

ABATE of Tulsa, Inc Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2017
President Jim Koelle (Radar) Presiding

Call To Order:	7:00 PM by Sgt. At Arms Rob Jones
Pledge of Allegiance:	Led by Rob Jones
Invocation:	CMA Jerry Roberson
Mission Statement:	President Radar
Introduction of Guests:	Linda Barnes with Air Med Care
Treasurer's report:	Cheryl Clark gave the Treasurer's Report. The beginning balance was \$10,400.27 Income in April was \$75.00 and disbursements were \$586.99, leaving a current balance of \$9,888.38. A motion to accept the report was made by Art Ryan and seconded by Rose (Paula Matteuzzi). Accepted unanimously.
Secretary's Report:	A copy of the Minutes of the March meeting was emailed to membership earlier and all in attendance said they had read said minutes. No changes were made. A motion to accept was made by Art Ryan and seconded by Doc (Richard Moran).
State and Committee Reports:	
Legislative -	<p>John Pierce reported that the "hands-free" bill is dead. It will likely take 2 to 3 years to get it going again. At this time there is no texting bill.</p> <p>Governor Fallen has signed the tag bill. We have 180 days to order and pay for 100 tags at \$37 each. If not, the money goes back to the state.</p> <p>Legislative Day went well. The commission thanked us for the money ABATE of Oklahoma has raised.</p>
MRF Report:	Bikers in the Beltway will be May 13 th . Radar and Rose will represent ABATE of Oklahoma
Safety Report:	Rob Jones reminded everyone that on the highway a bike with a helmet behind it means biker in distress. This alerts motorists that the biker needs help.
Downed Bikers:	No report, but Rob Jones reminded everyone that their meeting is the first Monday of every month. Next meeting will be Monday, May 1 st at the Trade Winds Central on I-44 and Harvard.
Share the Road:	Radar gave an update on Share the Road (StR) equipment. We have one projector and one computer. We are still waiting on funds from the state and Abate Charitable Services (ACS) is broke. Radar asked if Tulsa ABATE would be willing to loan or gift \$500 to ACS. The way our grant money works is that we buy the equipment, give receipts to the state, then wait for

them to issue the reimbursement. That sometimes takes as long as 90 days. The StR program is being delayed because of that. If we can donate \$500, or give a loan of \$3000 to \$4000 to ACS, we would get that money back when the state reimburses ACS for expenses.

James Clark asked if other chapters could help with the loan amount to ACS. Discussion took place regarding a request to other chapters to also help with StR expenses. Rose made a motion to make a loan in the amount of \$1000. John Pierce suggested we increase that amount to \$2000. There was further discussion about how much to loan and the date that we will need it paid back. Considering that Toy Run expenses will begin in late October or early November, it was determined that we should put a “pay back” date on the loan of October 15, 2017.

Rose made a motion to make a loan to Abate Charitable Services in the amount of \$2000 to be paid back to ABATE of Tulsa by October 15, 2017. The motion was seconded by Art Ryan. With one no vote and one member abstaining, the motion passed. Radar asked Treasurer Cheryl Clark to write the check to Abate Charitable Services and he would take it to them at the next state board meeting.

John Pierce asked if we wanted to create a line item in the budget of \$500 for this specific purpose. Radar said no because we should not need it. However, Lyndon Giles made a motion to put a line item of \$500 in the 2018 budget for Share the Road. Motion was seconded by Art. With there being two no votes, the motion passed.

John made the statement that Share the Road is the only new program for ABATE of Oklahoma in the last five years.

Membership:

Radar had previously asked Cheryl to create a graph tracking membership over the past year. We are staying static – growing a very small amount. With the number of events we are adding to our schedule, we should be able to add new members.

Old Business:

Radar presented the awards that were given to ABATE of Tulsa at the S.M.I.L.E.

1. SMILE donation given by Tulsa Abate
2. 2016 Legislative Day – most members attending
3. Gunner Award given to Radar
4. SMILE award for attendance

Radar gave a Shout Out to Rob Jones for setting up an ABATE membership tent at the Route 66 HD open house. We added one new member at that event but passed out several applications.

Events:

James Clark reported that we are planning to have a chapter ride every month. The plan is to have a ride, or join another event/ride, the Saturday after our monthly meeting. Here's the schedule for the next few months:

- April 29th – ride to OKC for Motorcycle Safety Awareness Day
- May 27th – participate in the Route 66 Patriot Fest ride – “66 on 66”

- June – the Saturday after our June meeting will be 4th of July weekend. Membership decided not to have a ride that holiday weekend, but join the Illinois River Run July 7th-9th.
- July – Illinois River Run as stated above
- August – the Saturday after our August meeting will be Sept. 2nd. Bob Dresser is working on a ride for that weekend and information will be provided at a later meeting.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 10th – Abate of Tulsa Toy Run.

Drawing:

Danny Talbot was the winner of the QT gas card.

Guest Speaker:

Linda Barnes with Air Med Care gave a presentation on membership in their organization and what benefits you'll receive as a member. ABATE of Oklahoma members receive a discount: 1 yr. \$55, 3 yr. \$165 and 5 yr. \$275. Membership covers everything – the flight and any medications given during the flight. She has applications for anyone wanting to sign up or you can contact her by phone or email.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Rose motioned for the meeting to be adjourned, seconded by Doc. Meeting was adjourned by Sgt at Arms, Rob Jones at 8:15pm

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Clark (aka Church Lady) in absence of Secretary Nina Dresser