

- **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)**

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- **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: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:**
  - 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 never-ending 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 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in May – Larry hoping to have a band and Wavey Dave may attend.
- **Art Ryan-Reminder Legislative Day March 5, 2020 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 from 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
  - Seconded by – Hippee

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

# ABATE of Tulsa – Chapter Meeting Minutes

## February, 2020

- **Call to Order – Jack King, Sgt. At Arms**
- **Pledge of Allegiance – Jack King, Sgt. At Arms**
- **Prayer – Chaplain Rita**
- **Please remain standing! Grab your Yellow ticket (no phones or paperwork allowed)-** Number drawn & Joe C. knew the answer

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**Any New/First Time Members:** Juanita from DBA

**Introduction of Guests/Guest Speakers:** Guest speaker unable to attend due to a close family member who had an accident

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurers report given by Bob D. (Cheryl unable to attend)-copy on file

- **Accept by –**Lynden G.
  - **Seconded by –** Hippee
  - motion passed

**Secretary's Report:** (mailed out prior to the meeting – any questions on them)

- **Accept by –** Art
  - **Seconded by –** Rose;
  - motion passed

### State and Committee Reports

**VP Scott Bunch –** nothing right now to report on committees

**Toy Run Committee -**James Clark not here

**Membership Report:** – Larry C. not here for Membership Report

**Board Member Liaison Report by Art Ryan-**

- **Reminder Legislative Day March 5, 2020 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.**
- There will be Items up for sale at the SMILE for auction on different things from John Pierce's Personal Collection graciously donated by Chris Pierce.
- Rose offered items & Frenchy; Bob D. has items also.
- If anyone has items for the Auction, but IS NOT GOING, please give them to someone who is going.
- Also, ABATE of Tulsa agreed to pay for 1/2 of a Smoker along with the Chisholm Trail 412 Chapter as an Auction Item, and also for presenter fly into town.
- **Share the Road Report:** Art reported it's a very busy March and start to the Year. Still looking for any instructors available for extra learning techniques or time to teach.

**Downed Bikers Report:** Art no new info

**Safety Presentation:** Rick Cassidy.

**Old Business:**

- Discussion held on ideas for fund raising- Rick Cassidy is head of committee /suggestions given by several members Members suggested ideas such as MC show to possibly trying for a Swap Meet in fall. Rick C. will get his group together to work on ideas. Asked if everyone could try and come up with one idea to try, Bob D. said it would be great to try just one idea at a time, and if doesn't work move to another suggestion.

**New Business:**

- President Bob Dresser resigned his position as President effective at the end of the March 2020 Tulsa ABATE Board Meeting. President Bob also stated he has notified the State Board of his decision as well. President Bob explained his reasons for his decision.
- President Bob Dresser then held the first of two open nominations for President.
  - Jack King made a motion to nominate James Clark, but he is not here to accept nor decline. Jack.
  - Frenchy made a motion to nominate Art Ryan, but he thanked Frenchy and the group but stated he could not accept.
  - Art R. made a motion to move nominations to next month's meeting.
    - 2<sup>nd</sup>. By Frenchy
    - Motion Passed
  - Frenchy held a discussion about Court Watch. Stated that there will be a new Court Watch Case and that he and Rita would be keeping up with it (a Dr. Perry case out of OKC who was DWI and left the scene of a motorcycle accident leaving behind a 2mile long debris field). Frenchy further stated there is a need for more of us to show support for these Court Watch Cases.
    - Rita also commented how important these are to her. Ever since Gunner was killed she has had keen interest in Motorcycle accidents and she has finally realized that her passion for this probably stems back to when we were in court for each appearance of the man who killed Gunner, but we haven't done anything like it since then, until recently, and that was years ago.
    - Another case will be coming up soon & they will let everyone know of the particulars.
- **Announcements:** SMILE – auction items needed-before March 18<sup>th</sup> if not able to attend -see members going Brother to Brother Ministries' meeting in Glenpool have 5pm service check Facebook or with Roadrunner About their other fundraisers.
- **Tips: collected for Mazzio's – \$22.00**
- **Biker Beltway donation – \$49.88 collected-**
- **Motion to Adjourn:**

Motion made by Lynden G.

