



Date: July 15 2006
Location: Rifle Colorado

- (i) The ABATE state board of Directors consists of: 21 District Representatives, 3 Regional Representatives & 4 State officers (State Coordinator, State Treasurer, State Recorder, & State Legislative Affairs Specialist)

Meeting called to order at: 1:39 P.M.

Pledge of allegiance.

Any district that has long concerns or will require an enhanced discussion, please see me at the break so I can get your topic on the agenda.

Non-smoking meeting – A break will be given each hour.

We follow Robert’s Rules of Order.

Thank you to D22 for hosting the meeting.

Attendance: Absent with excuse: D20 & D23

Attendance: Absent without excuse: D15

Minutes of May 13, 2006 – Motion by Stump, 2nd by Robert to approve the minutes.

- 1. **Motion was made to formally approve the minutes on the web with amendments.**
 - a. **Vote unanimous Motion Passed**

Treasurer’s Report: Presented by Carol Downs

- 1. **State Account Balances: Please make sure your district treasurers get their reports to the state treasurer on time.**
- 2. ***District reconciliations needed: We need them from: D10, D12, D18, D19, D20, and D23. None have been received all year. D11 has submitted January & February. These are required by state law.***

State Checking Account:	\$	4,857.58
State Savings Account:	\$	16,037.19
Rider Education Checking Account:	\$	134,729.28
Rider Education Savings Account:	\$	154,567.23
Bingo Account:	\$	1,718.02

Housekeeping Items:

1. **Nominations** for state and district officers are needed at the September board meeting. Deadline is the day after the D17 meeting as always. The only position that is not up is the state coordinator.
2. **Reminder for districts** – As per the bylaws you have 30 days from the date of the district event to send the state the overage unless the money is earmarked and approved by the board in advance.
3. **Legal defense fund (insurance)** – Money needs to be in before the event. 50 riders & under = \$75, over 50 = \$100.

Iron Buffalo – Erik Ericson proposal:

1. Erik made a proposal for ABATE to take over his training operation to be done over the course of 5 years.
 - a. Initially to do all the registration with ABATE keeping approximately 20% of the cost of the student fee.
 - b. Erik will maintain the bikes, parts, etc...
 - c. Over the course of time, ABATE would take ownership of the bikes, contracts, etc.
 - d. Western slope site is not included in this proposal but could be included at a future time.
2. Erik will present an official proposal in the coming weeks if the board accepts the idea.
3. Numerous board members spoke in favor of the idea. Positive comments by everyone who spoke.
4. **Motion by Tim, 2nd by Karl to start the negotiation process with Erik, process to be discussed and presented by the steering committee at the September meeting. Details to be worked out by the steering committee.**
 - a. **Vote unanimous Motion passed Action item for September**

Reservations:

1. Starting the next meeting, room reservations will automatically be made by the state office unless you specifically decline. This is done to stop the confusion in room reservations and rooms slipping through the cracks. If you do not need a room, you need to contact the state office and inform them of the fact. You will be charged for a room unless you decline.

Rider Ed Report: – *reference documents in your packet*

1. Purchasing office space is being looked into.
2. PA updates and site inspections going well and on time.
3. Training numbers are up. 117% BRC 117% ERC 132% ERCLW A hard date for La Junta is upcoming, Fort Carson is up in the air as always. Rick spoke on FC situation.
4. Perrie office update – Training going great! Advertising possibilities; radio, Hawg Fest, etc; others to come.
5. La Junta training - **Action item for September**

Break 2:46 till 3:02

Legislative Report: presented by Dave Christy – see packet for handouts

1. National:

- a. HIPAA Health Care parity bills for legal recreational activities -- S.577 (one additional co-sponsor since last report– now 9) is still sitting in committee (since 03/09/2005); H.R. 2793 (89 co-sponsors) has been referred to three sub-committees since its intro on 06/08/2005. There has been no mark-up on either bill, but that may soon change – later this summer or into the fall as the 109th Congress (Second session) is due to close by the end of '06.
- b. H.R. 2048 “The Right to Repair Act” passed out of the sub-committee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection 05/25/2006 on a 14-13 mostly partisan vote. 100 co-sponsors to date. Reviewed MRF Leader’s Report (May). Reviewed another “take” on the bill from the automotive aftermarket industry perspective. Democrats originally represented over 60% of the co-sponsorship on this bill; 6 have withdrawn, including 4 who sit on the sub-committee

2. Colorado:

- a. Primary elections August 8, 2006; General elections Nov. 7. All Districts are encouraged to communicate, introduce and familiarize ABATE & motorcyclists agendas with candidates from the respective representative areas. Input and feedback is vital to BIKEPAC voter guide and establishing relations, gaining new “friends” in the legislature; help dump the unfriendlies and posers. Working campaigns – who is willing to do it in the fall? Member communications networks?
 - b. Helmet controversies raging nationwide; Ben Roethlisberger “incident” is a huge media catalyst, just what NHTSA and its’ allied organizations like – influence on public opinion. “Safetycrats” abound, i.e. – “Public Burden.” NTSB meeting in September. Freedom of Choice is an ABATE cornerstone. Expect a “mandatory use” helmet bill next CO legislative session. Educational “White Papers” handouts to all SBOD, followed by entire Board dialogue and brainstorming.
3. **Primary Elections outlines** – August 8th
 4. **BikePac** – Terry & Dave will develop a voter guide and ABATE as an organization will develop a set of questions to present to the candidates.
 5. **Colorado Traffic Laws** -
 6. **Helmet Issue** – This is floating to the top of the national attention because of recent developments with high profile accidents.

