



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: Saturday, October 1, 2022
Time: 1:00PM
Place: ABATE of AZ office, 7509 N. 12th Street, Suite 200, Phoenix AZ (or Zoom)
Moderator: Mary K. Donnay, State Chairman

Join via Zoom Meeting;

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Meeting ID: 862 2150 8046, Passcode: 396086

Call to order: 1:06pm

Quorum Attendance:

Coyote Pass	Harley Pettit
East Valley	Jack Batty (Proxy: Joe Silk)
High Country	Barry Bell
Mohave	Tom Ayd
Phoenix-SM	Mary K. Donnay
Southern Arizona	Judi Miller
Yavapai	Dennis Banners
Yuma	Frank White ABSENT-Excused

State Officers/Committee Chairs:

President	Jim Butsback ABSENT-Excused
Treasurer	Cliff Prentice
Secretary	Gwen Zolber ABSENT-Excused
Legislative Director	Michael Infanzon
Bylaws/P&P Committee	MK
Sergeant-at-Arms	Navy Mike Rudd ABSENT-Excused

Recognize Guests: None

The Meeting was called to order at 1:06 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was done.

Approval of Interim Board Representatives: Tom Ayd made a motion that was seconded by Judi Miller to accept Dennis Banners from Yavapai Chapter and Bob "Double B" Bell from High Country Chapter as interim board reps for their chapters. Motion was approved.

Chairperson comments: Mary K Donnay discussed problems being experienced with the ABATE emailer. This system is being moved to a new domain and this will hopefully fix these problems.

Last meeting minutes:

Motion was made to waive reading & accept July meeting minutes as written; 1st Harley Pettit, 2nd Judi Miller Motion passed.



I. Reports

1. Chairperson

- There are several vacant State Officer positions. Run Coordinator, Safety Coordinator and Merchandise. We need to encourage members to run for these offices. If you know of anyone interested, please contact Jim Butsback. The descriptions of these positions is in the P & Ps on State Web Page under Resources.
- Several months ago the board asked the state officers to look into printing the Masterlink a few times a year. The board discussed several options. MK is asking the officers to revisit this again.
- The 2023 TBFS Committee formation will be kicked off soon. Jim Butsback to get the ball rolling on this. The first step is to initiate the committee.
- MK attended the MRF Meeting of the Minds. Was very enlightening and energizing. Was well attended this year. Arizona had 14 attendees present. MK attended several work sessions and got a lot out of the “being a leader” session. Hardtail (MRF President) and David Duffy (Iowa State President) both joined ABATE of Arizona. Next year MOTM will be held in Harrisburg, PA.

2. President

No report.

3. Treasurer:

- Cliff Prentice gave the report.
- **Treasury report will be emailed to all BOD members:** September update was \$90,401.46 balance at the beginning of the month. \$3,835.95 paid out, \$915.96 deposits made. Ending balance \$86,904.90,
- ABATE state annual audit to be completed today.

4. Legislative Director:

- Mike Infanzon reported that Arizona received recognition from the MRF for getting the lane filtering legislation passed. Arizona is only the 4th state to have accomplished this. This legislation went into effect last Saturday. Glendale PD pulled over two bikers when they lane filtered and the officers were not aware of the new law. Mike was contacted and called the designated contact at that department and they are now briefing their officers on the details of the new law. Please let your chapters know that Mike should be contacted if this happens in their area and he will handle it with the police department. The meetings with the police about these things have gone very well.
- The biggest complaint has been the lack of public awareness. ABATE was not included in the PSA development process even though we had been told we would be involved. AMSAF was to take care of it. In the future we should handle PSAs on new legislation ourselves and budget accordingly. Mike and others have seen some billboards, Facebook postings by police departments and Radio and TV PSAs, but not very many.
- Mike is in process of completing the verbiage for our approved 2023 Legislative Agenda. The AMA has been happy with the off-highway vehicles approach ABATE has taken.
- Mike has spoken with every candidate running for state-wide, Congressional and state legislative positions. PAC of ABATE has made donations to like-minded candidates and this has gotten him into the room with these candidates when needed. Small donations can help gain influence and at least allow for access to the individual to discuss issues.
- It is very important to understand that ABATE or its chapters cannot legally donate to candidates. Corporations cannot give money to candidates. Money must be donated directly from individuals.



- The date for the Day at the Dome is not yet set. The legislative calendar is now yet open. Mike will try to secure the 1st Monday in February.

5. **Bylaws/P&P's Committee:** Mary K gave an update. Cynde is helping with this also. Changes for the bylaws are being saved as they are approved by the BOD and will be made eventually. Changes to the bylaws are filed with the AZ Secretary of State around every 4 years. But all approved changes are being saved to be made at the appropriate time. Policy and Procedure changes can be made as needed.

II. Old Business Agenda Items

1. Treasurer – Cliff Prentice
 - The merging of funds from chapters to the state is not yet done. Cliff is waiting until after a new bank is selected. Looking into Savings and Loans. We need an institution that has branches in all areas where there are ABATE chapters.
 - Quick Books is implemented and will be used starting today.
 - No changes have been made about the Too Broke account also until a decision is made about which bank to use.
 - The 2021 Tax filing is done. 2018, 2019, 2020 are still not processed by the IRS.
1. iCloud storage – Gwen (TABLED)

III. New Business

1. **Review Critical Timeframes** (P&P's Pages 5-7) Mary K reviewed the impending critical time frames.

