

Meeting minutes for Dec. 1st. 2018

Meeting was called to order at 4:10 pm with the pledge, prayer and a moment of silence for the troops. 16 members present. Jim Comment read the minutes from the November meeting, motion to accept by Wes, second by Danny, Motion carried. The treasurers report was given by Shelby, Motion to accept by Wes, second by Judy, Motion carried.

Member of the year for 2018 is: Brian Donaghy. The Biker of the year is: Wes Naracon. Brian retired this year and decided to join Marlene in doing the AWARENESS classes. He's been doing a lot of classes and he's doing one heck of a job!! Wes has been on a lot of rides this year and even rode with us when we rode with Sen. Gary Peters. (In the rain!) BTW, did I mention that he's also Region 7's Sgt. At Arms?? Thank you, guys, for stepping up!! I can't go any further without mentioning Jim Krause! As many of you know, Jim is Marlene's hubby and Jim retired this year, too!! After he retired, Jim decided to also help Marlene with the AWARENESS classes!! Thanks Jim from all of us for stepping up and help out with the classes!!

We have our region room booked for the seminar and this is a poolside room again. Shelby is in charge of the region room again this year. It will be a meeting place for us and since there is no dinner before the awards ceremony, there's discussion about having people bring food to the region room for a region snack or meal, kind of like a pot luck but not as big & fancy!! Maybe even just some finger foods, but if you'd like you can go to the restaurant there or up the road! Seminar is Jan. 18, 19 & 20th, hope you have your room reserved!!

Butch gave us the Legislative Report with a variety of issues discussed. He talked about all what's going on in the Lame Duck session down in Lansing. Butch went on to explain that the Secretary of State wants to use our AWARENESS funds, that are collected thru endorsements and plates, for more studies that have ALREADY been done!! That is not what these funds are for, they are supposed to be for AWARENESS signs, especially in high accident areas!! Butch also mentioned that our new Mission Statement is in the Rider, make sure you read it!! It's about getting more backbone to the Prosecuting attorneys in motorcycle accident cases!!

Karen & Marlene weren't present, so we were not able to have an AWARENESS Report.

In New Business, a motion was made by Leah, second by Danny to have Shelby in charge of membership issues. Shelby accepted, and the motion carried. Starting in January, we will be having our Annual Dillinger Ride meetings at 3:00 pm, before our regular meeting. This year I would like to have one member in charge of food, one in charge of the ride, one in charge of prizes, etc.! This is a BIG event for the region, so all help will be greatly appreciated! Christmas party is Dec. 8th at 4 pm, hope to see you there!! Motion to adjourn was made by Wes, second by John, motion carried. 4:55 pm

Christmas party was a GREAT party!!! Thank you all for coming and bringing all that FANTASTIC food!! We even had friends from Region 6 show up, Rick & Joan and Jerry & Bea, thanks so much for coming! Santa was happy to see such a GREAT family of ABATE members together and having fun and exchanging gifts!!! Region 7 would like to send out some REALLY BIG THANK YOUS to Ray C's HD, Mt Pleasant HD, Shiawassee HD, Great Lakes HD and Thumb Chrome for their generous donations to our Christmas Party!!! Thank you, thank you and thank you for being so generous!!

Now, from Region 7 to all the other regions: Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! May all your events this coming year be a big success! For all the Region 7 members: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! May your Holiday Season be filled with Joy, Happiness and good health!! Till next time, Tim