

November 5, 2011

Meeting opened at 12:05 by Ex Dir Nic Oliver with 13 members in attendance

Following a salute to the flag there was a minute of silence for down bros and veterans.

Introductions were then made by all attendees.

Minutes of the previous meeting was presented by Mel Yeager. moved, seconded and approved.

The Financial report was explained by Mel Yeager. Motion made, seconded and approved.

Membership report was given by Bill Foster. 13 renewals and 1 today

Legislative report, Heidi was not in attendance. She did send her reason for not attending. Nic

Oliver explained the situation to the meeting and asked what was the wishes of the

membership of this meeting. Through Don Mason, she asks that she be allowed to resign rather than be dismissed. Mel will make the contact with Heidi.

Rep Andy Olson was then given the floor to talk about plans for the 2013 session. He stated that we had never gained 50% of the elected officials. But our lobbyist should concentrate on doing that. In the meantime, BikePAC and other bikers need to set up planning sessions . We all learned from the hearing during the 2011 session, and can plan for the future. Bikers can go a long way toward our efforts by working for candidates and making information available to voters in each area. We must form work groups to plan and work for our ends. One of the statements made during the "hearing" was the many "Head injured motorcyclists" that are on the public dole. We want to see those people and the money spent on their care, because Oregon has been 100% compliance with the helmet use. Helmet issue will be on the agenda for the 2013 session. Milkman Mike asks for the personal responsibility issue to also be on the agenda.

Andy stated that we, and he, will concentrate his major efforts during the 2013 session, but he may introduce a bill in 2012 about the transportation of weapons on motorcycles, ATVs and snowmobiles. Also, it is of interest to keep CWL owners from public information laws.

Planning sessions and meetings are the next item of business. The first meeting will take place at a time and place to be determined. Don Mason and Andy Olson plan to have a breakfast-type meeting with attendance by interested bikers. A lobbyist will be necessary to take care of the business of BikePAC. First planning session will be at ELMERS in Albany at 7:00 AM on Thursday, Nov 10th. (breakfast)

Troy Costales has made a request to attend the next ABATE meeting. Nic will contact him to invite him. Michele Oleary will also be invited also.

Nic asks for the voting records of each Representative insofar as our issues. He and Mel will assemble the information. The Hells Canyon Run was a successful event. It could be a great money maker for the State of Oregon. Nic asks members to look out for the public opinion for motorcyclists. Let's try to welcome them into our fold instead of making them unwelcome by looking down on them. Educate them to the fact that BikePAC works for them also. Tell them about the modification issue. The "right to choose" issue affects every biker, no matter what type of bike. Al Simms recommends that we use the modern social communications networks that are available to make, and keep contact with others and their issues as well.

Friday, January 6th, Las Vegas, for a multistate conference Douglas Finley etc. trying to establish a regional meeting of the minds type of meeting (BOLT). Should be inexpensive to fly in.

May Awareness Rally cost BikePAC over \$1,200.00 last year. We need to reassess doing it in 2012.

Next meeting will be held on January 7th 2012. Place to be determined.

Mel to arrange fountain area parking for February 1 opening of Legislative session and Room 50. He will also arrange the next meeting place. The information will be published as soon as it is available.

Meeting adjourned at 2:56 PM.

Mel Yeager,
Secretary/treasurer