

May 2023 ABATE of Oklahoma State Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order May 13, 2023 at 12:00 Noon

Prayer Request: Rita Browns family. Picture Man's Grandson was killed - pray for the family, including Lotus & Quentin Dunn. Christy Pool's cancer is back. Kimberly Terry's heart is only working on 20%.

Flag Salute:

Roll Call: Southwest chapter was not present.

Mission Statement: Read by Steve Stewart.

Introductions and Welcomes: Steve Stewart welcomed back Bob & Kim Mobley visiting from Mississippi.

State Coordinator Steve Stewart welcomed everyone. Steve spoke about 3 fatalities last week in Oklahoma City. There will be no July meeting since everyone will be at the river run.

March Minutes: NW 69 made the motion to accept the March minutes, second by Osage Hills, motion carried.

April Minutes: Osage Hills made the motion to accept the April minutes, second by NW69, motion carried.

Financial Report: As of 4.30.23 checking balance is \$26,161.68, savings account \$24,945.24, 2 CD's which total \$25,000.00 with one redeemable 7.20.23 and the other redeemable 1.20.24. Motion to approve financial report by NW69, second by Chisholm Trail 412. Motion carried.

Merchandise Report: As of 4.1.23 we had 709 members, on 4.30.23 we had 725 Members. Osage Hills made the motion to accept the Merchandise report, Chisholm Trail 412 second, motion passed.

Mailbox in OKC: Shawna has one key to our Oklahoma City mailbox and Brook has the second key. Shawna checked the mailbox it had 3 months of mail. The oldest piece was dated March 3. Garry Canady will oversee moving our Oklahoma City mailbox to Stillwater.

Governmental Affairs: Report given by Garry. June 2 - 4 is our FREE ABATE Campout. ABATE will reimburse everyone for any park fees. Garry stated he has failed on our bills. Garry gave an explanation in football terms as to how bills are worked. Steve Stewart stated, the bills coming out of the house are not going to

the Senate. The handlebar bill didn't make it to the floor. Osage Hills made the motion to except the Government Affairs report, second by Tulsa Chapter, motion passed.

Legislation: Kim Mobley stated only one bill will show up next session. The legislation session will close next week until it resumes in August. Kim watched 15 bills all year. Eight bills did not get heard in committee, so they must be reapplied. Kim explained the remainder of the bills including anti-profiling. Kim believes we need to continue with Handsfree bill and HB2130 the child support payment bill, and the fossil fuel bill.

Garry lost the banner he had for advertising. Osage Hills made the motion to spend up to \$400 to purchase a new banner for advertising, second by Tulsa Chapter, motion passed.

Steve Stewart thanked Kim for doing the Legislative work. July 1st her contract is up for \$9,000.00. Please take this back to your chapters to discuss and we will vote next month. Garry requests a change to the contract to include a performance-based increase. Example a bill passes giver her an increase. Steve Stewart again stated, go back to your chapter, as long as the chapters agree we can do this. This will be voted on. If you have any questions call Steve Stewart or Garry Canady.

Merchandise Report – by Shawna. The report is the same as last month. We will be putting in an order for the gremlin bells. Osage Hills made the motion to accept the merchandise report, second by Lakes Area.

Safety Report: By Garry Cannady. Don't get drunk and drive your motorcycle. Do not do this!

MRF Report: By Frenchie. There are a couple of pictures in the MRF journal of our members. Ray Fitzgerald passed away.

Old Business:

Spring campout is June 2-4 at Sparks America Campground.

Sparks Bike Rally is October 19-23. \$3,000.00 fee offer, ABATE will pay with booth and \$25 per ABATE member to get into rally. NW69 made the motion, Osage Hills second, motion passed.

River Run – Anita has been sick. The new flyer has Gus Johnson Memorial on it. No RV hookups. We need auction items.

Pricing on Advertisement/PR will be struck from our agenda because of non-movement.

New Business:

Osage Hills requested a bylaws change to include someone who will read and we review parts of the by-laws. And to do a different section every month. Steve Stewart stated he would do this and get it implemented next month.

Kicking Childhood Hunger, Garry stated it is time to send a check in and he would deliver it.

OHSO/Share the Road: Steve Stewart received an email saying we have been pre-selected to receive a grant. He requested \$38,000.00. A case worker will be getting in contact with him. This money is part of Charitable Services. A brief discussion was had about becoming a 501c3 and getting legal advice.