- Seconded by – Doug

Hope to See everyone next Month March 26th, 2020 7PM here at Mazzio's

Submitted by Nina Dresser, Secretary

ABATE of Tulsa

Chapter Meeting Minutes

28 May 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:12pm by Jack King

Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Jack

The Opening Prayer was given by Rita T

Secretary's Report was given by Carol

Cheryl offered 1 correction, which had already been incorporated

Motion to accept – Art

Seconded – Chris P

The Treasurer's Report was given by Cheryl

The motion to accept – Lyndon

Seconded – Rita

State Board Report – Art

No meeting last month

SMILE date unknown

Freedom Fighter Rally will be at the Route 66 campground date to be announced

Committee Reports

Membership

5 new member

Lyndon will take over membership for the chapter.

Cheryl will get the membership

## Road Captain - Scott

The ride to the Wall in Enid was a success. In total there were 25 to 30 riders from Chisholm Trail 412 and about 20 from Tulsa, an 2 cages.

Followed by a feast provided by Chisholm Trail

## Toy Run – James

(Passing around a picture of the 2020 T-Shirt)

T-shirts are once again from Eskimo Joe's.

This year they will be glow in the dark

There is a picture of the shirt on Facebook

The route will probably be the same as last year.

Donations will probably be down due to COVID 19

Change to set up at the Fairgrounds

## Old Business

Meeting of the Minds scholarship is still available. Currently has \$500 in it.

This was followed by a brief discussion. Rita asked when applications were due. At this time there is no deadline. No formal application form.

## Election of President and Secretary

James Clark was nominated for president. There were no further nominations at this meeting. Rita moved to suspend the ballot rule, seconded by Rick, and passed. James was voted in by acclamation.

Rose was nominated for secretary, and accepted. Nominations were until next month The election will be next month.

## New Web Master

Greg Talbott may know someone. Web master does not need to be a member.

Get a hold of Cheryl for the passwords, etc.

## New Business

Proposed budget – Cheryl

(Copies available)

Discussion of \$3000 for merchandise as too much.

Research appropriate expenses.

Motion to remove the Line for merchandise til next year – Carol

Second – Frenchy

Passed. To be revisited with next year's budget

Further discussion of the proposed budget tabled until next month.

The QuikTrip card was won by Greg Talbott

\$235.34 was collected for the MotM scholarship fund

Next meeting on 25 June 2020 at the VFW on 6<sup>th</sup> St (hopefully)

Motion to adjourn by Lyndon

Seconded by everyone

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00p

Respectfully submitted Carol "CF" King

ABATE of Tulsa  
Meeting Minutes  
25 June 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Jack

The opening prayer with remarks by Rita T

The National Anthem played by Roadrunner

The Pledge of Allegiance lead by James

President's Opening Remarks by James

- Thanks to the VFW for allowing us to meet here, to Dana and the cook, Lucas.
- We will have a meal offered before every meeting at 6p. A good time for fellowship.
- First meeting as President.
- James' goal is to bring the chapter back to what it was. To have all members work in synergy to bring this chapter back to what it used to be, the premier chapter of ABATE that all other chapters tried to emulate.
- Everyone is an ambassador for both the state and local chapter. Business cards will be made up with member's name (for those who request them) and others with what laws we have passed that can be handed out.
- Have more guest speakers to talk about what's happening with the state; make meetings fun and informative
- Meal will be available 1 hour before each meeting. Soon the bar will be open upstairs. *(applause)*
- Meetings will be a conflict free zone. Any issues, and there will be some from time to time, will be dealt with before or after the meeting. *(approval & applause)*
- Plan on having more rides and social gatherings. A ride suggestion box will be provided.
- Plans are to keep the meetings under 1 hour, with 8 minutes for reports, and Jack has been asked to be timekeeper.
- *(applause)*

Guests: Bolt and Tazer with Women in the Wind/Twisted Sisters

Kim and Bob Mobley, Legislative Coordinator and Web Master for the state



## Treasurer's Report – Cheryl

- Starting balance: \$14,333.97
- Income: \$125
- Expenditures: \$2,600.93
- Ending balance: \$11,600.02
- Scholarship fund (since Sept 2019): \$321.34
- Motion to accept: Lyndon 2<sup>nd</sup>: Radar passed unanimously

## Secretary's Report – Carol

(copies of the minutes were sent to membership via email and hard copies were available)

- No additions or corrections
- Motion to accept: Art 2<sup>nd</sup>: Roger Passed unanimously

## Election of new secretary

- Rose was nominated and accepted last meeting, no further nominations
- Motion by Rita T to suspend secret ballots and elect Rose by acclamation.
- Rose was elected new secretary to complete Nina's term. Congratulations, Rose!

