



A.B.A.T.E. of North Idaho

February 8th, 2009 Sandpiper Grille-Moscow

Chuck called the meeting to order at 12:02PM. He then led us in the pledge of Allegiance, followed by Prayer by Ernie. Minutes of the October 5th, 08 State Meeting was accepted as posted on our Website for all to read. All Chapters except River City were in attendance.

Coordinator Report: "I offer a heartfelt welcome to all the new and returning Officers. I foresee a productive and exciting year ahead of us. As some of you are aware, we faced an attendance problem last year with some of the Officer Representatives on the Board of Directors. With the Members that stepped up last year and took over the vacant positions, our meetings took a new and productive attitude. I foresee ANI moving forward in a way it has not in many years. At our meetings in the past we found ways to sidetrack our productiveness. This year brings new hope that we will move forward continuing with the original goals That ANI was founded on. As an Organization we are working diligently to get the scheduling of our Events worked out where attendance will be participated by more Members and other Organizations, clubs and groups. We are an Organization, not a club. I have heard some of us use the term "club" when referring to ANI. This has to stop. Abate is an Organization, the difference between the two must be recognized, And remembered. As an Organization, ANI is here to Support the ICMS/MRF to represent motorcyclists on State, and Federal legislation. For those of you who think our donations and support of these groups are wrong, seem to have forgotten what these Organizations have done for your freedom and rights of the road. Their participation in legislation allows us to spend more time on raising funds to help support them, and our local communities. ANI will continue to support them to our fullest capabilities. They are as we are, fighting for Motorcyclists rights, and freedoms throughout Idaho, as well as America. As United States citizens we have a right to voice our opinions. I don't deny anyone this right. I only ask, that as a member of ANI think about how you voice your opinion. By demeaning and slandering others and their beliefs only creates havoc and discontent. There is

nothing productive about these types of actions. We ask you as an ANI Representative to please act in a respectable manner, so as to not disgrace yourself or ANI, in any way. The more people you speak wrongly about, the less support you will get. Ultimately reducing the effect you are trying to achieve.

In closing I would like to remind everyone to keep a positive outlook and remember we are headed for a more productive year! Thank you, Chuck Gilmore.

Deputy Coordinator: We have a new regime in place, and of course a change of parties. There's no suggestion yet we have any problems, however I think that's why we're here, and we may be called upon. It probably falls under the class of known unknown. We know that there's probably going to be something, we just don't know what they are. I would caution us all to be on alert and if and when those things occur, bad laws of all sorts come through people try all sorts of things. Write, call, and get your message across to our legislative representatives.

Secretary: After our October meeting I received word that Karen Hunley had cut her fingers off in an accident involving a wood splitter. Without a second thought I got on the phone to send her a nice plant with a big balloon, and wishes for a speedy recovery from everyone in ANI. Also sent out the letter to each River City member explaining they have had no Representation for several State meetings, and we hope to see someone come represent them at this meeting. We didn't receive any type of response on either correspondence. I worked on a list for any and all Chapter minutes that are missing from the files, and downloaded all I could from the archives from the old ANI website, compiling a list of the missing minutes as a hand out for each Chapter Coordinator to give to their Secretary. Hopefully he/she will be able to access the old minutes to make copies for the State files to be complete. Have downloaded all minutes sent to me to a flash drive, along with a lot more ANI business files, also included all the missing minutes from our new Website, for 08. If I am capable of gathering all missing minutes for the files, I am hoping to transfer these minutes to a flash drive for our web site. Everyone received a pamphlet with several handouts for your Chapter. Please have your Secretaries make copies of the State newsletter for any members without a computer.

Treasurer: An extensive report was given to all attending Chapters with a verbal account also. Your Chapter Coordinator has the report. I am attempting to close out the 2008 books. I need your monthly treasurer's report from L.C. Valley. Income & expense report, a Copy of your bank statement, any receipts and a copy of your bank register. This is all I need each month to do your books! Hells Canyon and Hoodoo I just need December 08 bank statement. River City is good to August, I

need Septembers statement in order to go on. St. Joe is under reorganization, and we will work it out.

