

ABATE of Colorado



State Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: January 20, 2007
Aurora, CO District 10

The ABATE State Board of Directors consists of: 18 District Representatives, 4 Regional Representatives & 3 State Officers (State Coordinator, State Treasurer & State Recorder)

Meeting called to order at: 1:45 pm

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Any Districts with concerns requiring discussion, tell me now so I can fit you in the agenda.
- We follow Robert's Rules of Order

Thank you District 10 for hosting the meeting!

Attendance:

Absent with excuse: District 8, District 9, District 20 & District 21

Minutes of November 18, 2006

Motion by Bruce Downs, 2nd by Miles France to accept the minutes as posted on the web (No official minutes, we took notes, no appointment for Sec)

Vote unanimous - Motion passed

Treasurer's Report: presented by Sheri Hamilton

State Checking Account:	\$	7,065.15
State Savings Account:	\$	6,046.89
Rider Education Checking Account:	\$	5,015.57
Rider Education Savings Account:	\$	162,208.78
Bingo Account:	\$	62.87
Legal Defense Fund:	\$	1,908.00

As per requirement of State and Federal Law each board member must speak and be recorded as to his or her position within ABATE, in order of speaking:

Name	Title
Sheri Hamilton	State Treasurer
Brad Lehmkuhl	District 14 Representative
Tim O'Connor	Mountain Regional Coordinator
Burt Sodik	District 6 Ass't Representative
Karl Long	District 17 Representative
Ron Hall	District 2 Representative
William Bley	District 7 Representative
Bruce Downs	Northeast Regional Coordinator
Skip Fleming	District 22 Representative
Alan Nowlin	Asst. Northeast Regional Coordinator
Dave Cawley	District 1 Representative
Dave Stewart	Southwest Regional Coordinator
Lorenzo Perez	District 18 Representative
Brian Simons	District 10 Representative
Ditto Collins	District 5 Representative
Dennis "Stump" Haberstumpf	District 16 Representative
Miles France	District 11 Representative
Betty Mays	District 15 Representative
Red Brown	Southeast Regional Coordinator
Alan Mason	District 13 Representative
Andrea Mathews	State Recorder
Terry Howard	State Coordinator

Rider Ed Report: presented by Ben Hochberg

- We now have a new Policy Manual. Everyone at the meeting received a copy
- Instructor meetings are being considered, Site Administrators may conduct them locally
- Ben offered to attend District meetings, so the Districts are aware of what is going on in Rider Ed
- Ben is in the process of freshening up on "Adult Learning Techniques" and plans on passing these on to the Rider Ed Instructors

Discussion on mentioning ABATE during class, there is some but it could be more – there will be a DVD to watch at the beginning of class and there should be plenty of copies of the Spokesman

The DVD should be ready by the 1st of February 2007.

Visitors from CDOT were introduced: Christine Reese and Glenn Davis

Opportunity to ask questions

Legislative Report: presented by Terry Howard

SB-042 MOST statute change

Change to receive reimbursement from MOST for military personnel trained. Military needs to be recognized as residents. Senator Kopp and Representative Hodge are carrying this bill at the request of ABATE. It is in committee right now. Terry will let everyone know when calls need to be made to legislators.

Careless Driving Bill

Terry is trying to get Lois to introduce this bill as "Late Bill Status". We're also trying to get the bicycle community to sign in on this bill. Last year the bill failed because the DA went around and told the legislators that this is worse than the Reckless Driving Charge. NOT TRUE ! The Reckless Driving Charge includes 2 parts for felony charges, the Careless Driving Bill does not.

HB1117- Age based helmet bill

Diane Primavera introduced this bill has however no co-sponsor at this time. We need an official position of ABATE on this.

Motion by Skip Fleming, 2nd by Ron Hall - If this bill gets co-sponsored we take Terry's ideas that she has written down and take action on it.

