

ABATE Minutes-Meeting March 30, 2017

Call to Order -President Radar

- **Pledge of Allegiance-** Sgt. At Arms- Rob
- **Prayer** – Jerry
- **Mission Statement** – The mission of ABATE of Oklahoma is to promote and defend motorcycle freedom, safety, and awareness through education and legislation to make Oklahoma the best place to Ride
 - o President Radar reminded all ABATE Members present of the ABATE Mission / all Officers are here to serve the Membership.
- **Introduction of Guests-** none this meeting
- **SHOUT OUTS** -from President Radar:
 - o To Art for obtaining gear needed for Share the Road; namely a Wrecked Motorcycle with History for the Share the Road Class. which helps for making a statement such as Gunner's tragedy.
 - o Also, Big Shout Out to John Pierce who has given notice that as of May 31, 2017, he will step down from the Legislative Representative Position he has held for many years. He will still be a State Board Representative, V.P. of Motorcycle Safety, and Advisor to Share the Road; (but also still available for advice with the Legislative Position).
- **Presidents Report-** Per President Radar
 - o it's a great time for Spring Cleaning on many things; to clean out the cobwebs left over from past year and start fresh new ideas. Share the Road has its own Face Book Page so as to give its own distinctive appearance to hopefully target a variety of people out in the social media world. We should also promote ABATE OF OKLAHOMA not just the Tulsa Chapter.
 - o However, that being said, one can belong at large or with a chapter such as Tulsa. At issue, has been the Sooner Abate Profiling Bill which is now dead in the water. It has always been the mission of Tulsa ABATE to have good representation and rapport with the Senators and Legislative Branch of the State Government.
- **Treasurer's Report-** Cheryl reported starting Balance of \$10,450.27 income from membership of \$25.00 and disbursements of \$75.00 leaving balance of \$10,400.27.
 - o Motion to accept by Doc and 2nd Bob D.
- **Secretary's report** -minutes of February 23, 2017 meeting sent out
 - o Motion to accept John P. 2nd by Diane.

State and Committee Reports

- Legislative Report – J. P. Everything has been taken care of well to date except for old law on Books about ape-hanger bars which is outdated, no action to be taken. Last Bill was Tag Bill and put through.
 - o **A Senate Bill for Hands Free Cell Phone** was lobbied but not heard in Committee and probably won't come back.
 - o **Toll road fees** still an issue but there is a new person in charge and there is a hike in fees. not good timing; bring back later.
 - o **April 11, 2017 is Legislative Day** – meet at Capital 8:30AM. Due to renovations, no place to meet per-say but we need to have a presence in the State Capital for the Day and show we care about Our State. Will try to do lunch together and there is a Motorcycle Safety Committee Meeting at 1PM which would be good to show up in attendance. Motorcycle Awareness Day is April 29th.
 - o **Downed Biker Report-** Doc was there stated everything they had planned was on track; held a night run.
 - o **Membership Coordinator-** Cheryl reported 3 new members in March-total Chapter membership 98 as of to-night. Bob Dresser is working with Cheryl on trying to get past members back who may have forgotten their memberships or left for reasons not known. Of those called to date some were looking for more riding or had different outlooks on Chapter. Will be attempting to get another report from State Abate on past members to contact.
 - o **State Board Report-** J.P. noted that the MRF is working at the National Level **on Anti Profiling Bills** which hadn't passed and want to restart now that New Legislature Representatives are in Office.

- Note the new Safety Council created of 12 people only 1 rides a motorcycle.
- The State Abate has 708 members and there are new shirts available on the State Web Site.
- A State ABATE Board meeting is scheduled on April 8, 2017 at which time positions are open for Legislative Coordinator; State Safety Officer; and MRF OK Representative. If interested must be there at 9AM breakfast or be there and notify by 12 PM Noon as to interest and need to state what you feel the position needs and how you can make the Organization function better; and improve ideas surrounding positions.
- **Share the Road Update**- President Radar reported a disappointment with OSHO as the projectors and computers not approved in Grant money-but again Hat's Off to Art for obtaining the 1st Motorcycle for the Course.
- **Doc noted** Sperry Police expressed interest in Share the Road.
- **Social Media update** – Per Cheryl we need some more likes and shares on Face Book and hoping to have more items listed after the upcoming week meeting.

Old Business

- Results of February Survey Reported – officers missed mark in certain areas. The officers will correct.
- **Bring new ideas forward** and also try to **support other Chapters** and have more representation at State Board meetings. Members looking for more speakers and attend some Seminars and Riding Courses; also, Scenic rides
- **Educational rides** including visiting other Chapters.
- **Concerns on younger members being brought in through some other Publicity and Functions outside of the Toy Run.** Greg T brought to our attention a ride to Alabaster Park in Freedom OK an ASAP ride due to it being closed;
- **Suggested ride** from Salina to Spavinaw area OK would be good to ride.
- **Adopt- a -Highway** -Need to come up with a name for Sign and April is Spring Cleanup. Minimum of 2 people and minimum age is 11 plus a waiver form needed for those from under 18 to 11.

New Business

- Per Bob Dresser in James Clarks absence new activities to be coming up after April 11, 2017 -different rides, etc. Will be put on Facebook and blasted via email by Cheryl. A request of Doc was made to make a can for Ideas or suggestions
- Announcements – Legislative Day April 11,2017 also OSHO meeting
 - Safety Day coming up in May / also a Share the Road Presentation at OKC State University.
 - Bikers on the Belt Way coming up in May 22 & 23rd
 - Illinois River Run info on State ABATE site –requires sign up
 - Reminder for show of appreciation to Mazzio's for Job Well Done
 - Drawing won by Jerry
- Per Rita before adjourning members may want to know about SPUR Award which is given for achievements attained over period of time doing measures of carrying out ABATE ion statement; Also it is the Mission of ABATE once a quarter to review the requirements to earn this Spur as well as the Offer of a Free Membership for being active and mentoring someone of the ages 18 to 30 in the Young Member Program.
- Motion to adjourn Rita and 2nd by Diane.

Submitted by Nina Dresser, Secretary