

JUNEAU ABATE
November 7, 2011
Minutes

Attending: Roland Pope, Vice President; Bob Heflin, Legislative Liaison; Nancy Hudson, Treasurer; Donn Heflin, Co-Secretary; Casey Boyer; Ben Peyerk; Tina Peyerk; Charlie Pope; Kiley Pope; Claude Roberts

Vice President Roland called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Ben presented safety tips for riding in cold weather. If anyone has a safety subject they would like Ben to talk about, let him know. Thank you Ben.

Vice President Report: Roland had talked to the examiners at DMV about taking the BRC to assist them in doing MC tests for endorsements. There was discussion about providing a discount, allowing them to attend classes that are not full, or presenting a 1 day course to acquaint examiners with proper riding techniques.

Nancy is looking for a grant to pay for people who have just gotten a bike, but cannot afford to attend a BRC.

Secretary Report: Draft minutes from the October and August meetings were distributed. Bob made a motion that the minutes be approved as written. Nancy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report: Nancy provided the profit and loss detail report through November 7. She reported that over \$31,000. has been received in grants. She is working on closing out the fiscal year and getting bills paid. All coaches have gotten their coats except for Bob and Dan. Nancy and Pam are working on getting the signs placed in the DOT parking lot. Currently DOT is saying both signs must go on the back fence.

Legislative Coordinator: Bob reported on several studies being done and workshops coming up. Reports on the regional Rider Education Training System Workshops have been forwarded to the officers. A report on the Alaska Motorcycle Safety Advisory committee held November 6 is attached.

Old Business: Nancy reported on the Christmas party planning. She still needs help. She has the facility reserved, Jeremy will do photos, Don will do music, Pam Johnston will coordinate the drawings, Tina and Ben will help with clean-up, Roland will help where he is needed, Charlie will be Santa's Helper, Jerry will do the tickets, Claude will get gift donations, and HOG will do a money tree to benefit school breakfasts. A volunteer is needed for the white elephant gift exchange. Costs have gone up, resulting in an increase in ticket costs. Nancy proposed \$35.00 per person and \$65.00 for couples. There was discussion about ticket costs. Bob made a

motion that the tickets be \$35.00 per person and \$65.00 for couples and children remain the same. Ben seconded. The motion carried with one opposed.

New Business: Bob announced that MSF is presenting a series of regional Rider Education Training System workshops. There will be a conference May 19-20 in Kentucky next year. Bob would like to see ABATE send representatives to this conference.

There was a follow up discussion about training for DMV examiners. Bob will look at what courses there are that might be less than the whole BRC, but will provide adequate information for the DMV examiners.

There was discussion on the cost to lease the parking lot and the period of the lease. Bob will look at the lease to confirm what the agreement is.

Casey proposed a scholarship for the BRC for one student from each the JDHS and the TMHS based on written essays. It was suggested that it be tied in with the Driver Safety course. It will be put on the next agenda. Casey will talk to the HS principals.

Claude suggested that a "Share the Road with Motorcycles" sign be put by the airport.

There will not be a meeting in December. Next meeting is January 9, 2012.

Happy Birthday was sung to Kiley.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Donn Heflin, Co-Secretary

**ALASKA MOTORCYCLE SAFETY ADVISORY
COMMITTEE
6TH November
ATTENDEES REPORT**

I attended this meeting as a public witness representing Juneau ABATE. The following topics were discussed:

Motorcycle User Survey

The responses from the User Survey that was conducted this past spring have been consolidated into many binders and the AHSO staff & others are working their way through these binders to compile the results. It is taking about 30 days per binder.

Information Brochure Card

Stalled, Craig Breshear would appreciate any assistance in completing this brochure. It will contain Rider Education information and other data?

Exemption/Repeal of Helmet to Helmet Communications

LT Dunn/AST consulted Mike Novak/State AG office for a determination of whether this policy could be considered as not enforced or did it need to be repealed. AG response was that if it was on the books, it was enforceable and should be changed if the communications are to be permitted.

Dan McCrummen & LT Tom Dunn are working together on this initiative and other antiquated statutes as well. At this time, there is no need for any organizations (Juneau ABATE of ABATE of Alaska) to take any actions to make this happen. Though we may be needed to raise the issue with our elected officials if this stalls.

State Transportation Strategic Plan

The final DRAFT of this plan was unveiled on November 1st and pends the Governor's signature or modification.

Media Campaign

AMSAC is going to issue an RFP for the creation and production of a Motorists Awareness media campaign. In the past ABATE of Alaska has done the lion's share of this work though Juneau ABATE did provide assistance last year. Issuing an RFP and actually contracting a business to accomplish this will ease the burden on the ABATE organizations. Contract is planned as a 1 year contract at \$50K with 2 possible extensions at \$75K per year. The funding for this comes from the 2010 funds, hence the motorists awareness emphasis.