

ABATE of Tulsa, Inc Regular Monthly Meeting
June 29, 2017
President Jim (Radar) Koelle 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:** Radar
- Introduction of Visitors:** Dan Snow, Veterans and Outreach for Representative Bridenstine
- Guest Speaker:** Dan Snow has been with Representative Jim Bridenstine for about 18 months. He is also the ROTC leader for Union High School and is retired Air Force. Representative Bridenstine told Dan the most important thing he needs to do is listen. They represent the people and work for us and they can't do that unless they listen to our needs. They are currently working about 225 open cases for veterans with VA problems. Jim Bridenstine will not be running for another term, so we need to start looking at a replacement. Don was asked if he was an ABATE of Oklahoma and when he said no, was asked why not. His dad also rides now.
- John Pierce moved that both Dan and his dad be given their first-year membership, with ABATE of Tulsa, Inc paying for it. Seconded by Dc and passed unanimously.
- Treasurer's Report:** Given by Radar in absence of Treasurer Cheryl (Church Lady) Clark. The balance as of May 28, 2017 was \$7,336.36. We had 2 new members, 1 renewal, sold back patches and had \$7.59 in expenses, leaving us a current balance of \$6,723.77.
- Diane Finley moved the report be accepted. Seconded by Doc and unanimously accepted.
- Secretary's Report:** Since the May 25, 2017 minutes had been sent out by email, Lyndon (Talon) Giles move the minutes as sent out be accepted. John Pierce seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.
- State and Committee Reports:**
- Legislative:** JP reminded us that he is no longer the Legislative Chairman. He said 4 people indicated an interest in replacing them but that none did what they needed to so for now Lobby Joe will handling that job.
- ABATE of Ok State:**
1. He talked about the State Park \$1000 Poker Run which is a state fundraiser.
 2. July 7-9 is the Illinois River Run. He encouraged those who can to go because it is a lot of fun and is a state fundraiser.
 3. He encouraged all to attend the Freedom Fighter Rally in Fargo, OK October 6-8.
ABATE of OK put Tulsa in charge of the bike show, but without asking us, so John asked if we wanted to do that and we said, unanimously, that we do not want to do it. John will ask the State Board to give us something we would rather do.
 4. He said the state membership is shrinking. We are not getting many new people. Much discussion followed.
 5. ABATE of OK is financially healthy
- Downed Bikers:** DBA next meeting is Monday, July 10th, 7:00 PM at Trade Winds.
There is benefit poker run scheduled for 7/15th
The Lake party is 7/22 at Rocky Point at Ft Gibson Lake
- Share the Road:** Radar said it is going extremely well and recognized Rob and Art for all their work in Share the Road. He said we need more presenters and more places to present. All major service

clubs in OK had had presentations

Safety Report:

Rob Jones reminded us of the danger of big truck tires and said if we find ourselves riding close to them, we need to get around them as quickly as possible. We also need to keep our eyes open for them laying in the road.

Old Business:

Doc reported on our booth at Biker Boyz, saying there wasn't a lot interest.

Radar reported on Adopt a Highway saying we are still waiting for them to assign us an area.

New Business:

There was none.

Drawing:

Jack King was the winner of the QT Gas Card

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Doc moved that we adjourn. It was seconded by our newest member, Dan Snow, and the meeting was adjourned by Sgt at Arms Rob.

Respectfully submitted by Rita (CMA Fajita) Talbott in the absence of Secretary Nina Dresser.