

BikePAC of Oregon, Inc.

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MEETING MINUTES

January 5th 2008

MEETING OPENED AT 12:15 Chaired by Brian Stovall. Brian explained what had proceeded since the last meeting of the BikePAC organization. Quiet mike was appointed as Legislative Director and Brian Stovall was appointed to the Executive Director position by a vote of the Executive Board. All other officers remain in their present positions.

Minutes and Financial Report were discussed and approved, following a discussion concerning the ABATE of Oregon contribution promised in the past.

Randy Comer: Membership shows 83 active members, working on getting more members. Report was approved.

Nic Oliver did not get the letters sent due to family medical problems. He was 'severely' chastised.

Quiet Mike reported that Sen. Gary George has filed suit to determine that the 2008 legislative session is unconstitutional. Wayne has stated in the past that our status in the next session is questionable. Mike asked if we could get a room in the Capitol to support the lawsuit. We will determine the if our members are interested in supporting the effort. The date of the hearing is February 4th at the state Capitol. If interested, it will be a ride-in with parking where you can. Matt will ask for permission to use the area for parking bikes for the occasion and will attempt to get a map of legislative offices during remodel.

Randy Comer will check on the domain names for our website and will attempt to get all pertinent information from Jay Hadley and proceed to bring our website up to date.

Mel reported on the organization of the May Awareness Rally, and the problems with insurance through AMA. Mel will ask AMA if a waiver is available for this event based on past experience. Mel will continue to try to get AMA insurance. ABATE Insurance may be available. Matt will ask ABATE.

Dorchester Conference—Randy Comer will attend the conference as Ken did in the past. He will report back to the Committee.

Jeff Merkley, candidate for governor will have a photo shoot on January 26th. The shoot will be at 1:00PM at 807 NE Couch in Portland, Oregon. The place is AT LARGE FILMS. All bikers that can attend. Please be there if possible, as Jeff has been a good friend to us in the past.

Lobbyist status and review. Brian told us of Wayne's wishes and desires for the legislative year. Brian will establish the operating contract for the next legislative session. Executive Board voted unanimously to renew the previous contract with Wayne.

Fund raising was the next item of business. Brian told of the need for funds to accomplish our political goals for motorcyclists. Brian showed a catalog of products from Cuddle Me Warm showing a means to raise funds. Sam said that the products illustrated did not in any way say something about BikePAC of Oregon. Motion made to decline the offer, seconded and passed. Anyone wishing to set up a fundraiser for BikePAC through their organizations or chapters are welcome to do so. Brian told of some past activities that raised funds. Businesses or organizations will be approached by Nic Oliver as to how they can contribute.

Sam Hochberg was introduced to tell his ideas about issues that could be worked by BikePAC during the next session. Sam told about a bill that would exclude Motorcyclists from medical insurance coverage. Access to public accommodations is another problem that can be fixed simply by adding Motorcyclists to the existing law telling what people cannot be excluded. Oregon Trial lawyers Association is very interested in protecting all people from irrational seizure of cars, motorcycles, etc. for spurious reasons. Oregon has no protections for the drivers built into the law. Sensors in the road that do not register a motorcycle are a problem and a need exists to allow a motorcycle to proceed after a cycle or two, if safe to do so. Confiscation of firearms also is a problem in which the police can use any excuse to do so. Much discussion ensued about issues.

Brian asked if we want to introduce more than one bill, or just one. He asked if the helmet bill would be the only issue if we decide to go with one issue. OTLA would be very helpful in issues other than the helmet issue. We will all have to have our ducks in a row to get results. Sam will speak with OTLA to find out to what extent they will work their issues. Mike will ask Confederation of Clubs for their input and report back.

May Awareness Rally will go as scheduled May 3rd 2008 at the State Capital.

Next meeting will be February 2nd 2008 at NOON at Salem Library.

Meeting closed at 2:30 PM