Vote unanimous - Motion passed

Break 2:50 to 3:05 pm

Housekeeping Items:

- A. District 9 has officers – this is tabled until the March Meeting – **Action Item**

- B. District 20 has members who are interested, still working on it - tabled until the March Meeting
Action Item
- C. Red Brown nominates Tim Harper for Assistant Southeast Regional Coordinator. 2nd by Karl Long.

Vote unanimous - Motion passed

- D. New officers please make sure you have your Officer's Handbook.
Items to note:
 - All Spokesman articles are due the 15th of every month for the following month's Spokesman. They must be sent via e-mail to: Elliott@shadetreepc.com, contact@shadetreepc.com, thoward618@aol.com.
 - Your District needs to be represented. If you cannot attend a SBOD Meeting send another officer, if no one can do it, you MUST call. According to the bylaws a District can only miss 2 SBOD meetings. 3rd meeting missed will be discussed by the SBOD with action pending.
 - The cost to each district to the district hosting the SBOD is \$20. If no one from your district attends, the money still needs to be paid.
 - Each District has 30 days from the date of a District event to assure that the state receives a check for the over cap amount. Any amount to be ear-marked for future events MUST be approved by the SBOD.

Note: The guy who does the Spokesman now does an excellent job!

- E. 2007 SBOD meetings

March 17, 2007	D11	Buena Vista
May 12, 2007	D8	Durango
July 21, 2007	D14	Copper Mountain
Sept 15, 2007	D1	Ft Morgan
Nov 17, 2007	D18	La Junta

- F. Volunteers for committees:
Steering Committee:
Ron Hall - Chair
Steven Turner
Bruce Downs
Brad Lehmkuhl
Terry Howard
Tim Harper

Budget Committee:

Sheri Hamilton

Miles France

Terry Howard

Grievance Committee:

Joe Carpenter - Chair

Karl Long

Red Brown

Brad Lehmkuhl

Steven Turner

Terry Howard

- G. LBMR – was postponed due to the weather. The event brought \$7,500 – \$4000 expenses = \$3,500. That's approx \$14000.00 short of what we had in the budget. We need to look at the reality of cuts in the budget unless we come up with an alternative to cover the shortfall. We can eliminate the DC trip as well as MRF conferences. Executive board needs to start sharing rooms and possibly rides in order to cut expenses. Anyone on the board who is NOT required to attend the SBOD can no longer be reimbursed for lodging and mileage. Please start thinking of some fundraisers or other ways we can produce money without cutting the budget. We will discuss further at the March SBOD meeting.
- H. Discussion on buying an office rather than continuing to pay rent. Joe worked on this and we can not afford to pay more than \$250,000 for an office with \$75,000 down. We're checking into real estate loans for non profits. Skip will check into this further.
- J. Terry requested approval from the SBOD to make a payment on the VISA bill for the month of January only, rather than pay it in full.

Motion by Karl Long, 2nd by Miles France to allow a minimum payment for the month of January and/or until MOST funds are received.

Motion amended to this being contingent of the MOST money coming in.

Vote unanimous - Motion passed

Request that all members donate \$5 to ABATE. This would cover 2/3 of the shortage.

MRF Report: presented by Miles France

- MRF has 328 members in the State of Colorado
- MSF filed suit against the University of Oregon and TEAM Oregon
- Concern about Pelosi
- The mayor of Salt Lake City is trying to introduce a helmet law within the city
- Lautenberg wrote a letter to all the States trying to get them to implement helmet laws
- Lucas Motorcycle Lubricants donated a \$40,000 bike to the MRF. Anyone who joins or renews (or has a current membership to the MRF) is eligible to win the bike
- 7/11 gas changes name to Petrol Express
- We need to do something about alcohol and riding. The other killer is the cell phone

Break 4:50 to 5:10 pm

Old business:

- A. I spoke to Elaine with FBMDR, they are asking for ABATE Support

Motion by Bruce Downs, 2nd by Red Brown that we go ahead with the support of the rally and explore grants provided all the paperwork is in place by February 10th, 2007.