## Committee Reports

### Membership – Lyndon

- As of 31 May the chapter has 96 members
- 2 memberships are un for renewal this month (June) and 1 next month. If any member wants to know where they stand, see him after the meeting.

### Guest speaker: Kim Mobley, Legislative Coordinator, ABATE of Oklahoma

- She is also Secretary and Membership for Heartland Chapter
- Her husband, Bob Mobley, is president of Heartland Chapter and web master for the state
- Legislative session is over for the year, Art will have more information later.
- She has been working for the past week to redo the yellow information cards, that has a list of bills we have gotten passed. The card will have the name of each bill that was

passed and the date of passage. These cards can be handed out to someone new or the public.

- On the state website is a list of bills we have supported, that Kim could find, since 2006. It has the disposition(pass/fail) of the bills and how to research them
- Kim gave to each rep a booklet that has all the bills ABATE was watching in 2020, the disposition and status.
- She is asking for members' suggestions as to any legislation you want to see go forward. Call, email, FaceBook, via the web site, tell your chapter rep. Kim will present these ideas to the State Board for consideration. The Board makes the final decision.
- State Sen Stephanie Bice reached out to Kim. Sen Bice wants to be involved with the motorcycle community. She is running for the US House of Representatives from the 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. This coming Sunday (1 July), she will be speaking to the motorcycle community, sponsored by DBA (*Downed Bikers Association*), Heartland Chapter and ROCK (*Ride Oklahoma Charities*). Kim will be attending. She was impressed with the Senator. If anyone will be in OKC, please attend. There should be between 100 and 300 bikers. *(a side from Carol: As a 501C4 organization, ABATE of Oklahoma cannot endorse any candidate, it must be done as an individual. To do otherwise could put the not-for-profit status in jeopardy)*
- *Discussion on motorcycle friendly or not legislators and candidates.*
- Kim encouraged everyone to contact their legislators.

#### State Board – Art

- Perfect time to come up with ideas for legislation
- Almost time for the AIL insurance cards to come out, please sign and return them. Further benefits are available at no cost, called AIL Plus
- Officially a Court Watch Committee to be chaired by Q Dunn. Several watches underway now. For information contact Q. Cases watched are those regarding the death or injury of a motorcyclist. It helps to have as many bikers as possible filling the courtroom, sitting peacefully, respectfully and non-threatening.
- Next year, a new chairman will be needed to chair the SMILE. Anyone interested, see Art. Consider being on a committee or even chairing one. Plenty of opportunities state or chapter level?

#### Share the Road – Art

- About to get extremely busy. Everything scheduled for March has been shifted to September. There are 9 events scheduled, need help as them. You do not need to be a Share the Road instructor to help at events.

## Old Business

### 2020/2021 Budget – Cheryl

- Revised by Cheryl as discussed at May meeting
- Current balances
- Recommended transferring unused money budget for advertising to Scholarship fund. Motion to accept by Art 2<sup>nd</sup> ?

### Toy Run – James

- Already been out looking for sponsors. He is concerned this year that donations will be down due to the economy.
- Route will be the same.
- Handle the VIPs differently, station people in the street at exit to guide traffic; also at 21<sup>st</sup> St where it merges onto Riverside Dr.

## Events

- ✓ This coming weekend (3-4 July) Chisholm Trail is having a fish fry, see James for directions if interested.
- ✓ John Pierce Memorial SMILE 31 July to 2 Aug. The hotel isn't open yet and is not taking reservations. They assured Garry they would be open. But in the event it is not, it will be held Saturday 1 Aug at Forman Harley Davidson Road House in Stillwater.
- ✓ River Run 17-19 July at Eagle Bluff Resort in Tahlequah.
- ✓ Freedom Fighter Rally 18/19/20 Sept at the Route 66 Campground in Depew.
- ✓ Meeting of the Minds 25/26/27 Sept in Indianapolis IN
- ✓ CMA Spirit Squad is sponsoring a bike blessing this Saturday 27 June from 11a to 2p. Rita put fliers on the table.