Membership Secretary; We have about 306 members. I have another 500 membership cards so if your Chapter needs cards let me know. I also have patches available for your membership Secretary, for new members. Please send your reports in on a monthly basis if you can to the PO Box in CDA. So I can update the data base and get it out to you, as an e-mail to your Coordinators and hard copies to your membership Secretaries. **This is of utmost importance; we need current contact information for all members!** If anything has changed, let your Chapter know.

Chapter reports; Clearwater- read by Pauline

New Officers: Coordinator- Pauline Durst, Deputy Coordinator- Mike Thacker, Secretary-Dee Hutchinson, Treasurer- Open, Membership Secretary- Marti Skinner, Ambassador @ Large- W Alan Hall, Sergeant of Arms- James Hutchinson.

Clearwater Chapter presented money, gifts, and a prepaid visa to a local family at Christmas last year. We have 49 members including Richard Shope, the original founder of Clearwater Chapter (He's back!). Our financials stand at \$933.31, and we are submitting three event forms. Our next highway clean up is March 21st.

Hells Canyon- read by Dave

Right now we're working on our Easter egg hunt. We'll take any help we can get on that. Last year we had 750 kids and we'd like to increase that number. We have 70 members. Our next run is on Valentines Day, we're letting everyone know we don't just love our loves, we love riding too.

Hoodoo Hippies- read by Rod

We had our meeting yesterday; our Anniversary/Membership Drive is April 18th. Our Mia/Pow Run is June 20th. We have 59 members with Curt and Beth Miller returning.

Kootenai- read by Dale

We have 49 members and our fundraising remains constant, meeting expenses. Toys 4 Tots we raised over \$5100.00 due to the leadership of Denise Mills and Tim Reynolds, all of which was used to purchase gifts to be distributed by the Marines. New Officers: Coordinator-Dale Ohrt, Deputy Coordinator-Tim Reynolds, Secretary-Richard Wharton, Treasurer-Susan Reiss, Membership- Belinda Carson, Ambassador-Susan Taylor, Sergeant-Ron Carson. We chose to give support to Les and Mary Burton last year at Christmas, with food and cash donations of \$350.00.

Having chosen our 'Project Captains' our "Freedom Run" is well along to being another success. March 7th Lone Wolf Harley in CDA is sponsoring an afternoon to get acquainted with your local SMRO's, ANI and the MRF will have Representatives there to present our information to all, noon -3PM. Looking forward to a good 2009.

L.C.Valley- read by Jim

We have 15 members now, and we're having a membership drive run on February 14th. We have flyers placed and everyone is welcome.

St. Joe- read by Moose

Jan. 24th we had a meeting and discussed reconstruction issues within the Chapter. Everyone agreed to maintain the Chapter. Our goal is bridging communications, and expounding our knowledge of ANI Officer Duties, and what they involve within our Chapter, to discover the 'magic members' we know we have. We have \$2279.00 in combined accounts. We have 40 members. We are looking to fill the Officer positions of Deputy Coordinator, Secretary, and webmaster. If interested in volunteering, contact Moose. Bill Hartman reminds us the Memory Run June 20th is for all Chapters in ANI, honoring our fallen loved ones. St Joe will order rockers for Jim Thomas, and "Brother Tom". Greg Lounsbury is checking on these. All Chapters will be given or sent plaque cards for fallen Bro's. & Sisters, so all Plaque's will appear alike for display Board from St. Joe.

Committee Reports;

Legislative- Dave Cazel tells us right now nothings 'pressing'. We have a new administration at a local and federal level, motorcycle registrations will be going up, as for Idaho, nothing earthshaking at this time. A new law coming where Motorcycle license plates must be horizontal, we can no longer run a vertical plate, those red light cameras aren't able to 'read' the vertical plate.

Financial- Much ado about understanding exactly what we as an Organization need to get sales tax on, upon any Chapter "sales". If we charge more than what we paid for an item, we must collect a sales tax. This is just for the sales of any products. Raffles, 50-50 are not included in this. So retain all sales receipts of products for submission to State, in ANI we pay all our sales tax. This includes funds gathered from an auction, or donations, through "exchange" of product.

By-Law- L.C. Valley's Dep. Coordinator, Patrick Lambert is interested in proposing an amendment in the membership area of our By-Laws. Will possibly have it prepared for the next State Meeting for review, and due process.

i.e.; if you join ANI in the last quarter of the year, you don't owe till the following "second year", a fifteen month window. All agree, it should be written in the By-Laws. Revised copies were handed out to all Chapter Coordinators.

