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2009

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- Ballots to be counted at the February 26, 2009 meeting.
- Coordinator and Deputy Coordinator positions to be filled.
- Special Thanks to continuing Treasurer—Jean Zimmerman-Olson; Secretary—Rachel Ihnot; and Membership—Jean Schiller

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Nominations of Officers

Jean Olson (formerly Zimmerman) had a suggestion for how officers are elected. She suggested that we have two year terms. Jean Schiller, Rachel Ihnot and Jean Olson would remain in office and we would only elect a Coordinator and a Deputy Coordinator. That way we would always have some experienced Officers in office. After much discussion on one was for the idea.

Nominations are as follows

Coordinator
Jeff Schepp

Deputy Coordinator
Mike Anderson
Mike Smith
Andrea Schepp

Treasurer
Jean Zimmerman-Olson
Secretary

Rachel Ihnot
Membership
Jean Schiller

Events

Ride to the Dome

After much discussion about everything the is going on the first part of May a motion was made to keep the Ride to the Dome the 1st Friday and Saturday of May. This year that will be May 1st and 2nd. Scott Garrison (Yapper) stepped up to take on the task of setting this up with Anita and Mike Anderson helping.

Membership Drive

Hellgate in no longer a first come first serve basis, but the luck of the draw. Since this is usually a camp out we need to find other sites.

Gary Schiller will head this up with Jean Schiller and Jean Zimmerman-Olson helping him.

Bike Blessing

The Bike blessing will be held on Saturday April 25th from noon to 3 PM. This is a non-alcohol and neutral turf event. For more info contact Chuck Houk @ 227-6968 or Jeff Lapham @ 475-3766.

Polar Bear Run

Rich stepped up to the plate to get this event off and running for us.

Memorial Run

John Berry will co-ordinate the event this year.

Spring Opener

This idea had much discussion. Should be combine the Spring Opener and Membership or is the Ride to the Dome our new Spring Opener. With so many events we decided to table the discussion until next meeting.

State A.B.A.T.E Meeting

State Meeting

Was in Helena on January 10th and there was a good turn out. NCOM in Reno was discussed and chapters can send representative if they like, if interested go on line to NCOM to register. This is a good networking source for the serious motorcyclist.

Also discussed were T-shirts in assorted colors and sizes.

The Flags were also discussed and we had some samples of what can

be ordered. There are \$35.00 and \$15.00 flags. State would like to do a pre-order of the flags. The \$35.00 can withstand high speeds and there is no minimum order. These are embroidered and we can get Helena on them.

The \$15.00 flags are nylon with laser printing and come with a stand. These flags cannot be used at high speeds. We cannot get Helena printed on these. John indicated to State the Helena chapter would probably take 10 of the

embroidered flags as well as 10 of the nylon, when the chapter was polled we had an interest for the 20 flags.

We will get behind both Carl Lawson from Missoula and Randy Baldwin of the Lower Yellowstone chapter to be on the MSAC board. We need representation; most of the meetings ar conducted via Telecom.

The next State meeting is March 28th in Billings.

Legislative News

HB150 is a common sense bill dealing with not being liable for someone getting drunk at a party you sponsor. You cannot not be held liable for the drunk's actions after leaving your party.

HB69 deals with the loudness of vehicles when mufflers are modified. Are motorcycles next.?

Fun Bucket!!! Next Meeting

There was \$21.00 in the Fun Bucket. Half is \$10.50 which Andrea Schepp won and donated back to the chapter.
THANKS ANDREA!!!

The next meeting will be held Thursday, February 26th at 7:00 pm at the Eagles on Fee Street.

Editor's Notes

If anyone has any thoughts, comments or ideas for the Newsletter, please contact Marina Little at marinal@s360a.com. If you have photos you would like to share...please send them to me.

If anyone has a quote for the month or news they would like to share...send it in and it can be added to the newsletter...

Send in your Chapter Photos to put in the newsletter.

January Meeting Minutes

Called to order by John Berry at the Eagles on Fee Street in Helena, MT on January 29, 2009.

Moment of silence for our fallen brothers and sisters, especially Marcella Gregory.

Roll Call—18 members present

Minutes from last meeting

Mike Anderson made a motion to accept the minutes from last month and Jeff Lapham seconded the motion, motion passed.

Treasurer Report

Bank accounts

- Abate Of Helena 2008 \$
- Education Account \$
- Harley Account \$

- Savings \$
- Total Bank Accounts \$

Jeff Lapham made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and Jeff Schepp seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Membership Report

We have 80 current members and 12 members who are at least 3 months expired

One of the Jeff's made a motion to accept the Membership report which was seconded by Robin, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Fall Closure

We had an income of \$ expenses of \$ had to go into the education fund which left \$ funds for the general fund.

Gary made a motion that from the \$ we keep \$ the rest is to be divided between TV for Vets and Food Share. Each will get \$ and we also had a direct donation to food share of \$10.00 which brings Food Shares total to \$ Rich seconded the motion, motion passed.

Harley Raffle

Due to the economy we cannot see the chapter doing the St Patrick's raffle. We can visit this later in the year and perhaps next year we can do the raffle.

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Remember there is a Calendar of
Events on the website located at
www.ABATEMT.com.

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Support our Business Members

Leather Store – Lonnie & Robin Morgan

Caird Boatworks—Alan Kallio

Clarco Storage - Matt Venetz

R&B Productions – Ben & Shelley Juvan

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