## Announcement

- Rita T: If anyone is going to the Oklahoma Challenge events, she is going in her van anyone who wants to can ride along.

- Scott: The chapter is looking for a quartermaster to work with Jack setting up events, be responsible for the pop-up, storage, etc.
- Paul Brinker: The Motorcycle Training Center taught its last class 19 June, due to a lack of instructors
- VFW serves breakfast every Saturday from 8a to 11a and lunch on Wednesday from 11a to 1p for \$7.00.
- James got an email from a woman who is putting together a “Back the Blue March” on July 11<sup>th</sup>, originally planned for Centennial Square, but she heard Antifa was going to be there so it was moved to LaFortune Park. James isn’t sure about this but the last thing Antifa needs is to be around a bunch of bikers. She asked James to bring it up at the meeting, so he is. If anyone wants to go he has the information.

Gas card #1 went to Hippie

Gas card #2 went to Sam

Motion to adjourn by Carol 2<sup>nd</sup> by a lot of people.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05p

Respectfully submitted

Carol “CF” King,

Interim Secretary

ABATE of Tulsa  
Meeting Minutes  
July 30, 2020

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Jack King  
The Opening Prayer with remarks were made by Rita Talbott  
The National Anthem was played by Roadrunner  
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jack King

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President's Opening Remarks – James Clark

- Our guest speaker tonight is Representative Ross Ford, he will be speaking after our reports.
- Housekeeping Items:
  - The Chapter will pay for business cards for members with the understanding that if you see another biker out, you introduce yourself, hand them a card and tell them what ABATE is all about. Doc Platner was the first, but if anyone else would like them let James know.
  - In addition to the \$25 gas cards from QuikTrip, we were given 10 certificates for dinner for two at the White River Fish Market.
  - At our officers' meeting last we discussed the possibility of having a chapter Christmas Party. The VFW is the perfect location, please be thinking about it and we can discuss it more at the next meeting. We can ask Larry to bring his band, although Larry suggested a DJ would be more fun. James last comment about the Christmas party was that we have it after the Toy Run.
  - Joe Cervantes walked in the door and James introduced him as one of the original Members.
  - New Member Packet – this is a folder that has information about who we are, our Mission Statement, the legislative districts and state calendars. These will be given to new members and any other members who want a copy. Just let James know if you want one.
  - Today a propane grill was donated to the VFW by Lowe's. Our chapter can use it to if we have future outside gatherings.
  - Reminder of breakfast at the VFW every Saturday morning 8-11am. It is \$7, all you can eat and is a great social time.
  - This Saturday August 1<sup>st</sup> is the State Meeting at Foreman's Harley Davidson in Stillwater. If anyone wants to ride down, Art could probably put something together.
  - Ordinarily, during the SMILE we give awards to our chapter members who have set themselves apart during the previous year. Since this year's SMILE has been cancelled, we will give those awards at our next chapter meeting on August 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - If anyone wants a Share the Road sign see James after the meeting.

Introduction of Guests: Hippiie introduced his buddy Double D and the chapter welcomed him.

Treasurer's Report – Cheryl Clark

- The report was read aloud by Cheryl and a detailed copy was available at the meeting.

Secretary's Report – Rose

- James asked if having copies hard of the Minutes was helpful. Everyone affirmed it is. Rose pointed out the Minutes were taken by Carol last month and asked if anyone had any changes they wanted to make. No changes. Art Ryan moved that the Minutes be accepted, seconded by Randy

## State & Committee Reports

### Ride Report – Scott Bunch

- On 7/25 we started with breakfast at the VFW, then headed to the JM Davis Gun Museum in Claremore. Wayne McCombs was our tour guide through the museum, then we took the scenic route to Spavinaw where we met up with the Heartland Chapter for lunch at Bradford's BBQ, a nice little place on Main Street.

