a week and Mike has already personally spoken with 21 legislators in four days. He is working on Lobby Day and will be having invitations to attend sent to ABATE members, but they must come to training before they will be scheduled to meet with a legislator. Briefly discussed. ABATE PAC training will be

provided at officers training day with a request that money be collected for the PAC at every ABATE meeting. However, the persons making the donations need to be documented, as ABATE cannot directly give contributions to the PAC.

Safety, Matthew Reemeling: No new report.

Merchandise, Damian Paige: Damian discussed several ideas he has around Merchandise. The goal is to make this a direct-to-consumer process, where members can order directly from the ABATE web page and have items delivered to them. He also has ideas about branding and consistency of messaging on merchandise.

Runs & Events: Vacant

Communications, Judi Miller: Judi gave a brief update. A major goal last year was implementing the email system and in 2024 it will be resolving the ongoing issue there is with the ABATE of AZ Facebook Page where she is unable to assign others to be able to post or manage that page. She has reached out to FB support numerous times for help with resolving the problem but has not ever gotten a response back. If anyone has any suggestions about resolving this, please let her know.

Master Link, Barry Bell (BB): Excused. Judi reported that the January issue of The Masterlink has been posted.

BOD, Rick Ferguson: The Director/Officer insurance policy has been renewed for the year. The 21-22 taxes have been filed via the paper process and we are awaiting word on reinstatement. This could take many months. In the meantime, the 2023 tax filing will be also done on paper. Rick reiterated project goals of Project 35 to have 3500 new members by 2028. Rick Emphasized that the Board is willing to assist in creating a budget for promotional materials, but needs a team leader and team.

Old Business, Jim Butsback: Nothing not already discussed. Still working on confirming the TBFS dates, tentatively scheduled for June 20-23, and the lead for the committee.

New Business, Jim Butsback: Globe has not yet been inducted as a new chapter within ABATE of Arizona. They now have officers identified. On January 19 at 6 pm the first official meeting of the chapter will be held, and officers will be officially elected. Cliff, Mike, and Jim are all planning to attend. Everyone else is welcome to attend also.

Motion to Adjourn:

1st Cynde 2nd Judi. **Time:** 12:30 pm

Next: ABATE Officer Training: January 28, 2024, at 11 am, at the American-Italian Club in Phoenix

Next Officer Meeting: February 3, 2024, 11 am via Zoom.

Minutes by Judi Miller (stand in secretary for the meeting)
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