

## CMT/ABATE Inc. Board of Directors Meeting December 11, 2005 - 1pm Elks Lodge, Madison, TN

The meeting opened with pledge of Allegiance to the flag at approximately at 1:00pm.

**MOTION** - by Dean Lucas & seconded by Randy Williams to accept the Minutes as written was unanimously approved.

### Director's Statement

Mark stated that the Elk's Lodge has requested that our meeting be concluded by 3:30pm so that they could get ready for a Christmas party. We had several big issues to discuss and Mark asked that we keep aware of the time so that we can move along swiftly.

Mark apologized that he believed as Corporate Director he possessed the authority to hire an Office Manager to make sure business is taken care of until the next Board Meeting. He stated that this is an absolute must to discuss today along with several other key issues.

### Treasurer's Report

Due to the generosity of Dean Lucas, individual and charter donations we currently possess a treasury of \$11,703.18 after November Rent. A detailed spreadsheet was provided for review and is attached to the Board Official Records.

### Activities Report

State calendar activities meeting was held at noon. If you were unable attend please confirm your activity dates with Ann following the meeting.

Thanks go to Cindy Davidson and Kim Peterson for working the Location Committee for our 2006 STR. The Board was presented with a package that addressed the possible locations to hold our State event in 06. That document is attached to the Board's Official Records.

**MOTION** – by John Carter and seconded by John Pierce to combine our STR into the Waking Dragon event at their location per the pre-negotiated agreement. **AMENDED** by Randy Williams and seconded by Ann Stout that CMT/ABATE will join in the Waking the Dragon event and reserve the Southern Thunder Rally name as our own event. The verbal vote on the Amendment won. Roll call vote on the final Motion passed with two votes against.

### Legislative Report

John Pierce announced that he has accepted a position on the MRF Board of Directors as National Membership Director. He stated that virtually all MRF Board Members also hold positions of responsibility in their local SMROs and that he would continue with his duties as Tennessee's Legislative Chairman.

He stated that there will be two bills dealing with Right of Way Violations. One to increase the penalties under the bill we got passed last year and one that will be new and that will add yet another law under which an ROW violator can be prosecuted. We will also be submitting a bill to make the use of turn signals mandatory in the State of Tennessee. We will also continue our efforts with the helmet modification bill.

John reported that the Legislative Retreat hosted by Carol Simpson was a big success and that we will do another one next year.

Legislative Day will be held on Tuesday February 7. As we did last year, all participants are asked to meet at TPAC at 10 AM. We will hear the acceptance of our Safety and Awareness Proclamation by the House and visit with a number of legislators.

#### Webmaster Report

Website is updated and includes photos of events and event flyers page. If you see any needs or have any suggestions, Bob welcomes you to contact him.

#### Old Business

Time is running out for resumes to the Corporate Director and Corporate Secretary. Please get those to the office so they can be published in the paper and on the website.

**MOTION** – by Dean Lucas seconded by Marlin Rood to move our office from Gordonsville to the free space provided by Madison Glass on Gallatin Pike. **AMENDED** by John Pierce and seconded by Randy Williams that we accept office on the condition that our annual building cost does not exceed \$3,600 a year. Amendment passed. Motion passed with two against.

**MOTION** by John Pierce and seconded by Randy Williams that the Board wave the roll call vote in the By-Laws for the rest of this meeting. Passed with one against.

**MOTION** by Dean Lucas and seconded by Mike Hays to hire Suzanne Fisher as our Office Manager. The inquiry requirement was waived. The motion passed.

**MOTION** by Dean Lucas and seconded by Scott McColpin to hire Suzanne Fisher at the rate of \$10 an hour for a maximum of 15 hours a week. Motion passed.

**MOTION** by Mark Moore and seconded by Mike Hays to hire Jeana Bradley as Newspaper Editor. Motion passed.

**MOTION** by Randy Williams to pay Jeana \$100 a week to produce a monthly newspaper the quality as presented to the Board. Randy amended to say a \$400 a month salary. Motion failed to find a second.

**MOTION** by Mark Miller and seconded by Harley Davidson to pay Jeana \$250 a month for Newspaper Editor Position. Motion passed.

**MOTION** by John Pierce and seconded by Dean Lucas to accept Cindy Davidson's resume for Safety & Education Chairman. Motion passed.

**MOTION** by John Pierce and seconded by Mark Moore to accept Jessica Good's resume for At Large Coordinator. Motion passed.

**MOTION** by Bob Edwards and seconded by Dean Lucas to define name of ABATE to stand for American Bikers Active Towards Education. Motion passed.

**MOTION** by John Pierce and seconded by Dean Lucas to renew our Sustaining Membership of MRF for \$100. Motion passed.

Mark Miller addressed the Board with a question as to whether this organization really fell under the 501c4 or 501c3 Status as a not for profit. He provided the Board with a general run down of the difference of the

two and wants us to consider whether we might be required to change or status or at least benefit greatly if we do. He plans to address the matter at greater detail and obtain the costs and benefits to restructure the organization into a 501c3.

Open Forum

Wheels of Thunder Charter had a check to present to the Board in the amount of \$1,800 on the condition that it be designated to legislative expenses only.

**MOTION** by John Pierce and seconded by Randy Williams that the \$1,800 check from Wheels of Thunder Charter be designated to legislative expenses only. Motion passed.

Warren County Charter presented the Board with a check in the amount of \$448.12 which represented one half of their treasury.

Mark Miller mentioned that our meetings could go a lot smoother if we had a Sergeant of Arms.

**MOTION** by Randy Williams and seconded by Dean Lucas to appoint Mark Miller as Sergeant of Arms for Board meetings. Motion passed.

With that it was 3:36pm and the meeting was motioned to adjourn. Next Board of Director's meeting was confirmed for March 12, 2006.

These meeting minutes represent the official record of the Corporate Secretary by my signature below.

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Rhonda Rae Williams

Date \_\_\_\_\_