### State Meeting Report – Art Ryan

- There was not a state board meeting in July. The next meeting is this Saturday August 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Spur Awards will be given out at this next meeting, and they will also be recognized at the next SMILE with those who will be awarded next year.
- Freedom Fighter Rally 9/18 – 20 in Depew @ The Route 66 Campgrounds
- The following weekend 9/25 – 27 is the Meeting of the Minds, and several individuals from this chapter will be attending it.
- The thing to be stressed is the need for more members, not only for this chapter but all the chapters. Art emphasized that we are all getting older and we need some younger folks. He has a brochure for our Young Membership Program giving a young rider, basically 18 – 30 the 1<sup>st</sup> year free Membership. Bring them in so they can start getting acquainted with us, so they will be ready to step up when we step down. If you know someone, bring them to the meeting. It is a separate application and he has a few. That is really vital to ABATE of OK.

### Share the Road – Art Ryan

- September's schedule is heavy with at least 8 “Challenge Meetings,” which brings 600 to 700 High School kids to hear the message to new drivers, “Do Not Run Over Us.” We need help with more volunteers – you do not need to be a Share the Road certified instructor. We have had the benefit of OHP Officers who filtered in, and it dove-tailed to a real nice presentation for those kids. They are paying attention, they want to be there, and they are the prime target we are looking for.
- The next state board meeting begins at noon, but there is breakfast served at 9am, and a potato bar following the meeting. If you want we can ride out there together.
- There will not be a Share the Road Committee meeting before the regular State meeting this Saturday.
- There will be an event to raise money for an Honor Flag for the Korean Vets that will be held on 10/3 at Pryor. Art has some flyers on the event.

### Membership Report – Lyndon Giles

- Last month we had 96 active members with several that need to renew. With the two new members here tonight, we now 98 Members.
- Cheryl let us know Garrett Marshall renewed his membership tonight. Lyndon revised Tulsa's membership number to 99.

### Downed Bikers Report – Larry Chek who gave the floor to Tim Lawson, Tulsa's President.

- Ziggy was introduced and he is now on the Downed Bikers National Board.
- There is a new chapter called Foothills. They successfully raised \$4,900 at their first benefit.
- The next DBA Tulsa meeting will be held at the Trade Winds on Monday 8/3, but it will be their final meeting there. The meeting in September will move to the American Legion.
- They have two of their biggest runs coming up. August 8<sup>th</sup> is the annual Bug Run. We will register at Meyers Duren, and it is \$1 a target. Our annual shuffleboard event is in September.
- James thanked Downed Bikers for being a BIG help with ABATE of Tulsa's Toy Run and blocking the side roads. Tim said it is rewarding for him to do it and shared a story about giving a bear he carries on his bike to a little girl who was watching the bikers go by from the upper window with her mama. He

said the Downed Bikers looked forward to helping us out again this year.

- Ziggy wanted to add a word. He advised us his cousin is a Tulsa Policeman who helps teach their Share the Road program and suggested we seriously consider taking the course, even more than once. The next classes are set up for 8/29, 9/12, and 9/26. But who knows what will happen with Covid.

#### Safety Officer – Roger Bryant

- This is a bad time of year for tires. It's hot. Be aware of deterioration, of under-inflation and over-inflation. Your bike will steer heavy and get squirrely on the bumps.
- Check your tire pressure. It is not carved in stone, it varies. The front takes 36 lbs & the rear takes 36 lbs in Rear (with passenger 40 lbs). Again, that is not carved in stone.
- If you have a patch or plug on your tire, do not go over 50 mph.
- Treads: 1/32nds inch depth. Use the penny trick to check your treads, if you can see Lincoln's head it is time to replace your tire.
- There is a lot of information on the sidewall of your tire. Go to the Motorcycle Safety Council's website and it will tell you what all of that means.
- Check the condition of your bike before you ride. These all need to be checked before going on a ride: sidewalls, air pressure, treads.
- Make sure you check your air pressure when the tire is cold. Then let the tire warm up before going fast out on the highway.