Safety & Awareness- Idaho's Motorcycle safety and awareness classes have outdated teaching materials, the State of Idaho, the ICMS and the MRF are working together to create current class instruction. It appears we should have everything in place by this summer. Paul Reiss is working with Ax on three wheeled classes which should begin this year.

Products- Inventory taken on Products in the trailer, except the t-shirts. The box of pins has an inventory sheet inside the box, which is now with the trailer.

Guest Speaker- Angela Osborne from Moscow. She is marketing specialist for the Best Western across the street from the Sandpiper Grille. Wants everyone to know their Motel is "Biker friendly". Show your Abate card and you could receive a discount. Bike wash, available.

Old Business- Richard Wharton officially seated as ANI new Palmarian to keep our meetings under By-Law control. ANI is fortunate; we have some very talented members.

AMA video Certification- The AMA has put out a video for certifying referees and safety officers for Sanctioned events. ANI BOD will be required to watch it, at an upcoming State Meeting. It's a 15-20 minute film and could be viewed before the actual meeting takes place.

Always have rodeo waivers signed before the event takes place. It has been agreed we need to have all involved, sign waivers for any Event we have.

A motion was made to mail a hard copy of the State Minutes to each Chapter Coordinator, and Pauline said she would download theirs.

New Business-

Guest Speaker- Catherine Salomone has brought new energy to ANI in the form of pursuing a professionally printed State Newsletter for ANI! "Ernie is doing a fabulous job and ANI is lucky to have him, but we need a paper like every other Abate in the country has. I have gone to two printers for samples to show you what it might appear like, paying the costs myself to help get this going. If we want more members, we have to get our State Newsletter printed and sent out to every paying member, like they were told they would get it, when they joined. The price I am quoting here is actually half the cost we are putting out now, paying the print costs ourselves. With advertisers paying for ads it may end up paying for itself altogether.

A lot of discussion from several concerned members rounded out Catherine's presentation. Catherine has volunteered to work for the ads to help pay for this paper. Ernie will still be our Editor, gathering the body of the paper. **Each Chapter** must send their minutes or submit their story for their Chapter to Ernie, by the 20th of the month to have it in, in time for the following paper to go to print. Bill Ricket and Patrick Lambert also volunteered to be on this newsletter committee. The motion was made and passed to move forward, with this.(2:30 Rod Haux left.)

ANI Web Site- Our verbal contract with Bob is, he will post the monthly minutes from each Chapter, and he will update the Officers list and the Runs & Events list for \$25.00 per month. He wants us to put our Chapter name in the subject line with what we are sending him, i.e. ANI Clearwater Chapter/ minutes for 02/09. He will delete any submissions without your Chapter Identification. Bob has checked for a new Domain site for 1/3 of what we have been paying. He can change the site without any problems. Our other domain site gave us some bogus information and it is time to hire someone new. A motion was made to change the domain site and pay Bob to reformat the web site. It passed. Dee Hutchinson is designated to be the contact for any formatting changes to our Web site. If you have any ideas submit them to the Board for approval, and Dee will present them to Bob.

Runs & Events- submit today. All were received from five Chapters.

SPRING Opener- Dee is writing out checks for Sanctions for Spring Opener, the friendship Run and the Awareness Rally's. Julia has designed a patch for Spring Opener that will read "abate of north Idaho spring opener 2008 monsoon survivor" We could sell them for \$3.00. All agreed to go ahead and place the order. Ernie found a new place to order pins; the motion was made to place the order, passed. We got two bands, Crossroadz' Mike Thacker (Clearwater member) says they have two members in Abate and, "we could discuss donating part of the money back." and "No Restraint". Trophies from last year, we just need the name plates. Gate Duty is covered. (4:15 Hells Canyon left.) Check ID at the gate. **No one under 21.....**

Open Forum- It has been brought up; do we get a storage unit for the trailer? Dee will check into cost. American Income Life Ins. Has sent their Rep. to talk today, as a guest speaker. The death benefit has been increased to \$3000.00. Any questions call Jenny Williams (509)990-0474 or e-mail jwilliams@ailife.com. All ANI members are covered, as long as your dues are current. We also have A.I.M. accident coverage. Both these services offer many different perks to ANI members. Meeting adjourned at 4:55PM.

