

Minutes from Oct. 1st

Meeting got called to order shortly after 12:00 with The Pledge, a moment of silence for the Troops and a prayer. First off we welcomed our New Members Ray & Carla Krug from Bad Axe, Kelly & Chris from Argyle and Nancy from Cass City. Glad to have you aboard!!!

Shelby gave us a treasurer's report; motion was made to accept report, 2nd and approved. Thanks Shelby.

Marlene gave us a rundown on all the schools that she's been going to for the Awareness Program and has more coming up! Karen wasn't here for her report but, I know she's been having classes too! Thank you both for all the hard work you do for our Region!!!

Butch and I gave a brief rundown on what was at the Meeting of The Minds this year. There were lots of Break-out sessions for a lot of information that can help ABATE, our region, and even helping with communications to our Legislators. Well worth the trip! Next year the MOTM will be in Denver, Colorado. I am planning on going and a motion was made, 2nd, and approved that the region will pay for the room. The money spent on the room will go towards our rocker for donations to ABATE.

Butch gave us a Legislative update on what's happening in Lansing, talking about the Insurance reform that they're working on and it's got a lot of faults in it. Why would you want to drop your medical benefits when it's unlimited right now? You need to call Representative Canfield and let him know what you think of this!!! HB 4306 did Pass, Look Twice Save a life is our motto!! Other issues were Handlebar Height, Motorcycle Processions with flags on the lead and last bikes being able to stop traffic and HB4466 Cell phone use in cars to be hands free only. Legislative Day in Lansing is Oct. 18th.

We had a speaker, Mike Wilson. Mike is a veteran who is working with a program to help homeless Vets. Helping them get back on their feet, get employment and a place to live. Helping Vets get their lives back in order. The program is called HPRB and is working on Federal Grants. If you know of someone who could use

his help, let him know. The more people he helps, the better his chances are of getting the grants renewed and helping more Vets.

Caroline is our region's products lady and she was here with a few shirts and things. If you'd like something from her, give her a call!!!

Next month the November meeting will be at Lucky Thumb again. We will be having our meetings there till May.

October 29th is the annual Pumpkin Carving with Ammo at Jim & Marlene's and as always, there will be a Pot luck meal after the "carving" is all done. So bring a Pumpkin to "carve" and a dish to pass. There is also a \$10 charge to do the carving! Hope to see you there!!

Region 7 Christmas Party will be December 9th at Chizzies in Carsonville. This is a dish to pass event, plus Santa Claus will be here for the gift exchange. You must bring a gift to get a gift and please mark on the gift if it's for a man, woman or either. This will help Santa out GREATLY!!!!

This year the toys collected are going to Tuscola County! Thank you to all who donated! I had my counties mixed up at earlier meetings, thinking they were going to Huron county instead of Tuscola!! Sorry about that!!!

Meeting was adjourned at 1:15 and the lucky door prize winners were Caroline, Parcus, and Kelly! Congratulations!

Also don't forget to reserve your rooms for the seminar in January!! All the details are in the "Rider"!

Until next month, take care and God Bless! Good luck to all the hunters out there, whether its pheasant, deer, grouse, goose, duck or squirrel!! Tim