

BikePAC of Oregon, Inc.
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MEETING MINUTES
October 3rd, 2009

Meeting opened at 12:05 by Nic Oliver, Executive Director. All attendees introduced themselves. There were 9 attendees.

Nic opened the meeting with his comments as to what he would like to see happen with BikePAC in the future. He encouraged anyone from any organization to input their desires and comments about the issues. Nic stated that it takes about 100 hours of work to process an issue successfully in the legislature. By splitting those hours among several people, the job is made much easier. If a lot of motorcyclists would show up and be counted when needed the job of convincing our legislator would be easier. Minutes from September meeting moved and seconded-Approved as corrected.

Treasurer's report explained by Mel Yeager and questions answered by Nic Oliver. Treasurer's approved. A question was asked as to what has BikePAC of Oregon accomplished? Nic and others answered that question by listing some of the issues BikePAC was instrumental in getting accomplished. Some items discussed were handicapped sticker and licenses, preventing helmet stops, mandatory safety training, Increased penalty for riding unendorsed, discounted insurance, fueling your bike, reciprocal endorsements for out of state riders. BikePAC was right in the mix when those items were discussed and heard at the capitol. Some were modified from the original language due to input from BikePAC. Number one focus for the upcoming session is to pass a law removing the helmet requirements. Second item of interest is terminology describing "motorcycle gangs or clubs".

There was much discussion about the makeup and operation of ABATE and it's Chapters. Some political names were mentioned as candidates for the upcoming governor's election.

The emergency session in 2010 is going to address some issues other than budget. We need to be alert to those issues. (Firearms, new tax increases, etc.)

Awareness Rally. We will not do the rally as happened last year. It cost BikePAC money that is not supposed to be used in that manner. The Rally will be as we used to have them in the past. It is encouraged that ABATE have their rally the following the following weekend if they choose to do so. It is also suggested that more coordination be made with other organizations to support us in the Motorcycle Awareness Rally. (Blue Knights, etc.)

New business—Vacancy of Membership Director. Nic asked for response to the notice of vacancy in the position of Membership Director. Contact Nic at nic_oliver@live.com. Trace Ceccacci is trying to get the website up and running. He has had trouble coordinating his efforts with the domain name service.

Next meeting: December 5th 2009 at Salem Library at noon.

Meeting adjourned 1:46.

Mel Yeager,
Secretary/treasurer
Temp Membership Dir