#### Guest Speaker – Ross Ford

- James introduced us to tonight's Speaker Ross Ford by saying they met when Ross pulled James over for an expired tag. James jokingly said the punishment for Ross was to remain his friend. Ross Ford is Representative for District 46 in Broken Arrow. He has been a friend of ABATE of Tulsa for many years and was a Tulsa Police Officer.
- Ross shared his background of being a Tulsa Police Officer for 27 years, 13 of those years were as a motorcycle policeman. He talked about his experiences as a police officer and, specifically being a motorcycle officer, including a bad accident he had. He has given up riding but he loved every minute of it.
- He stated that one of his responsibilities as a Legislator is to make sure our rights as motorcycle enthusiasts are protected. One thing we have to watch for is the grant money the Highway Safety Office is given. The State & Feds want to cut the funds back because they don't see them as productive. But if the funds go away, the Share the Road programs that the TPD and other agencies offer will also go away. They are very important to the beginner rider, even those who have been riding for years.
- Another area we need to stay on top of at the State Capital is our right, our choice, and our freedom to ride with or without a helmet. There should be no one at the Capital who is trying to take away our choice to ride without a helmet. When you talk to legislators, you have the right to ask where they stand on that issue.
- As Legislators they need to be listening to motorcycle riders and make sure they are not impeding on our rights. They need to make sure that we have the right to share the roadway as much as a vehicle.
- Ross asked if anyone had questions. Someone stated that recently Missouri just opened their state for motorcyclists not to have to wear helmets. Someone else said they are a trike rider and no one teaches safety classes for trikes.

(Scott spontaneously suggested Ross needed a trike.)

James presented to Representative Ross Ford an Honorary Member of ABATE of Tulsa plaque.

#### Old Business

#### Toy Run – James Clark

- So far \$8,000 has been committed from sponsors, but that is only about a 1/3 of what we need.
- He's very grateful to DBA for their help again.

- The route will be the same.
- There will be a change in the way VIPs will be lined up this year due to some issues last year.
- No idea how Covid might affect attendance at this year's Toy Run, T-shirt sales, etc.

Announcements – James Clark

- Ride Box - we now have a ride suggestion box. If you have a ride you enjoy, write it down and put it in the box. Every month we will select a ride from the suggestions.
- SMILE is cancelled for this year.
- September Meeting - Normally would be Sept 24<sup>th</sup> but since some of us will be going to the Meeting of the Minds, the September Meeting will be held the Thursday before on the 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Tip Jars - are on the table. Don't forget to tip our cooks!
- Storage - Jack is taking care of our storage facility. We are still looking for a quartermaster so if anyone wants to help keep track of our banners and other supplies, please let Jack know.
- Paul Brinker is now our Chapter Historian

Raffle Drawing

- Roger – \$25 gas card
- Diane – White River Fish Market certificate

Carol moved to adjourn, seconded by Lyndon

Meeting adjourned at 7:54pm

See you at our next meeting on Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup>

Respectfully submitted,  
Paula “Rose” Matteuzzi



ABATE of Tulsa  
Meeting Minutes  
August 27, 2020

The Meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by Jack King  
The Opening Prayer with remarks were made by Rita Talbott  
The National Anthem was played by Roadrunner  
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jack King

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President's Opening Remarks – James Clark

- Housekeeping Items:
  - This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting that I have involved with as President Pro Tem, and we have a great showing of new Members. Thank you for being here, and thanks to those who fixed dinner for us. Applause is wonderful, but the tip jars are better.
  - Voting is coming up soon, and we know what it is about. I'm not going to tell you how to vote, but it is important, and I hope everyone takes advantage of it.
  - We have a different way to sign into the Meetings. Sign in and get a ticket for the Drawing. For the meals, we will be on the honor system, paying \$7 in the jar for all you can eat.
  - We have some new Members tonight. Please stand up when I introduce you: Bruce & Michelle, Gordon & Rhoda, David & Jill, Bruce & Liz Slater, and John Walker. Also, Dave renewed his Membership.

Treasurer's Report – Cheryl Clark

- The report was read aloud by Cheryl and a detailed copy was available at the meeting.
- Cheryl also mentioned at the Officers' meeting 3 scholarship applications were approved for the Meeting of the Minds. Also, \$500 had been raised at previous meetings for the Meeting of the Minds scholarship.
- Randy moved that the Minutes be accepted, seconded by Lyndon

Secretary's Report – Rose

- James pointed out that we have copies of the Minutes available.
- Carol wanted to thank Rose for the quality of the Minutes for last month.
- Art wanted to make a motion that we accept the Minutes as they are?
- Rose said she would like to make a change to her own minutes. That at the Officers' meeting she realized she had left off of the Minutes the Pawhuska ride. Rita also pointed out the real reason for date change for the September Meeting was due to our Bylaws requiring the majority of our officers are required to be at a meeting. Since 3 of our 5 officers would be traveling to Indianapolis for MRF's Meeting of the Minds, the meeting date needed to be changed. Rose will make those changes for the Minutes.
- Art Ryan moved that the Minutes with those changes be accepted, seconded by Carol

