

## ABATE REGION 19 MEETING

March 8, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Vince P. with a welcome to March and the Pledge of Allegiance. We had a good turnout and welcomed back Jim & Teresa.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT – Vince Fabis gave a good detailed legislative update which included details on the insurance reform bills HB 5517 – HB 5523. He also covered three new bills: HB 5650 and 5651 which cover motorcycle processions and the definition thereof, as well as HB 5662 which would eliminate the need for a helmet on an ORV when ice fishing.

Please remember this is an election year! We need to support the candidates that support us and that will stand behind us on our issues. This means contacting the candidates to see where they stand and, when the time comes, putting out yard signs for them. We didn't get where we are today by sitting on our butts. Freedom isn't free!

Remaining Legislative Days are March 14, April 18 and May 16. The Freedom Rally is TUESDAY, June 5.

SECRETARY'S REPORT was approved as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT was approved as presented. Pete Kazelas gave us an update and also was perfectly on time sending in his report to the state.

AMA/MRF – We got our certificate that MRF our Sustaining Membership was renewed.

RAFFLE TICKETS – are now available, see Pete.

FIELD MEET – June 8, 9, and 10 at the West Side RV campground in Rapid City

JOINT REGION MEETING recap – was a huge success, with many regions present.

EVENTS: discussed whether to have an Observation Run, Veteran's Memorial Run, or just go for a ride. No reason we can't do all three, they are not mutually exclusive. Chip offered to do a run just for fun: some ideas are Gilmore Museum, Caseville (burgers!), Port Austin, Yale for Bologna fest. Heated discussion ensued as to who was pro- Bologna and who was against. No vote taken.

Minutes by Vince