Tulsa ABATE Minutes

- Call to Order President Bob Dresser (Sgt. At Arms Jack K out sick)
- Pledge of Allegiance President and Group
- Prayer Chaplain Rita (Please keep Jack in our prayers)
- Please remain standing! Grab your Blue ticket (no phones or paperwork allowed)

The mission of ABATE of Oklahoma is to promote and defend motorcyclist freedom, safety and awareness through Education and Legislation to make Oklahoma the best place to Ride.

ABATE of Oklahoma is the ONLY organization in Oklahoma that has ever gotten significant motorcycle legislation passed Into Law.

- Any New/First Time Members: none
- Introduction of Guests/Guest Speakers: 4 guests/ Guest Speaker Jim Koelle
- Jim Koelle here on behalf of OK Biker Magazine has new owner and now have some new columns which are inclusive to Oklahoma and ad offers we maybe interested in for ABATE of Tulsa. In the past through the workings of John Pierce and the original founders we have set many standards. JP was first lobbyist; also helped with Tulsa's formation of Share the Road; setting up the Charitable 501/3c, and many more committees. Tulsa ABATE may want to take an ad not only for the largest State Toy Run but also to continue one of the important Motorcycle Community information channels. Motion made to include in 2020 budget: 2nd by Rita All in favor
- Treasurer's Report: Treasurers report given by Cheryl -copy on file
 - Accept by Art
 - Seconded by Hippee motion passed
- Secretary's Report: (mailed out prior to the meeting any questions on them)
 - Accept by Scott
 - Seconded by Rose; motion passed
- Presidents discussion on:
 - o ABATE's Past State (what did our forefathers do as Freedom Fighters)
 - A discussion was held on all those before us who fought for freedoms (some have come here tonight to still carry the cause) and tell of all that it took to have brought
 ABATE to where it is today with a good image and not without a lot of work on their part to get here.
 And even the burning of a helmet on the State Steps which lead to meetings with State Legislature.
 (Plus; meetings on how to interact and get more State meetings to work on Motorcycle Issues unheard of back in that time period).

ABATE Current State (what do we do today as Freedom Fighters) Todays involvement we have Rick C who is going after safety riding and working towards more Watch for Motorcycle signs to raise awareness in the surrounding areas. We have other members working on getting new members while also contacting current members what needs or responses are still needed with the State Legislature and Public.

ABATE Future State (what will our future state look like as Freedom Fighters)- This will be determined by All of Us – Larry C. reminded us of Legislative Day coming up March 5, 2020 and the still neverending Helmet Law which is a CHOICE that should be made by the Motorcycle Rider. Don't forget the MRF needs help on the Government side also. More on this to come in the future like our Founding Fathers demonstrated and we hope that all see that vision and turn out.

State and Committee Reports

- VP Scott Bunch none
- Scott Bunch –
- Larry Check Reported 13 new members
- James Clark Reported May is Motorcycle Awareness Month/ and has a spot in LaFortune Park for their event. Also, working on a future event 1st weekend in May Larry hoping to have a band and Wavey Dave may attend.
- Art Ryan-Reminder Legislative Day March 5, 2020 2nd flr. Rotunda 8:30AM to 12noon. Hotel arrangements to be set up. Also, SMILE is coming up so any SPUR Award papers need to be turned into Art or Lucy at State ABATE-Sgt. At Arms

Items at SMILE up for auction on different things also some from JP Collection graciously donated by Chris P.

- Share the Road Report: Art reported it's a very busy March and start to the New Year. Looking for any instructors available for extra learning techniques or time to teach.
- Downed Bikers Report:
- Rick Safety Presentation: Safety report this month is stressing tires with air and looking at for signs of wear or possible nails imbedded or stones from the roads which may be a puncture issue. Also, Bob D. pointed out there are now frozen areas under the leaves or them themselves which is a danger. Doug noted sand a big issue in areas form last storm. Larry noted just kicking the tires is no longer okay and check the weather forecast while doing this; along with not trusting those water- looking puddles.
- **Old Business:** Frenchy mentioned staying up on the Court Watch of Cases still out there pending.
- **New Business:** Rita suggested tabling looking for any Activities Person for things other than Toy Run until next month.
- Announcements: SMILE auction items needed-before March.

Brother to Brother Ministries' meeting in Glenpool have 5pm service check Facebook or with Roadrunner

- Tips: collected for Mazzio's accepted
- Biker Beltway donation accepted
- Motion to Adjourn:
 - Motion made by Rose
 - $\circ \quad \text{Seconded by}-\text{Hippee}$

Hope to See everyone next Month February 27, 2020 7PM here at Mazzio's