

EAST CENTRAL ABATE

Meeting Notes

Date: January 3rd, 2016

Time: 11: 04 a.m.

Place: Ham Lake VFW, Ham Lake, MN

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present: President- Tony Hovind, Vice President - Jim LaSpisa, Treasurer- Cindy Hovind, Chapter Rep-Toni McChesney
Sgt at Arms-Bob McChesney, Mike Langmade, Mark Collings, Rita Usher

Absent: Secretary-Angie “Sparky” Weossner, Sgt at Arms - Mark Weossner, Rod Gaynor

Guests: Jane

Secretary’s Report: Doug. made a motion to waive the reading of the secretary’s report, 2nd by Mike, motion carries

Treasurer’s Report: As of August 31st, we had a balance of \$2,314.51 in the general account and \$50.00 in petty cash and \$187.79 in gambling. Jewels made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by Doc, motion carries.

Officers Reports

President’s Report: We will be moving our meeting place to the St, Francis Legion in February due to the Ham Lake VFW being sold. There was some discussion in regard to this do as we would need to move our meeting time to noon temporarily, after much discussion a motion was made by Mike to keep it at the Ham Lake VFW one more month, 2nd by Mark Collings, motion carries

Vice President’s Report: We will be finalizing the Heart On Fundraiser. The chapter is looking to the members to donate a bottle of booze or a silent auction item.

Chapter Rep’s Report: Nothing to report other than the BOD is coming up on January 16, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at Eddy’s on Lake Mille Lacs and all are welcome to attend. If there is anything you would like her to bring up at the BOD than please let her know.

The MRF still needs help on the federal level, so please think about a membership to the MRF as they can’t continue the fight at the Federal level without your help.

State Committee's

Nothing to report at this time

Dial a Ride: The Dial a Ride season is coming to a close, so please keep in mind this winter of places you may frequent and where you think we may need to get in contact with next year to hand out information.

Chapter Committee's

The Heart On Fundraiser is on February 14th at the Hydrant Bar in Bethel. Still looking for silent auction items and Bottles of Booze & wines for the games. If you have anything to donate than let Toni McChesney know and she will link up with you to pick them up or you can bring them to the next meeting. The night before the fundraiser there will be a meeting at Toni's home to make Jello shots for anyone interested in attending and helping out. We still need volunteers to help out the day of the fundraiser, please let Toni know if you would like to help out.

Road Noise: Ad's due by the 1st of the month, grapevine will be sent out by the 10th, email Red any info on events before the 6th in order to get them listed on the calendar of events. If you have anything for sale it can be placed in the Road Noise for free, please contact Red if you have any questions. He would like to apologize for not getting the article in the road noise last month.

Products: We are still looking for a new products person. If you are interested than please send an email to the chapter email and we will get back in touch with you shortly.

Phone Tree: If you aren't getting emails, please send an email to the chapter email address and we'll get it taken care of. If you change your address, please send an email to the chapter so that it can get changed in our system and you'll also need to notify the state so they know where to send the road noise.

Buddy Bears: At the moment we have 0 buddy bears left in stock. If you know of anyone who would like them, please contact Tony.

Chapter Campout: There has been some discussion on looking for a new date for Linda's Lodge more information will follow as it becomes available.

Web site: Red has done a lot of upgrading the website and has added a comment section. If you haven't had a chance to look it over yet, please do and let him know what you think.

Old Business

ABATEU - Jane has the speaker and classes finalized and is just finishing up the meals and should have that complete by the BOD. There will be a CPR class on Friday night

from 6 to 10 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., email Jane to sign up for the class and there is a charge of \$25.00.

Slider will be doing a Diabetic Rider seminar (will last approximately 2 hours) from 3 to 5 p.m. on Saturday. All info will be on the website soon.

New Business

We have added a text feature to our Chapter Email. If you would like to receive a text alert regarding different thing (rides, get togethers, possible meeting moves) things along those lines - we will not be sending out the meeting minutes in text format, those will still come by email. If this is something that interestes you than please send an email to the Chapter email with your cell phone number and who your carrier is and we will ge that updated.

Nominations for Chapter Officers.

Legislative

Not much going on at the State or Federal level at this time.

MRF UPDATES

Nothing to report at this time. For those not familiar with the Motorcycle Riders Foundation - they do at a federal level what we do at a state level. If you would like further information or you would like to sign up than please go to their website - www.mrf.org.

Announcements

January 17th - Swap meet - St. Cloud Armory.

February 14th - Heart On Fundraiser - Hydrant Bar, Bethel

February 15th - Taco Fee in Anoka

January 23rd - Metro Chapter Winter Bash at Pickle Park in Friday

February 27th - Old Timers Fundraiser - Blainbrook (Brook Hall)

ABATEU - April 15th to 17th at Holiday Inn in Alexandria

Rod H made a motion to adjourn - 2nd by Doug - meeting adjourned at 11.52 p.m.

Respectfully
Cindy Hovind

East Central Chapter Treasurer