Vote unanimous - Motion passed

- B. A copy of the Code of Ethics was distributed. Everyone is asked to read and discuss it at the March SBOD. **Action Item**
- C. Where are we with the raffle? Red is still working on it and will have something at the next meeting. **Action Item**
- D. Fundraising - a suggestion was brought up to have coins made. Tabled until the March SBOD meeting. **Action Item**

- E. MOST rules update, they were continued for 2 reasons, the wrong CDOT person signed off on them and we can not have an Advisory committee. The rules are up for hearing again on Feb 5th.
- F. TEA-LU funds – Bruce, Dave and Terry have been attending meetings regarding the disbursement of the TEA-LU funds. They have also agreed to be on the NHTSA assessment team. We need to find a way to spend \$100,000. This money is only for non-profit organizations. If any of the money goes to a profit organization the State of Colorado will not receive any money at all in the future.
- G. Burt Sodik informed the board that District 6 will not be hosting the ABATE camp-out. If another district is interested they may host it.
- H. Karl Long will contact Rick Reed to see when we can pick up the recording equipment.

Dinner break 5:45 to 6:50 pm

I. Membership

D1: 70 (+6)	D2: 61 (-1)	D5: 370 (+15)	D6: 35 (-5)	D7: 28 (-2)
D8: 79 (+7)	D9: 45 (-8)	D10: 206 (+14)	D11: 106 (-1)	D12: folded
D13: 131 (-13)	D14: 68 (-1)	D15: 57 (-5)	D16: 75 (+4)	D17: 91 (-1)
D18: 36 (-2)	D19: 15 (n/c)	D20: 15 (-3)	D21: 14 (+1)	D22: 56 (n/c)
D23: folded		00: 0 (-33)	99: 30 (+11)	

Total Membership: 01/18/2007 1588 (-17)

DO NOT HOLD ON TO MEMBERSHIPS! PLEASE SEND TO THE STATE OFFICE ASAP!!

New Business:

- A. MOTM 2008: Kathy Banning is the contact person for all the events. A packet was distributed. Advertisement space is on the back of the notebook as well as in a special place inside the notebook. The cost for Colorado to attend the conference is \$100 for anyone in the organization. This does not include the banquet. The request is made that each district chairs a committee. Lorenzo Perez submitted artwork to be used for the T-Shirts.

Motion made by Skip Fleming, 2nd by Dave Stewart to accept the artwork submitted by Lorenzo.

1 abstain - Motion passed

- B. No more than 4 people should go on the D.C. trip - The following people have volunteered:

Ron Hall
Lorenzo Perez
Terry Howard
Sheri Hamilton
- C. Passed out thank you gifts to board members from 2006 and Dave Christy was recognized as "Volunteer of the Year"
- D. Ron Hall gave presentation on leadership
- E. Dave Stewart reported on the current state of the Ignacio Rally. August 30 through September 3, 2007. They need volunteers. For further information: ignaciobikeweek.com

District Concerns:

D1: none

D2: none

D5: District 5 is not happy with having had the LBMR postponed. It should always take place on December 31st, no matter what the weather. ABATE's budget should not be based on that run. What will happen to the brass nuts?

Motion made by Dave Cawley, 2nd by Karl Long to sell the brass nuts at the Denver swap meet next weekend for \$10

17 opposed - 1 abstain - Motion did not carry

D6: none

D7: none

D10: none

D11: none

D13: none

D14: none

D15: none

D16: wondering if poker runs will be illegal in the future. Per Terry we haven't heard anything

D17: none

D18: none

D22: Skip was wondering what it would take to make Bike Night in his district an ABATE function

Regional concerns

NE: none
SE: none
Mtn: none
NW: none
SW: none

Action Items for Future Meetings

District 9

District 20

Code of Ethics

Raffle

Fundraising