State & Committee Reports

Ride Report – Scott Bunch

- Scott reported that August 15<sup>th</sup> ride to Pawhuska was beautiful, we had great weather, and 17 motorcycles joined the ride. He described some of their activities, which made for a great ride.
- He reminded us to be thinking of ideas for rides, and that we have a Ride Box to write them down, and submit them.
- The ride for September is the 19<sup>th</sup> is already set. We are to meet here for breakfast at 8 o'clock. Then about 9 o'clock we will pack up our bikes, ride down to the Freedom Fighter's Rally down at Dewey. The entry fee is

\$25. Jack added the Tulsa Chapter is in charge of the Bike Show. Larry Chek reminded us that the actual Rally starts on Friday night. Scott went onto add there is camping, biker games, people games, and a tattoo contest. Rose asked if there was a day rate, besides the weekend rate. Others answered her that there is only the one rate, and it is a Fundraiser for the State.

- One more thing, I promised I would bring up for someone. It is not a Biker thing. There is a Golf Tournament Sept 18<sup>th</sup> at Battle Creek Golf Course, if anyone is interested. It is a Fundraiser.

### State Meeting Report – Art Ryan

- For those of you who don't know me, I am Art Ryan, your State Board Representative.
- Positions are open for Nominations for the State Board for State Coordinator and Treasurer. If you know of anyone who would be good for that position, please let me know, so I can nominate them.
- Also, we need suggestions of any laws effecting Motorcyclists you would like to see presented to this next Legislative Session. This is the time for us to do the research, write the bill, and find a Committee to hear it. It takes awhile to get this stuff done. As a matter of fact, it may take 4 to 5 years for us to pursue a bill until it becomes law. That is something to keep in mind.
- Back in July, we had the Illinois River Run. We had a great time, I was there. Also, it was officially renamed the Gus Johnson River Run, after a Member who passed, he lived for that event.
- As Scott said, we have the Freedom Fighters' Rally coming up, and Tulsa Chapter is in charge of the Bike Show. I recommend you spend the night Saturday evening, and participate in all the events. What's it going to hurt, you already paid to get in?
- We also have the Meeting of the Minds coming up. We have the benefit of 2 trucks going up, Cheryl and Doug. Doug has permission to drive the Share the Road truck and trailer, so we have ample room for all your extra stuff.
- Last but not least, the 2021 SMILE. It got canceled this year, which sucked, but it is tentatively scheduled for March 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> at the Wyndam Gardens Hotel in Stillwater. If you signed up already and paid, it is going to transfer over to 2021. No problem, you just have to re-book your room.
- He also added something not related to State, that on Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup> on the Mayes County Fairgrounds there will be an event with car & bike show, BBQ, and all the good stuff. We have all heard of the Honor Flights for WWII Vets. This event from what I have been told is to raise funds for Flights for Korean & Vietnam Vets. It starts 10am - 6pm. I do have a flyer on it.
- Larry asked Art to explain to those who are new what the Meeting of the Minds & the SMILE are. Art explained that the SMILE is an acronym for State Motorcyclists Improving Legislative Effectiveness. It is a good time to meet like minded people who are wanting to improve our effectiveness at the Capital in OKC. There will be educational sessions, a banquet, good times, and awards. It is well worth it, and doesn't cost that much. The Meeting of the Minds is a Motorcycle Riders Foundation function. ABATE of OK is under the umbrella of the MRF. They do basically what we do here, except they are doing it in Washington DC. They are trying to keep the Feds at bay, and we are trying to keep our State under control. We have to pay attention to them, and give them as much support as possible. If the Feds pass anything regarding motorcyclists, it will supersede anything Oklahoma has. If they have it and it is against motorcyclists, we are going to have it whether we like it or not. Larry added that the Meeting of the Minds event is a yearly event. Art added to that this event takes place the last weekend of the September. Larry added , that State ABATES from all over the country attend it, and he has become friends with many of them. Carol stated she strongly encouraged everyone to support and become a Member of the MRF, as well as being a Member of ABATE.
- Joe Cervantes said that when he was working to repeal the helmet law in OK, Jim Inhofe was a go to guy for him, and he didn't know we all feel about Jim Inhofe, but he was in our corner to help repeal the helmet law. Art agreed, and said he is still in our corner.
- Scott said we have flyers for both the Freedom Fighters Rally & the Meeting of the Minds on the front table. James added that we have 9 Members from our Chapter going to the Meeting of the Minds, and it will be a leisurely ride to Indianapolis. Rita mentioned there were still a limited # of rooms available at the main hotel for the Meeting of the Minds, but you have call between 8am to 4pm and ask for Jessica.

