

ABATE REGION 10 – Gratiot & Saginaw
January 6, 2018
MICHIGAN RIDER NEWSLETTER
RC – Kim MacLennan

*Meeting brought to order at 5:03 p.m.

*Pledge of Allegiance

*Moment of Silence for those we lost in 2017

*Secretary Report

*Treasury Report

*Members voted to have those who're currently in positions continue for another year after first being asked individually, if they would like to volunteer again. And, as had been discussed in a prior meeting, Tim Gustavison II agreed to co-chair with Kim for RC; Bonnie Gustavison agreed to co-chair with Lois for Secretary; Matt Morado agreed to co-chair with Joe for Road Captain. Members then discussed having four Seargant of Arms: Tom Lehner, Dan Brown, Scott Henning

, and Terry "Troll" Teed, volunteered.

*Discussed ideas for our Poker Run raffle. Casino package, grill, tall wooden eagle statue, wooden picnic table. Those who offered ideas also agreed to find out cost. If you think of an idea, find out the cost and bring it to next months meeting. Members also discussed having state motorcycle raffle tickets be due at this meeting as well.

*Kim requested region board members to stay after meeting to discuss the planning of this years events.

*Seminar was discussed regarding rooms, what to bring, and when to meet.

*MRF update was given. A "call of action" is still being requested stressing that out of the total Michigan ABATE members (3000+), only 158 of those members have actually called Michigan representatives requesting them to support the Motorcycle Advisory Council in promoting increased public awareness of motorcycle profiling, encouraging collaboration and communication with law enforcement and urging state law enforcement officials to include statements that condem motorcycle profiling in any written polices and training materials.

*Legislation – S.res 154 - Handlebar bill passed. One representative stated why have any restrictions, other states don't. May resubmit with no restrictions.

Senate Bill 575 – <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2017-2018/publicact/pdf/2017-PA-0238.pdf>.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 312c. (1) Every application for a motorcycle endorsement on an operator's or chauffeur's license for operation of motorcycles as provided in section 312a shall be accompanied by the following fees, which shall be in addition to any other original or renewal operator or chauffeur license fee: (a) Until January 19, 2018:

Original motorcycle endorsement

..... ***\$ 13.50*** ***Renewal of motorcycle endorsement*** ***\$ 5.00*** ***(b) Beginning***

January 20, 2018: Original motorcycle endorsement

..... \$ 16.00 Renewal of motorcycle endorsement \$ 7.00 (2) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the money received and collected under this section shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the general fund. The secretary of state shall refund out of the fees collected to each county or municipality, acting as an examining officer or examining bureau, \$3.00 for each applicant examined for a first endorsement to a 3- or 4-year operator's or chauffeur's license, \$2.50 for each original endorsement to a 2-year operator's or chauffeur's license, \$1.50 for each renewal endorsement to a 2-year operator's or chauffeur's license, and \$1.50 for every other applicant examined whose application is not denied, on the condition, however, that (154)

Act No. 238 Public Acts of 2017 Approved by the Governor December 20, 2017 Filed with the Secretary of State December 21, 2017 EFFECTIVE DATE: March 21, 2018, the money refunded shall be paid to the county or local treasurer and is appropriated to the county, municipality, or officer or bureau receiving the money for the purpose of carrying out this act. Ten dollars of each original motorcycle endorsement and \$3.00 of each renewal motorcycle endorsement shall be placed in a motorcycle safety fund in the state treasury and shall be used only by the secretary of state for the motorcycle safety education program as provided under section 811a, and \$2.50 of each original motorcycle endorsement and \$2.00 of each renewal motorcycle endorsement shall be placed in the motorcycle safety and education awareness fund created in subsection (3). (3) The motorcycle safety and education awareness fund is created within the state treasury. The state treasurer may receive money or other assets from any source for deposit into the fund. The state treasurer shall direct the investment of the fund. The state treasurer shall credit to the fund interest and earnings from fund investments. Money in the fund at the close of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund and shall not lapse to the general fund. The state treasurer shall be the administrator of the fund for auditing purposes. The secretary of state shall expend money from the fund for the purpose of creating and maintaining a "look twice — save a life" program that promotes motorcycle awareness, safety, and education. (4) Beginning on October 1, 2018 and ending on December 31, 2019, the renewal motorcycle endorsement fees provided for in subsection (1)(b) are increased by \$2.00. The \$2.00 provided for in this subsection shall be deposited in the motorcycle safety fund described in subsection (2).

Gary asked all members to be involved in the August Primaries. Precinct Delegates are needed. Butch to be on the Motorcycle Awareness Committee.

**Joe thanked Region 10 for the donation that will help with medical bills for their "Million \$ Baby." Joe passed out flyers for a benefit being held on the 27th of January that will help raise money for medical expenses incurred. Dishes are welcomed. Members voted to donate hamburger for the sloppy joe dinner.

*Meeting adjourned: 5:51 p.m.

*NEXT MEETING: February 3, 2018, 5 PM, at the GHOST TOWN SALOON, Elwell, MI.

Meeting adjourned...Happy New Year, *Lois*