

## ABATE REGION 19 MEETING

AUGUST 1, 2017

Chip called our meeting to order with the Pledge. Vince, Pam and Vince F. are on a well earned vacation and we will see them next month.

A moment of silence and respect was given for Joann Fabis who left this earth far too soon. Our thoughts and prayers go to Vince.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT – Thanks to Vince Fabis who provided us with the recent activities in Lansing. GREAT NEWS - HB4306 Increase motorcycle endorsement fee has been approved and signed by the governor. The increased endorsement will generate \$250,000 annually for the new Motorcycle Awareness Fund. The increased registration tax will generate \$516,500 annually and will be put in the Motorcycle Safety Fund. HB4013 Allows for paperless registration and proof of insurance has passed and signed by the governor. The will only allow the police officer to view the electronic copy of certificate and not to view any other information on your electronic device. HB4856 has been submitted to committee on Government Operations that beginning the time of September 11<sup>th</sup> – September 17<sup>th</sup> will be the Patriot Week each year in this state. It is a sad recognition of our Veterans, but it is a beginning for all of the recognition they deserve. SB477 has been referred to Transportation Committee that when approaching or passing a stationary authorized emergency vehicle that is giving a visual signal, the driver approaching vehicle shall exhibit due care and caution or otherwise move over AND slow down by 10 mph.

SECRETARY’S and TREASURER’S REPORTS were approved as presented.

OBSERVATION RUN – a good discussion followed on the best way to conduct the Observation Run with the recommendation that we have five questions requiring five stops (to find the answers to the questions), upon returning at end of ride, you can purchase two cards to “improve” your hand with a maximum of only five cards. This is a good and effective way to handle the run and thanks to Grumpy for explaining how this process works.

BYLAW CHANGES – it was felt that we need to approach other regions to obtain their support on absentee ballots or it will not pass committee. The recommendations for electronic newsletter and biography information on those running for the board are not a problem in our estimation.

VETERANS MEMORIAL OBSERVATION RIDE - Just a reminder that the Veterans Memorial Observation Ride presented by Oxford Post 108 is being held this Saturday, American Legion Post 108, 130 E. Drahner Road (M24 and Drahner Road), Oxford, MI. The registration will be at 9am-11am with \$20 for rider and additional \$10 for passengers.

Minutes by Sylvia