SEPTEMBER – MasterLink Managing Editor – Places State Officer Ballots, Notice of Election Rally, and Campaign Speeches in the OCTOBER issue, along with Ballot Rules.

SEPTEMBER - State President – Ensures that each Chapter has received a useable/printable copy of the Ballot by October 1st.

OCTOBER – Annual Legislative Survey results are gathered by survey developers.

NOVEMBER - Chapter elections – use ballot form or verbal member or show-of-hands vote at Chapter meeting. Secretary to note results in Chapter minutes submitted to State Secretary

NOVEMBER – State Secretary - Contacts each current Chapter Secretary for new officer contact information to update Officer Contact List by end of December. Forwards new officer names/positions to the *MasterLink* Managing Editor, State Membership Officer and webmaster for updating.

NOVEMBER – State President submits AMA Charter Renewal, listing current State Officers.

NOVEMBER – Annual Legislative Agenda based upon Survey results are presented to BOD and attendees at the annual membership meeting/election rally, as well as published in the *MasterLink* and on the website.



DECEMBER - State Treasurer – Corporation Commission Report due, submitted on-line.

DECEMBER - State Secretary – Secretary shall renew the D & O Insurance and provide to all Board of Directors members and State Officers a copy of the insurance updated Declarations page by December 31.

DECEMBER - State Officers/BOD – Prepare for Officer Training Sessions.

DECEMBER – State President – bi-annually, as new State Officers are elected, ensure at least 3 ABATE State Officers are AMA members and receive AMA’s Safety Training Certification. One of the officers should be the State Safety Officer. Meeting this requirement allows Too Broke for Sturgis to be a sanctioned event and enable ABATE to obtain event insurance for the event from AMA.

2. **2023 B.O.D. meetings** (MK) – Upon a motion by Harley Pettit, seconded by Joe Silk the following schedule for 2023 BOD meetings was approved. January 7, April 1, July 8 and October 7, at 1 pm. Schedule will be posted in Master Link, FB and website

3. **Bylaws and P&P's conflict regarding election of Board Reps.** at State vs. chapter levels. (MK)

Bylaw 3.02(c) states "Directors shall be elected by the general membership at the November annual meeting." P&P's state under Critical Timelines page 7 "AUGUST - Chapter Officer Nominations - including Board Rep. or State Officer nominations (alternately, 2-year positions) are to be conducted. State Officer nominations are submitted to the MasterLink Editor by Sept. 15th, for October issue. BOD Reps are voted on at Chapter level. There could be confusion due to the use of the word "Director" under 3.02 (c). Does this mean Board of "Directors" or is it intended to mean the state Officers. In practice the state officers election has been made at the state wide membership meetings and BOD reps have been elected by their local chapters. Clarification to this will be made when the bylaws are next updated.

Upon a motion made by Harley Pettit and seconded by Judi Miller, Bylaw 3.02 (c) will be modified to read "Board of Director Representatives shall be elected by the respective chapter membership at chapter November elections." The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Membership dues** (MK) – Mary K led discussion about a possible membership fee increase. The suggestion is to increase to \$30 individual and \$50 couple. There has never been a dues increase. Mary K will send to BOD members a short summary of what the additional money could be used for and the BOD are asked to take this item to their membership for feedback. A final decision will be made by the BOD at the January meeting.

5. **Conference fee guidelines** (MK) – TABLED

6. **Membership Yearly Patches** – (MK) State Officers have requested to send renewal membership patches to members only upon request. The membership renewal application would have a question asking if they wished a year patch. Many members do not want the patches each year. Other organizations (MRF, etc) ask members if they want an 'years' patch when they renew. This would save some money and also reduce membership officer workload. This would require a bylaw change.



Bylaw 7.01(b) states MEMBERSHIP KIT/YEAR PINS OR PATCHES: a qualified applicant accepted to membership shall be issued for the first year of membership, a kit containing a membership number and patch (ABATE shield) with Corporation logo. Renewing members shall receive a year pin or patch for each subsequent year after the first.

There was discussion. Perhaps a "Member since" patch initially issued rather sending the member a patch each time of renewal. Mary K will refer this back to the state officers for a final recommendation on the approach.

7. **Ratify Dale "Animal" Dedrich** for AZ MRF Rep. 2023. After discussion it was agreed this was not needed as Jim Butsback had already addressed this with the MRF.
8. **ROTR Nov. 3-6** Winkleman, we will have a membership booth, need volunteers.
9. **Member meeting Nov. 12** at Jake's Corner, need volunteers. Several BOD members have volunteered. A notice about requesting volunteers will be posted on Facebook. There will not be a board meeting on this date, but MK will schedule an evening teleconference to approve the budgets.
10. **B.O.D. Reps for 2023-2024** Most of the BOD members present indicated they plan to run again.
11. **Audit of State Checking Account:** This was completed by Cliff Prentice, Mary K Donnay and Dennis Banners. 6 transactions were reviewed, bank statements and financial statements, and no discrepancies were found.

I. **Next Meeting**

Teleconference/Zoom meeting to be scheduled in December to approve budgets. Mary K Donnay will notify the BOD of the selected date.

January 7, 2023, Saturday, 1:00PM - 2:30PM, ABATE Phoenix Office.

Adjourn 1st Joe Silk Harley Pettit 2nd **Time:** 3:07pm