

**ABATE of MI Region 7
Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2017**

Meeting Opened: 4:15 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of silence for our troops, those home and abroad

Prayer

Region 7 received a certificate of appreciation from Tuscola DHHS for the toys and money that was donated. The Region also received a thank you from the Melcher family for the flowers that were sent for Lynn Melcher's funeral.

1. Minutes

- a. Minutes were read. No changes. A motion was made by Dean and 2nd by Wes to accept the minutes as read.

2. Treasurer's Report

- a. There is only a couple of expenses left for 2017. They will be from the Christmas party. After they are paid we will be below the \$1500 that is required. The PAC money was sent in.

3. Awareness Report

- a. Karen was absent so Marlene gave the Awareness Report for this month. Marlene said she and her group of volunteers taught 396 students so far this year. This is a little below last year's total. She attributed it to teens waiting till they are 18 to get their license. This is due to the cost of driver's training. Those that wait till they are 18 do not receive any education on motorcycle awareness.

4. Legislative Report

- a. House Bill 4480 - Motorcycle Handlebar Height was modified from 15 inches to 30 inches.
- b. Senate Bill 670 – This bill if passed would put points on a person's license and fined \$100.
- c. House Bill 5013 – was the car insurance bill. This bill did not pass.

5. Old Business

- a. Christmas party will be at Chizzies Bar in Carsonville on 12/9 at 4:00 p.m.
 - i. Bring a dish to pass.
 - 1. Dean and Julie donated a ham and Tim donated 5 pounds of sausage. This takes care of the meat for the party.
 - 2. Each person attending will be given a ticket for the door prizes and 2 wooden nickels for drinks. This is the same as last year.
- b. 2018 calendar of events
 - i. 2 errors were found. These will be corrected and ready for Christmas party
- c. State Seminar
 - i. Is 1/19,20, and 21/2018 in Lansing

- ii. Instead of having a booze bucket to raffle off this year there will be an event bucket. This would be one free admission to all Region 7 events. Shelby will put this together.
- iii. Donations are always welcome for the silent auction.
- iv. Read the by-law proposals in the MI Rider so you are prepared to vote Sunday morning.
- v. Don't forget your membership card you need it to vote.

6. New Business

- a. Triathlon is 2/17/18 at Chizzies Bar in Carsonville
 - i. There will be 3 games; 2 indoors and 1 outdoors. Marlene will have a new game this year. She is going to keep us guessing as to what it is.
- b. Dillinger Run
 - i. This is Region 7 biggest event. Since there is a lot of planning. It was suggested by Butch to hold a meeting before the meeting. This was agreed upon by the members present. Starting in January the Dillinger Run will be at 3:00 p.m. This is 1 hour before the monthly meeting which starts at 4:00 p.m.

7. Open Floor

No announcements or questions.

Meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

12/9/17

We had our Christmas party and had a good turn-out! Food was Fantastic and Santa passed out the gifts! Door prizes were given out to all who were there! Fun was had by all!!!

I'd like to thank all who donated door prizes, especially Saginaw Valley Motorworks in Bay City, Shiawassee Harley-Davidson in Birch Run, Ray C's Harley-Davidson in Lapeer, Thumb Chrome in Caro, and Caro Motorsports in Caro. We can't thank you enough for all you do!!

Thank you to all the members who brought food to the party!! I tried to sample everything and everything was delicious!

Lastly, I would like to wish each and every one of you a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS, to you and all of your family, May the Peace and Joy of Christmas be with you all year long!

Till next month, Tim