

State Coordinator

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Well BOD just got finished as I write this newsletter article. There are a few things to update everyone on. Let us start with last month I misspoke and stated some legislative issues that are not on the top of the list. Larry's report last month about the top three issues is correct not mine. I apologize for the confusion.

The issue of changing membership age to 21. First and foremost there is a belief that I have a personal agenda here. Answer straight to the point NO I have no personal issue. Let me see if I can break this down for everyone. Issue number 1 the bylaws state that anyone above 18 can be a member of ABATE. Issue number 2, The bylaws state that any member of ABATE is welcome at any ABATE function. Issue number 3, The Spring Opener for a number of reasons cannot be an under 21-year-old event. Let me explain, if we allow under 21 into the Spring Opener we are going to have an increase in the insurance cost, not have open alcohol, being exposed to more regulations by the liquor control board. We need less interference from the government for this event. Opening it up to under 21 will cause more totalitarian enactments from the government, we do not want. We have a committee that is working on solutions and we should have something for everyone to consider in the near future.

The biggest amount of discussion came from the newsletter. There is a desire to have a print version of the newsletter. A committee has been formed to look at the options cost and possibilities. More to come in the future.

There is plenty going on in ABATE. Please get out and support your chapter and the other chapters around the State. Get out there on two wheels and enjoy the wind.

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