Court Watch: A discussion was had on how Court Watch started by Garry. Carla Davis wants to help with this committee. She lost her son to a motorcycle wreck. Lindsay stated we need to get in contact with the District Attorney's Council.

DBA Report: Gary discussed how ABATE got started with DBA. DBA gave ABATE of Oklahoma a check for \$10,000.00 but ABATE never thanked them.

Chapter Upcoming:

May 20th, Chisholm Trail they are having 2 bands.

May 21st, NW69 @ Garry's house

May 27th, Woodring Wall of Honor, Enid

June 2-4 ABATE Spring Campout at Salt Plains Park

June 24, Heartland Chapter Kruzin' the Heartland, OKC, OK

July 13-16 ABATE River Run at Eagle Bluff Tahlequah, OK

Elections Open in June for Sargent of Arms and Secretary.

Next meeting will be June 10th at Foreman's Harley Davidson, Stillwater, OK.

Chisholm Trail 412 will provide the Biker Breakfast

NW 69 made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Chisholm Trail 412 second, motion carried.

Approved - June 2023 ABATE of Oklahoma State Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order June 10, 2023, at 12:00

Prayer Request: Jack with CMA lead the prayers: Mark's surgery is Monday. Dick's cancer is back. Lyndsey's mom had a heart attack & cancer. Chris Conrady had a heart attack. Debbie Stewart is having a cath done. Quentin's family. Quentin's customer Amber Troutman while on her motorcycle got hit by a car, she will be in the hospital for awhile. Prayers for all motorcyclists while riding their motorcycles.

Flag Salute: By Quentin,

Roll Call: All Chapters Present

Mission Statement: Read by Steve Stewart.

Introductions and Welcomes: Steve Stewart welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. Steve stated the breakfast was good. Let's continue with all the teamwork and make Oklahoma the best place to ride!

May Minutes: Connie Maberry stated there is still one mistake within the merchandise report that will be corrected. Osage Hills made the motion to accept the minutes with that one correction made, Tulsa second the motion, motion passed.

Financial Report: Sam Trevino, balances as of 5/31/23, Checking \$27,942.06, Savings \$24,945.24, two certificates of deposit totaling \$25,000.00. Osage Hills made the motion to accept the financial report, Heartland second, motion passed.

Membership Report: Shawna Scholten, Membership totals as of 5/31/23 is 733 members. We had 4 active members that left their chapters. The \$5.00 off membership money that goes toward proud member T-shirts totals \$1,375.00. Osage Hills made the motion to accept the membership report, Lakes Area second, motion passed.

Governmental Affairs: Garry Canaday - Garry is asking for volunteers to help with the legislative task. They will discuss what bills we will be going after. It will be called Task Force Committee. Meetings will be before our monthly state meeting. Get with Garry after this meeting to let him know you are interested. Lucy asked a question regarding funds. Making sure the funds are not transferred. Art Ryan asked what happened in Senate floor that our two bills didn't make it? Steve Stewart stated there were too many bills for them to get through all of them. Osage Hills made the motion to accept the governmental affairs report, Heartland second, motion passed.

Merchandise Report: By Shawna - She ordered 100 gremlin bells for \$6.00 each. They will sell for \$10.00. Osage Hills made the motion to accept the merchandise report, second by Tulsa, motion passed.

Safety Report: Art Ryan - It's getting hot outside. There are lots of road gators out on the roads. You need to know the difference between heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Art provided a printout with all the information that explained the difference between the two. Keep hydrated. Garry commented that a vehicle can throw a gator or something smaller in the air. Steve Stewart stated we should keep an eye on intoxicated bikers and keep an eye on red faces for heat exhaustion.

MRF Report: Art Ryan - Art was not able to go to DC. The reports that he heard was it was the best one they have every had. House resolution 8634 if a motorcycle is built after 2026 it must have a breathalyzer on it. January 1st Nebraska becomes #33 right to use law for helmets. In California because of improved technology, they are pushing for emissions control, it did not pass.

Old Business:

Spring Campout – Garry Canady - He stated it was for everyone to do what they wanted, and that is what everyone did. We will do it again at the same spot next year. We dug crystals. We went to an artesian well with very cold water. Next year he would like ABATE to purchase the meat instead of reimbursing for camping spots. It will probably be on a different date.

Sparks – Rob Jones – Sparks starts Monday. Rob will take the money for October with him to get it paid, Art and Larry will be with Rob. There are no day passes.

River Run – 18% have signed up, we need more people to sign up. T-shirts money comes out of the river run fee.

