



ABATE OF ARIZONA

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## State Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 2 March 2024

**Time:** 11:03 AM

**Place:** Zoom Call

<https://zoom.us/j/5240796832?pwd=MU9Jd1RObmgYVmpZR3k0L21mUVZLZz09>

Meeting ID: 524 079 6832 Passcode: 716520

**Call to Order:** 11:01 am

Pledge of Allegiance – Waived

### Attendance

President:	Jim Butsback	Present
Vice President	Paula Beall	Present
Secretary	Mark Krumrey	Not Present
Treasurer	Cliff Prentice	Present
Membership	Cynde Ayd	Present
Legislative Director	Michael Infanzon	Present
Sergeant at Arms	Gary Crawford	Present
Safety	Matthew Reemelin	Excused
Political Action Coordinator (PAC)	Stacy Montgomery	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:** None

**Minutes** Motion to accept February 4 Minutes 1<sup>st</sup> Judi Miller 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Asked for a moment of silence for Harely Pettit, who recently passed. Barry will need to step down from taking care of the Newsletter due to illness. Mike Infanzon said he can help with the newsletter and Betsy Newkirk will also be helping. The March newsletter is approved and about to be published. Jim thanked everyone who was able to attend Shirley's Celebration of Life. It was extremely well attended with well over 150 people attending. There were a lot of bikes, a live band.

**Vice President, Paula Beal:** Paula was contacted about ABATE having a table at the Tristate Rt 66 River Rally. This is a great opportunity and the first time we've been able to be at that event. This will be on the last weekend in April. There will also be an event in Winslow, Hogs in Heat, in June that she has arranged for ABATE to have a booth. She is helping Sandra line up bands for Too Broke and discussing details with Lonny. She is also approaching Grand Canyon HD for a TBFS sponsorship.

### **Treasurer: Cliff Prentice**

Beginning Balance	\$77,930.08
Deposits:	\$ 1,093.18
Check Withdrawals	<u>\$ 1,879.55</u>
EOM Balance:	\$75,173.71

Cliff discussed the lack of a treasurer at Mohave. Currently, no one can write checks. Yuma also is not on the bank account as there is a change in leadership, with meetings "on hold". Cliff is working on a spreadsheet to be used for budgeting and the budget process will be kicking off soon.

**Membership, Cynde Ayd:** Cynde reported 643 active memberships: She contacted several other state ABATE organizations for ideas in what they use for membership data needed and sent information about the Iowa system to Jim. The ideal would be a system that can handle membership, along with email and other "client" services. Needs to be able to manage all kinds of memberships and memberships at multiple chapters. Having an auto renewal process will help retain members.

**Legislative Director, Mike Infanzon:** Mike gave an update on several legislative actions. The Covered Load legislation (SB1376) has passed the Senate. He gave updates on the Off Highway Vehicle Registration legislation, which still needs amendments to include motorcycles. HB2750, about Motorcycle Helmets for Minors, working on changes to put the onus for helmet requirements on the rider of the bike, not the passenger, no matter if either the rider or passenger is an adult. The Left Lane Slow Drivers legislation failed. He is also working on Off Highway Education requirement legislation to include safety fund amendments. Very busy. The ACMC will be holding its monthly meeting at the Day at the Dome.

**Safety, Matthew Reemeling:** A national analysis of motorcycle accidents showed the top five causes of serious accidents being cars turning left in front of motorcycles, gravel on blind curves, cornering too fast, and being struck from behind, which lane filtering helps protect from. Suggests more education about lane filtering is needed.

**Merchandise, Damian Paige:** Damian reported that the store is just about done. He is waiting for on the tax license and also kicking around ideas for more tee shirts. Ongoing there is a need to collect tax on anything sold and to report this income at tax time.

**Communications, Judi Miller:** Judi gave a brief update. She has updated the email system to accommodate Globe and its officers. She also worked on updating Too Broke information on the Web and on the FB page, with more to come as things progress. She sent out an email at Sandra's request to all chapter coordinators about the need for volunteers to help on the committee and at the event.

**Master Link, Barry Bell (BB):** No report. Barry will be stepping down due to health issues. The next issue is approved and will be sent out shortly.

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

**Old Business, Jim Butsback:** Jim will be discussing the grant writing idea with AMSAF.

**New Business, Jim Butsback:** Jim reported that Illinois ABATE is confronting a mandatory helmet bill that is being brought forth there. This may be a good example to share of what can happen and how ABATE helps fight this kind of thing. Mike said he was contacted about parking garages in downtown Phoenix not allowing motorcycle parking. He will be looking into this. He reminded everyone to please let people know that if they find a motorcycling related issue like this to please let him know and he will investigate the issue.

**Motion to Adjourn:**

1<sup>st</sup> Mike 2<sup>nd</sup> Cliff. **Time:** 12:09 pm

**Next Officer Meeting:** April 6, 11 am via Zoom.

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

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