

ABATE Minutes – Meeting January 26, 2017

Call to Order by President- Radar

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer Held – given by Rita and several members held extra in prayers

ABATE Mission Statement read by Radar for the Value it gives us to Promote and Defend Motorcycle Freedom, Safety, and Awareness through education and legislation to make Oklahoma the Best Place to Ride.

ABATE of Oklahoma is the Only Organization in the State that has ever gotten Bills passed into Law.

New Guests –We welcomed two guests who were a member but not active recently, and members of Downed Bikers who previously were involved with Toy Run.

Presidents Report-Radar held Executive Committee Meeting with Mike and Shawna Scholten in attendance. Discussion held on Rogers County ABATE disbanded due to not enough active members. Radar reached out to them with support but stated they don't think they can maintain it longer; if so Radar welcomed them to join us.

Radar thanked the Board Members for helping in taking over some things and covering for him during his medical matters.

Old Business- Radar gave a huge Thanks to everyone who helped with the Toy Run 2016 making it the largest this side of the Mississippi.

Radar noted there was a survey done last year for input and tried to do that for members. Will have a new survey for next meeting again to see what worked and what new may be necessary to input.

Sign for Adopt a Highway- Radar checked and it involves a 2 mile stretch of road in Broken Arrow with a two- year commitment to every other month pick up trash along said site for sign; one must be older than 11 years of age and they provide the bags, vests, and safety sheet: and there is a prominent Sign Area available. A show of hands showed interest to do; motion to accept by Carol King and 2nd by Doc. Not Opposed. To let every-one know next month when locked into place.

Membership drive- New Member reimbursement for 1st dinner at Mazzio's; Under the Chapter new member drive, member will receive a Pink Ticket towards a drawing at the end of the year. Cheryl as Membership Coordinator will keep track and give out pink tickets.

Treasurer's Report- Cheryl noted that 2 letters were received for donations of Plush Toys that were donated to Broken Arrow Police Dept. to hand out and also read a letter which came from the BA Police Chief and officer's family for money collected at Toy Run T-shirt Sale for BA Police Officer who lost his life in an accident. Also note, a donation made to ASPCA Animal Organization on behalf of Irene Brinker.

Treasurers Report – Read Balance start was \$14,940.10 with income of \$11,213.07 and disbursements of \$13,309.38, giving an ending balance of \$12,843.79. Motion to accept Bob and 2nd Jeannie

Secretary's Report – first minute's report (not timely) by Nina Dresser had some spelling issues but

Motion to accept Diane 2nd by Wayne

State & Committee Reports

Legislative Report -John Pierce glad to see and have new folks here. Several Bills left hanging at end of year. One such as was in reference to height of handlebars; law is vague; call him if ticketed for such.

Bill for ABATE License Plates to be re-opened was lost last year; noted have to sell 180 plates within year to acquire them.

Noted we have a Professional Lobbyist known as Lobby Joe, lives in Ada, and is a Military Veteran. We'll need to be defensive this year because approximately 23-24 new legislature voted in at the past election.

He mentioned Gunner's Law added a \$3.00 fee to motorcycle, It was asked if that was run by ABATE. John said it was managed by OHSO motorcycle committee which has two ABATE members and Two ABATE members as alternates on a board of ?? members.

Will again address Bill for Toll Pike Rate for motorcycles since based on weight, we pay same fee as a 4-axle vehicle and will ask State again for 25% discount. There is one state that doesn't charge for motorcycles. Lobby Joe and John will go and speak on behalf of ABATE; get one day to speak to Senator Lobby at Capital. Keeps us recognized as being polite and able to make friends to help see our position.

Legislative Day not set yet as Capital is being restored and will be set at a later date.

John Pierce's contact information also on Website is phone #918-859-6171; email is mrfogman@sbcglobal.net

State Board Meeting was cancelled due to ICE (weather not immigration!).

ABATE has not received documentation of Profiling due to M/C Bill in hopper-not passed.

Radar asked the COC for a copy but per John has not gone further. Commissioner Michael Thompson would like to be informed if it happens.