Water – Garry was able to get a new vendor for bottled water. The artwork has been approved. The water is cheaper at \$9.18/case.

New Business:

Legislative Consulting Agreement – Steve Stewart stated we paid Kim \$9,000.00 last year. In May, Kim documented 109 hours. At \$750.00 per month equals \$6.80 per hour. Quentin, Heartland liked the idea of paying a bonus from start to finish with a bill signed. Rob, Tulsa doesn't want it left open, they want a specific dollar amount for bonus. A discussion was had. Quentin has a friend to ask what she would charge to be our lobbyist. Osage Hills made a motion to renew Kim's contract as written, Tulsa second, motion passed.

Northwest 69 made the motion to have no meeting in July, Osage Hills second, motion passed.

Nominations for State Sargent at Arms and Secretary.

Sargent at Arms: Heartland nominated Rob Jones; Rob accepted the nomination. Northwest 69 nominated Lyndsey Webber, Lyndsey accepted the nomination.

Secretary: Shawna nominated Connie Maberry; Connie accepted the nomination.

Nominations will remain open until October, then we will vote in November.

Smile: Discussed were possible dates for Spring 2024. Steve Stewart will check on 2nd or 3rd week in May.

Sparks Halloween Bash: October 19, 20 & 21, 2023

Corporate Sponsors: Steve Stewart will chair this committee; he needs people to volunteer to help find corporate sponsors. Quentin will help. Meet with Steve after this meeting if you are interested in being on this committee.

5013C – A brief discussion was had. Lucy explained the process with pros and cons.

ABATE's Laptop: Devin put a password on the computer while he had it and can't remember the password. If it was purchased today new at Walmart the current price is \$249.00. Lucy is pretty sure she can break into it and get it working. She took the laptop with her.

State banner is missing. Bring it back if you have it or know where it is.

OHSO/Share the Road: Steve Stewart would like all receipts you have for working on the trailer for maintenance. Allen stated he packed the bearings, aired the tires up, changed the oil and miscellaneous items. He will get an estimate/invoice together to give to Steve.

By-Laws: Steve stated we will table the by-laws until next month.

Court Watch: Quentin stated if anyone wants to go to any of these trials, there is a little money to reimburse for gas. Quentin went over all the cases. Quentin thanked everyone for sending information to them.

DBA Report: The chrome run is today. Oklahoma City bug run is next weekend.

Chapter Upcoming:

July 13-16 ABATE River Run at Eagle Bluff Tahlequah, OK – Legislative Fundraiser.

September 21 -24th Meeting of the Minds, Harrisburg, PA

October 19 to 22, 2023 Halloween Bash, Sparks, Ok.

November 23, 2023, Lakes Area ABATE Toy Run

December 10, 2023, Tulsa Toy Run, Tulsa, OK

Quentin requested pictures from the valor ride. He would like pictures from each chapter if you took them.

Osage Hills needs graphics from the Look Twice t-shirts.

Go back to your chapter and try to get them to come to the River Run.

No meeting in July due to the River Run. Next meeting will be August 12, 2023, at Foreman's Harley Davidson, Stillwater, OK.

Lakes Area will provide the Biker Breakfast.

Osage Hills made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Heartland second, motion carried.

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2023 Unapproved August Minutes

Call to order by Steve Stewart.

Chaplain John Maberry prayer request. Chuck Whaling heart (Kea's dad), Newlin family changes. John's prayer.

Flag Salute led by Quentin Dunn.

Roll Call – Southwest chapter not present.

Mission Statement read by Quentin.

Steve Stewart welcomed everyone. Lakes Area did a great job with breakfast this morning. Membership is looking good. Tough times are out there for a lot of people.

Connie Maberry – Secretary – Minutes of the June meeting were approved. Motion made to accept the minutes by NW 69, second Osage, motion carried.

Sam Trevino – Treasure – Checking account balance as of 7-31-23 was \$24,343.09 and savings account balance was \$24,960.79. The 6-month CD balance increased from \$12,000.00 to \$12,691.84 which Sam rolled over for another 6 months. The second CD is now \$12,687.69, a 14-month CD, is redeemable 2/2024. Both CD's total \$25,379.53. A motion was made by Osage to accept the Financial Report as read, second by Heartland, motion carried.

Membership Report by Shawna Scholten is for June and July. Total membership is 690. The \$5.00 from Chapters is \$1,675.00. This money is used to purchase proud member t-shirts and bottled water purchases. Please return your AIL beneficiary cards. If we have good returns, we could get \$4,000.00 instead of \$3,500.00. Osage made a motion to accept the membership report, NW69 second, motion passed.

