

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Before I get down to the meeting, Mimi and I would like to thank all of you for the great Christmas present again this year! The card featuring our living room all holiday decorated was also over the top! You guys are the greatest and and we both sincerely thank you all!! We are truly blessed to have friends like you!

We had a pretty good crew show up for the December meeting and there's still room for more. The meeting was called to Order and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Minutes and Treasurer's Report were accepted as read. The Legislative Update was given and possible scenarios for the Lame Duck session were discussed. Insurance reform is the scariest issue looming. Michigan car drivers, as well as motorcyclists are in for a rude awakening due to our legislators trying to make some talking points about how they saved us soooooo much money. We contend that insurance reform must be premium reduction and NOT benefit reductions - which is being touted now. The legislators created this mess by mandating that we purchase the insurance companies' product and then removed all the regulatory safe guards to protect us from price gouging, essentially giving them free rein to charge us whatever they want. The legislators have no clue how much money is in the catastrophic care fund. They only know that it's not enough because the insurance companies tell them so. Whatta racket! Be vigilant. This will be a detriment to all drivers and riders in Michigan.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A.) Seminar update The Seminar was discussed. Get you rooms reserved now.
- B.) Our MRF Sustaining Member status was discussed and our contact information for them has to be changed,
- C.) Pub Crawl update. Barbie reported on the Crawl's progress. MARCH 9, 2019 is the date.
- D.) 17's Christmas Get-together at Ford River Pub was discussed again and we picked a date this time! God bless us, each and every one!

NEW BUSINESS

- A.) Our new Mission Statement has been ratified by the Board and published in the Michigan Rider. We have lost 4 ABATE members in the last 2 years who were stopped at intersections. If that doesn't affect you then nothing will, unless you become #5.
- B.) Having a meeting with Dondi Vesprini to discuss insurance issues was discussed with several plans put forth. We'll contact Dondi and see what we can arrange. (He was contacted since our meeting.)
- C.) Our cash disbursement for 2018 was discussed and voted on. The totals will be sent in in accordance.
- D.) Mike Thompson requested information on the ABATE Voter Guide which the RC will provide to him.

Congratulations and a BIG thank you to Region 17's Member of the Year, Chuck Way. He deserves more than a thank you for all the work and time that he donates to you, the membership. Buy him a drink at the Seminar and applaud his award! Well done, Chuck!

Keep April 27, 2019 open if you want to attend the Stripper Pole Run.

Thanks and be safe out there while having your best New Year yet!