Break 4:00 to 4:15

7. Michigan Helmet law vetoed -

MRF Report: Presented By Miles France

1. 312 members in the state
2. **Y.A.S.** – D1 presented Miles with a \$300 check to go the scholarship fund. Lorenzo requested info on presenting a candidate.

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Old Business:

1. **Grant** – ABATE was awarded a \$38,000 to fund OSAL. Terry will be working closely with Glenn Davis at CDOT because of time, requiring time out of the office.
2. **D23** – District is requesting to be dissolved.
 - a. **Motion by Miles, 2nd by Tim to dissolve D23.**
 - i. **Vote unanimous Motion passed**
3. **Steering committee** – Exec director issues shelved until we give the new structure some time.
4. **FBMR** – Rally has some issues that need to be worked out by next year. D11 member requested all the districts donate \$100 to the families. - **Action item for September**
 - a. **Motion by Dave, 2nd by Tim to table this issue till more information can be compiled.**
 - i. **1 Abstain Motion Passed**
5. **Director for BikePAC** – ABATE should pursue a professional lobbyist. The time and knowledge needed to do this limits our options.
6. **OSAL** – Director Position is yet to be filled. Because of this grant some money can be made available to compensate some involvement with the duties.
7. **Bruce' Oregon Trip (see info in packet)** – Good Trip. He was not anonymous as requested. Oregon was out right hostile towards the MSF. MSF was contradictory in many of its statements. They do have a dual curriculum and the MSF recognized this.
8. **Trike Classes** – No movement.
9. **All ABATE** – Went very well this year. They will be able to give approximately \$2200 to the state

Membership Report:

D1	=	69	D2	=	60	D5	=	367	D6	=	43	D7	34
D8	=	83	D9	=	61	D10	=	193	D11	=	114	D12	20
D13	=	144	D14	=	80	D15	=	70	D16	=	79	D17	95
D18	=	46	D19	=	14	D20	=	21	D21	=	13	D22	62
D23	=	39							D00/99	=	0/17		

D00 is members in state but no district. D99 is out of state members

Total membership as of May 10, 2006: 1725 (+22)

10. **Spanish Bumper stickers** – Lorenzo submitted the wording to his state contact and they have not gotten back. He will let us all know as soon as they do. **Action item for September**

New Business:

1. **District 12** – Ann stated that basically the membership in the district is dead and this will be the last meeting she will be at. She is formally requesting D12 be dissolved. Terry

will send a letter to the membership to inform them of this position. **Action item for September.**

2. **MOTM** – September 21-24 – Indianapolis Indiana – We have a budget for \$3000 to send people. We can pay for 6 people.
 - a. **Motion by Miles, 2nd by Tim to pay for 9 people to go, allocate approximately \$4500, additional monies to come from the Rider Ed account. 6 people to fly, 3 people to drive.**
 - i. **1 Abstain Motion passed**

Break 6:03 to 7:01

Thanks to D22 for the wonderful meal

3. **OSAL Director** – Steve Turner is stepping up to fill this position.
4. **MOTM Donation** – In the past we voted on donation of \$500.
 - a. **Motion by Dave, 2nd by Bruce for ABATE of Colorado to donate \$1 per member, rounded up to \$1800 for a donation to the MRF.**
 - i. **1 8 Opposed 2 Abstain Motion denied**
5. **D2 Letter** – Steve read a letter from the D2 treasurer. D2 wants the original bank statements with all the pertaining documents sent to them for tracking. This has been done in the past but not this physical year. They officially are requesting the old procedure be put back in place. Carol and Andrea will get together to find out the problem.

District Concerns:

D1	Rally on the Plains in August	D2	PPBR
D5	None	D6	Boom Days
D7	Pins from Vets run available	D8	Rally Info
D9	None	D10	None
D11	None	D12	None
D13	End of Summer Rodeo	D14	None
D15	Absent	D16	None
D17	Good run	D18	None
D19	Needs members	D20	Absent
D21	None	D22	Campout
D23	Absent		

Regional Concerns

SE	Castel Run	NE	None
SW	Not filled	MTN	None

Action Items for the July 15, 2006 Meeting:

1. **ERC Proposal**
2. **La Junta training**
3. **FBMR**
4. **Bumper stickers**
5. **D12 dissolve**

- 6. Steering Committee – Travel policy
- 7. District by-laws

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 P.M.

Upcoming Board meeting dates.

September 16

D14

Cooper Mountain

November 18

D18

La Junta