Randy Hutchinson from Priesthood made an inquiry about colors at State Fair in OKC; were marched to gate and refused admittance; and it was a local issue.

The Motorcycle Groups were thanked for being the best behaved in Washington, DC while at Legislature.

Downed Bikers -no report OU game

Membership Coordinator -Cheryl reported 12 new members Nov and Dec; Rita signed up 2, Doc-1, James-1, 2 Chapter Meeting in Nov 2016 and rest at Toy Run. Bob Dresser will be helping Cheryl to check on old members, expiring members, welcome new members and try to grasp why (other organizations also having membership issues) and see if can get some to come back - may have been oversight and try to build up base.

Any new ideas should be submitted to Radar

Rick Cassidy thanked John Pierce for his work and shared that ABATE Tulsa was successful in getting 2 "Watch for Bikers" signs which, per City Engineers, are \$200 apiece and can only be located outside Dealership's -no money in City Budget for more.

Rick shared that he would like to see if a Poker Run or another way to help raise funds for more signs is possible. Some ideas were bounced around; noted they can only be put within area of Dealerships not out just any roadway; Radar suggested we hold onto idea a little longer

Safety Presentation- Carol reported a lot of sand still on roads be careful.

John Pierce reported on Platooning of Big Rigs can be electronically connected which will be a problem for Motorcycles trying to break through to exit highways. Also, noted automated cars with braking issues etc. causing problems for future and whose responsible.

MRF Report — Per John Pierce the Motorcycle Foundation in DC is also trying to get Federal Clout/new brochures next month go to MRF.org and can get email updates from website. Members to be meeting in DC with Senators.

Share the Road update- Radar working with the State and invited to Sperry Driver Ed Course and has several others in works

Social Media update- per Cheryl for Tulsa ABATE can go to Facebook and Instagram

Old Business-

Toy Run — Per James Clark The Toy Run had approximately 3,000 to 5,000 Bikes; received over 10,000 presents. Expenses went up. Everyone seemed to like the Brady District, even though there were a few issues of motorcycles parking in lots and 2cars being towed in Brady District. Thank You again to all who helped make this great cause happen. Radar said congratulations to James for Job well done.

Sgt. at Arms Position- Carol nominated Rob Jones; Rita nominated Wayne; and Sam nominated Doc. Vote at February Meeting

New Business

Rides and Events — per James Clark a run to JM Davis Museum in Claremore - Feb.25, 2017

10AM to 3PM BB Marksman \$3.00 for target and guns provided. Ride meeting place not yet, but discussed possibly meet at Fairgrounds-can have lunch at Hammett House. Make sure we have email and phone #'s if attending; guests welcome. Ride Up Route 66. Will be 2 days after monthly ABATE meeting

Cox Home and Garden Show — It was a free event and Cox donated the booth to ABATE. We're going to again do the event to reach new people/new members. James Clark has sign-up sheet to work the booth. Will be getting a new Poster of All Bills and have a Bike to draw attention. When Signing up new members please put member name down to get credit towards prize at end of year. Applications and payments can be taken at show.

Announcements — Per Road Runner Red & Gold Fundraiser for WACO 2/18/2017 no time yet will let Cheryl know to put on Facebook

Cat Fever 3/4/2017

Priesthood has Ride for Make- A -Wish 4/1/2017

Open Conference at Church 4/7 & 8/2017 more info to follow

8th Annual River Run info to be listed on Facebook . Camp Out Date not yet set March or April 2017

SMILE coming up in OKC-with topics and seminars to pick from and then a Banquet Friday March 10,2017 to Sunday March 12,2017. Weekend School with speakers from 8 other States -place not listed yet where it will be held more info to come.

Reminder for Tips- well done service

Guest Iris Bryant won \$25 QT Card

Thank you from Radar for Being Here - Rosie to order WACO Patches -DBA meeting next Monday

Motion to adjourn Carol 2nd Diane

Minutes taken by Nina Dresser, Secretary