Guardian Bells – Abate of Oklahoma bells are available for \$10.00 each.

Governmental Affairs – Garry Cannaday – Abate of Oklahoma was following several bills last year. The new sessions will be starting very soon. Oklahoma Abate will be supporting the following:

- 1) No or reduced turnpike fees for Motorcycles Bill. The price per axel from wear and tear is not the same on a vehicle as for a motorcycle.
- 2) Lane Filtering Bill, there was a discussion on the difference between lane filtering and lane splitting. Sport bike riders are the main riders that do this.
- 3) Hands Free Bill has been before but didn't get through to be heard.

4) Anti-profiling Bill. Steve Stewart committed that anti-profiling would be hard because there is so much violence out there. Legislative Day is Wednesday, February 14, 2024.

Safety Report – Art Ryan – It’s warm outside. Be sure to carry water with you. A lot of road construction out there, be sure to slow down. The roads get slick when it’s hot from the tar patches. Critters start traveling at night when it hot outside.

MRF Report – Art Ryan - September 21 – 24 is the next Meeting of the Minds in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. They will be discussing the following House resolutions which they support.

HR-906 – Right to repair your own motorcycle.

HR-1435 – Your right to choose a gas or electric motor. A discussion was had regarding both. Quenton gave an example of BMW cost. California has banded combustion motors. Europe has begun crushing of all combustion engines vehicles instead of allowing them to be stored for salvages.

Next year the MOTM will be in St. Louis, MO.

Radar and Rose attended last years Biker’s On The Beltway in Washington, DC on a scholarship from Abate. They wanted to thank Abate for that scholarship to travel. They told how nice everyone was to them especially Mark Wayne Mullin and Kevin Hern. Mark Wayne Mullin used to have a motorcycle. They continued with their experience.

Old Business:

Sparks Halloween Party – October 19 – 23 at Sparks Campground. Members will pay \$25.00 per person, RV hookups \$100.00.

River Run – Anita stated there was very little participation, but those that went had a great time. 32 people registered. It was a financial disaster. There were 3 chapters involved in putting it on, Heartland, Chisholm Trail & NW69. Her chapter paid out \$5,272.94. Between 3 chapters they are each in the hole approx. \$500.

Sponsorship Committee – Other than Quentin no one showed up for Garry’s meeting.

Nominations for State Sargent at Arms & Secretary. Nominations are Rob Jones & Lyndsey Rust for Sargent at Arms and Connie Maberry for Secretary. Connie Maberry rescinded her acceptance for the Secretary position due to retirement & traveling. Connie nominated Lyndsey Rust for Secretary. Lyndsey accepted the nomination, then rescinded her acceptance for Sargent at Arm. Nominations were closed with Rob Jones nominated for Sargent at Arms & Lyndsey Rust for Secretary. Nominations will close in October and be voted on in November.

New Business:

Possible Date for SMILE – Which is March 8 – 9, 2024 at Embassy Suites, same place as last year.

Garry Canaday went over every award that is given out.

- Life Member – can stay on for voting for 3 years. Paul Stevens & PJ Mayes have been nominated.
- Smile Award – can be a non-member.
- Gunner Award – Member of the year.
- President of the Year
- Coordinators Award – Chapter awards
- Paul Rivere Award – Sargent at Arms
- Chapter Awards – Each chapter comes up with its own awards.
- Spur Award – Must be earned.
- Victory Awards - Past State Coordinators come up with this winner.

Center Piece & Auction Items.

Positive Comments/Advertising: Let's keep all comments positive, especially on social media.

Notice to Accept Grant – Steve Stewart will be taking care of this Monday, sign & except it.

OHSO/Share the Road – Steve taking care of the grant which is for Share The Road.

Court Watch: Quinton Dunn – Q did an excellent job going over all the cases.

DBA Report: Big Bug run tonight at Myers Duren, registration 4:00 – 5:00. Oklahoma City DBA on August 15 an End of Season event, black shirt event.

Chapter Upcomings:

- 10-19 to 10-22-23 Halloween Bash, Sparks, OK
- 11-4-23 Ride for the Wall outside of Woodring Airport.
- Heartlands September meeting will be at Q & Lotus house.
- 11-25-23 Lakes Area ABATE Toy Run, Pryor, OK.
- 12-10-23 Tulsa Toy Run, Tulsa OK.

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