

ABATE monthly meeting
April 5, 2010
Minutes

Attending: Dan McCrummen President, Roland Pope Vice President, Bob Heflin Rider Education/ABATE Representative, Eric Cook, Web Administrator, Chuck Bishop, Dave Hansen, Donn Heflin, Sean Huntley, Don Johnston, Pam Johnston, Marna McGonegal, Patrick McGonegal, Nathan McLaughlin, Larry White

Dan called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Minutes from the March meeting were distributed. Dan had gotten changes from Nancy Hudson and will forward them to the secretary to make the changes. Larry moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Bob seconded. Motion carried on voice vote.

Officer reports:

President: No president's report

Treasurer: Pam read a report prepared by Nancy and handed out the Profit/Loss Detail for January through March 2010 which Nancy had given her. Nancy had provided a more detailed report to Dan. Pay Pal is set up and working. There was discussion of the cost compared to the credit card reader. Pay Pal costs slightly less. Pam reported that Yahoo forwards the information to Pam's phone when someone enrolls and Jerry is notified when a dues payment is made.

Membership: No membership report

Rider Education: Bob reported that the schedule is out for the Experienced and Basic Rider Courses (ERC, BRC). Pam reported that there are 4 students paid up for the ERC with an additional person who has not yet paid. She said the first BRC is full and the second is ½ full. There are 3 signed up for the third class. Pam will be out of town between May 12 and 27, but will provide rosters to the coaches while she is on the road. Bob listed several priorities that need to be addresses for the upcoming classes.

1. Repair/preparation of the range. Larry reported that the worst of the potholes have been filled. He was asked if they would need to be compacted to be safe and Larry said they would. Pam is looking into a grant to pave the parking lot. She proposed doing a temporary fix this year and trying to get a grant to pave in the fall. Dan suggested looking into the possibility of matching funds from DOT/PF. The range will have to be swept and stripped before classes start. TW Hall will be contacted to do this. The coaches will meet at the range on Wednesday, to walk the range and assess its condition.
2. Two bikes have been repaired and need to be picked up.
3. Talk to Mendenhall auto about providing loaner bikes for the courses

4. Advertising strategies were discussed. Pam suggested starting advertising now and will contact the newspaper about doing some ads right away. Bob will work on getting the best deal possible for radio ads. Roland has ordered Cab Toppers for his cab and Charlie's cabs. He submitted the invoice for payment. Bob will talk to printers about having information cards made up for placement at DMV and other locations.
5. Bob will give the schedule to DOT/PF
6. Dan is getting supplies, such as snacks and water for the Conex. Bob will check on the fire extinguisher and AED at the Conex.

Webmaster report: Members said the website looks good. Eric asked that people submit materials for the site. He would like to get photos of members and bikes at the May rally to add to the page. Currently there are several filler pictures. Bob will send legislative summaries to Eric. Dan will forward approved meeting minutes to Eric for posting.

ABATE representative: Bob reported on local, state and national levels. He will give the information to Eric for posting on the web.

Old business: Roland asked if students are able to cancel reservations for a rider course on line. Pam said she is talking directly to participants and they can contact her if they want to cancel. She will cover those situations. Roland wants to be sure another person is able to get in the class in case of cancellations. Pam will handle it.

New Business: An invitation was extended for ABATE to participate in the Juneau Rotary Outdoor Safety Exposition to be held May 18 from 10:00 to 5:00. Pam volunteered to represent ABATE and asked for others to help. Larry said he would help and Roland will help if he is reminded. Dave will be there as a HOG representative. Eric volunteered to help with set up. Pam asked for materials to hand out. Dan will forward the registration form to Pam.

The North Star Riders have offered their white stanchions to other groups that may need them. ABATE will use them for the May rally.

Dan nominated Donn Heflin to fill the vacant secretary position. Bob made a motion and Pam seconded. Motion carried on voice vote.

May Rally: Dan asked for a coordinator for the Rally. Pam volunteered asking that she be excused from bike maintenance duties if she takes on this role. This was agreed. Discussion followed about what tasks needed to be done and who would do them.

- Pam will contact Davies-Barry regarding insurance for the event.
- HOG will do the food and games

- Eric will provide a computer so students can sign up for courses at the rally. He will need to be close to a power source
- Don will provide generators for power
- Roland will check with the mall to see if tables are available. There are also tables at the Conex
- Jerry will provide membership forms
- Bob will arrange drip pads, information cards, and posters
- The band is booked for \$600.00. It was confirmed that they will play under a tent if it is raining. The band has asked to be included on flyers and advertising.
- Those who want can take their bikes into the mall for display. Drip pads required.
- Eric will handle the T-shirt and patches for sale
- Pam will talk to Nancy about having cash on hand for making change
- Excess trainer bikes will be sold via silent auction
- Nancy is arranging for the trailer to serve as the band stand

Other items to be handled include:

- a TV to show videos
- Other organizations/vendors who would like to do booths. Mendenhall Auto and Taku Harley may be interested. The fire department had expressed interest.
- Obtaining prizes for raffle such as hammocks and rider gear

Purchasing Radio Remote time was discussed. Ideas for reducing the cost to ABATE were discussed. Larry suggested that costs could be shared with some of the other participants such as Mendenhall Auto and Taku Harley. Dan will talk to Cindy at DOT/PF about a grant for costs of the Rally that could include money for the radio remote. Bob will talk to the radio stations once Dan finds out about the possibility of a grant as a funding source.

Pam will invite Pat Brayton to serve as the pastor for the blessing of the bikes.

Good of the Order: Dave reported that the Panhandlers' Toys for Tots ride has been moved to earlier in the year and is scheduled for May 16.

Bob reported Ride to work day is June 21 and Bikers inside the Beltway, with riders riding to the national capital steps, is May 20.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Donn Heflin, Secretary