

Region 1 –Alpha MI.

RC – Rick Herkimer

4th Saturday meeting each month

April, 2020 Meeting Report

As Covid-19 regulations are not permitting us to have regular meetings, an e-mail was sent to our members on file for us to be able to amend the February minutes: 'Motion for Marsha to become the treasurer was made by Steve and 2nd by Mike M, all in favor. Motion for Mike M. to become Safety Awareness director for our area was made by Steve and 2nd by Joe, all in favor. Chuck will be moving so he felt the need to step down from these 2 positions, he will still belong and come to Region 1 meetings and he will continue as our MRF representative. Thanks Chuck for all you have done and all you do for ABATE Region 1'. To amend the minutes a motion was made via e-mail by Kim (I, Kimberly Sims motion that ABATE Region 1 open a checking account at the CoVantage Credit Union in Iron River. Will someone close the one we currently have so those funds can be out into it? Thank you for all that you do!!!) And 2nd by Doc (M, I will move, or support said motion. And I vote "aye" Doc).

Also from Doc via e-mail: 'No legislative news really, except for Covid19/Chinese virus/WuFlu activity. The Governor has not disallowed riding motorcycles. OK, it may have been questionable if you were riding your bike to your camp. And for a while you may have been able to ride your bike to your rowboat, to fish by yourself. But, that has changed. Apparently, joyriding does kind of violate the intent of the stay home edict. And, you are now supposed to wear a non-medically effective mask if you are in a public building. Which means you can wear a do rag over your face in a store. This health care issue has pretty much idled any other activity at the Capitol. The legislators are seldom meeting, there are no committee hearings, and votes are few and far between, outside of the maneuvering on Executive Orders. The deadline for the change in motor vehicle insurance will stay take place this summer, Covid19 or not. I wish I had better news on that front, but.... Maybe, the best I can hope is that sometime this summer, Social Distancing is relaxed, and the legislators can get back to work this summer. (Better late than never?). However, since this is a campaign year for all of the members of the House of Representatives, I am not overly optimistic. I hope I am wrong. And, speaking of campaigns: Rep. Markkanen does not have a primary race. He does have three Democrats running for that seat. So, there will be a primary on that side. I kind of know one of the candidates, but I know him from a Wisconsin connection. Another one, I know from some political activities and the third one, I don't think I know at all. Which is odd for me. We don't have much time, but it may be interesting to see if we can reach out to these candidates. This could be a strange campaign year. Stay safe, and see you, hopefully, soon. Doc'

So in these times of stay at home, this is all we have.

Until next month~~Marsha and Region 1