

Minutes from 2/27/17

Meeting called to order at 7:30 by Cooper

Pledge Allegiance led by Bill Michels

Mission Statement read by Paul Hering

Reading of minutes deferred until Greg's return at next meeting.

Correspondence – mail from MRF with WACO certificate; mail from the Domestic Violence Resource center soliciting donations

Coordinator's report – Cooper stated that he rode his bike a couple of days ago. He also wanted to make sure that everyone has his phone numbers in case they need to get in touch with him:

Home – 503-324-3450

Cell – 503-349-6367

Vice Coordinator's report– Bill Michels noted that we didn't have a report in the state newspaper this month and that none of our runs are listed and there were no flyers. Lynn Reilly reported that we had only just confirmed the starting points of each run at the last run committee meeting which is why there were no flyers or list of runs in the newspaper.

Treasurer's report – Jill Tracy stated that the beginning balance was \$3,052.57; she wrote a check for \$325.00 for state sanctioning which leaves a balance of \$2,727.57.

Legislative report – Paul Hering reported that BikePac is running 2 bills through legislature: 1) Lane sharing (splitting, filtering) and 2) Driver crash accountability. Visit BikePac.org for information and updates on these bills. Also, legislative days will be posted on the website. Remember that the first Saturday in May is motorcycle awareness day. Salem has been steadily increasing the cost for street closing and it is now \$1000. BikePac has chosen to not request the street closure this year and everyone will have to work with the traffic.

Jordan asked for specifics about the lane-sharing bill and Paul reported that the bill states the traffic would need to be traveling at less than 20mph and the rider can't go faster than 10mph over the traffic speed and it must be at least a 3-lane roadway. Jordan mentioned that Washington is working on a similar bill, but different speed requirements. He also noted there was an article in AMA about lane-splitting that would be good to read to help familiarize yourself if you plan to talk to anyone at legislature.

Ted Tracy noted that MRF is also working on profiling and there is a survey you can complete on MRF.org to help them gather supporting information.

State Board Rep report – Ted Tracy reported from the February state board meeting. It was a long report as the board had canceled meetings in December and January due to weather.

- There were 9 chapters represented, all eligible to vote

- ABATE will have a booth at the Pendleton Bike week. Let Ted know if you want to volunteer to help out.
- Membership is up by 200 in the last 2 months.
- Greg doesn't really like to do the article for the newspaper so maybe someone would be willing to help him out with that sometimes.
- Fossil – the state has condemned the state and order us to take down the roof and walls. This is the 40th yr. Rick Prentice is still looking for T-shirt design ideas.
- Related to legislature – other bills have been introduced/submitted by some private citizens.
- Mike Friend reported that NCOM was a great convention and the state voted to reimburse some of his travel/lodging expenses.
- Ted Tracy has accepted the position of MRF Rep for Oregon
- Beaver Creek is back on this year and SOS has moved to a different weekend so Beaver Creek can be on the 2nd weekend in August.

PR – Veta reported that she will create a spreadsheet with members contact info and get run date cards mailed out. She has posted the Spring Biker Night flyer on various sites.

Membership – Glenna still learning with Veta's help.

Quartermaster – Paul Hering, no report. Veta asked whether we still have the porta potties, and we do but they are in need of repair.

Historian – position still open

Products – Dave Meeker is looking for ideas for new products. Veta brought up the previous topic of having some kind of give-aways at the runs. There was much discussion about key ring fobs. Veta and Ted both agreed to speak with their individual contacts about these types of products and report back at the next meeting. Paul indicated that the state might also be interested in something like this.

Ways and Means – Veta reported that as the guys are selling raffle tickets for a gun, the gals have decided to have a more girl-friendly raffle and she has found some garden art with stained glass and copper that we will sell tickets for as well. The tickets for both raffles will be available for the second meeting in March. Veta also has found a metal artist that is willing to contribute something for biker night.

Run Coordinator – Tom gave an update on all the run dates and starting points. He asked for anyone who might be interested in helping map out the runs to let him know. Veta has printed run date cards for sharing with others and made them available at the meeting.

Old business – no minutes from last meeting to refer to

New business – Veta asked if we wanted to budget something for give-away items. We decided that we would wait until she and Ted reported back with their findings about cost and possible items.

Announcements – Paul encouraged everyone to get all the run dates on their calendars and plan to attend all runs, bring a friend, work on membership. The swap meet is April 1st at Hillsboro Elks Lodge.

Cooper mentioned that he is concerned about the low turn-outs at the swap meets compared to “the old days”. We all agreed that we would try to help the attendance at this state event by helping to hand out flyers. This should be easy for us to do as the event is in our own back yard.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30.

Lynn Reilly, Secretary pro tem

