

Region 12, 2020 Minutes.

Our October meeting was called to order at 1:00 by Eric Eads.

The Pledge of allegiance was led by Linda Stromeyer.

Eric read an article from the state of California that said by 2035, California will be a “No emissions” state. Fuel driven vehicles be all together prohibited. Think that the same can’t happen to us here in Michigan? Think again! Our Governor has just made the executive order that as of 2050, there will be a climate solution committee in place. Stay vigilant and maintain active relationships with your local representatives. We don’t want to be next on the list!

Bear lead the MRF report and stated that the meeting of the minds went well and stressed that everyone should take the opportunity to attend at least once to learn from some of the best activists in motorcycle rights and to gain a better understanding of what is going on in legislature around us. You would be surprised by all the knowledge of membership building tactics that you would learn from other likeminded people as well. He stressed that we need to push membership for the MRF now more than ever. If every active member can sign up just one new member per year, the MRF would have 30k members by 2022. That would get Washington’s attention wouldn’t it? Make sure that you meet with candidates when you can and let them know where you stand on our agenda.

This year has been a sucker punch to most of our events, but we need to stay as active as possible to keep our agenda alive. Even with the weather turning chilly and social activities on the low, every small gesture helps! Step it up on social media, share the good things that our motorcycle riding community is doing to keep our organization in good standing. Educate the community around you about what we stand for and all of the things that we participate in each year to make a difference. We want to keep our organization in good standing with the public eye now more than ever. Show up to community events wearing our logo and make yourself known. Getting on the bad side of the media today could be disastrous while we are still fighting to get HB 5013 amended.

Thank you to all that showed up for the Annual Freedom Rally in Lansing last week! We have to keep pushing forward if we want to see change. HB 5013 is jeopardizing all our lives as riders if we get into an accident.

Dan Eby suggested that our region should start having our own “bike nights” next year. If you have any ideas for places to set up membership tables or events to piggyback off, contact Dan or Melissa.

Nominations for officers start at next month’s meeting. If you’ve ever thought about stepping up for a position, now is the time and all help is appreciated!

If you aren’t at next month’s meeting, we will be throwing a nomination at you! Haha

It was decided that one MRF membership shall be rewarded per quarter, as an incentive for participation in our monthly meetings. A name will be drawn for the membership. Must be present and have a current abate membership to win. MRF membership is a \$35 value.

The December 6th meeting will be combined with our Christmas party and potluck. Please bring a passing dish and a gift (\$15 max) for the white elephant game if you would like to play! Games, door prizes, and a prize for the ugliest Christmas sweater! The meeting will start at 1pm at the Paw Paw Eagles with the party to follow.

The seminar is coming up fast! Be sure to make your reservations early!

Richard Matthews would have won the incentive. Better luck next time. Wish you were here!

Hope to see you all next month!
Melissa (Kitty)