### Membership Report – Lyndon Giles

- Lyndon stated that the 1<sup>st</sup> of July we had 98 Members. At the end of July, we were up to 102. At the Bike Show this weekend, we (I was unable to attend) registered 8 New Members & a renewal. So, with that, and those who joined tonight, that should put us at 115 Members for this Chapter.

### Share the Road – Art Ryan

- Share the Road is an intricate part of ABATE aimed at getting people to stop running over us.
- Our Share the Road program is getting State recognition. I have on our Facebook an award our Coordinator received. A Governor's Commendation "On behalf of the State of OK, I extend my appreciation to ABATE of OK Share the Road Program, and in recognition to your service in Oklahoma, and in your participation of the OK Challenge Teen Safe Drivers Program. Thank you for your commitment to drive distraction free, and for sharing this important message. I wish you well in your future endeavors." And is signed by Governor Stitt, and the award is hanging at Forman's HD in Stillwater.
- September's busy schedule I mentioned at our last meeting, has been canceled due to Covid.
- The folks who do the Share the Road Program do a lot and put a lot of miles. There will be times we will need help with the Share the Road program, and we could use your help. The good thing is you don't have to be a StR Instructor to help us.
- We attended Crude Roundup, upon the invitation of Garrett Marshall. Set up a booth, and signed up some new Members.
- Our Share the Road Truck and Trailer is a "rolling billboard". Rose asked where the truck came from. Art said the truck was a generous gift from a couple of individuals, who also donated having it wrapped.

### Downed Bikers Report – Larry Chek

- ABATE would like to put Downed Bikers out of business, BUT bikers do go down.
- For the Tulsa Chapter there is: a Shuffleboard Run, but I don't know what it is, but it is Sept 12<sup>th</sup>. It is a Black Shirt Event, which mean it is for a brother or sister biker who expired.
- The next meeting is at the American Legion, which is near here.

### Safety Officer – Roger Bryant

- Kudos go to Art, Rita and Frenchy, who through the Share the Road Program have put on a total of: Art 5,000 miles, Rita 2,400 miles, and Frenchy 1,800 miles. This has paid off as Motorcycle deaths have dropped in the last 3 years: 2017 – 89; 2018 – 89; and, 2019 - 66. That is a darn good drop. Like you used to use slug bug in counting Volkswagons, teach your Grandkids to count motorcycles.
- Art brought this up to me. If you know you are going on a long trip, and it is about time to have your bike serviced, get it serviced. Stay on top of that. Do what you need to do, when you need to do it.
- In the event of a blowout: feel sluggish or vibration, determine as best you can which tire blew out; use neutral & get in on your clutch & let it slow down by itself. Don't slam on your brakes, or it will get squirrely by itself. Ease it off to the side of the road.
- Check your clutch. Look at your cable. Use your friction on your clutch, taking off, slowing down.
- One other thing. I have a cousin who lives in Ft Worth, they have a '94 Wide Glide, with a trailer, fully restored, with a lot of new stuff on it. They are raffling it off. Let me know if you are interested. The tickets are about \$75.

### Old Business – James Clark

#### Toy Run

- We got an email from the Fairgrounds asking us how we are going to deal with the Covid. Then after the Fair was canceled, we got another. I wasn't sure how to reply, but then at the Crude Roundup, I met the lady we usually work with at the Fairgrounds, who advised me to just get something down on our letterhead: we will have masks available, we will encourage people distance themselves from others 6', etc. Don't worry she said, that will be the end.

- Scott and I went to Eskimo Joes to discuss what would happen if we run out of Toy Run T-shirts. We worked out with them, that interested parties can go online to Eskimo Joes and place the order. Eskimo Joes is going to ship the t-shirt to them. This will alleviate us having to take the money when people placed their orders, which we did 2 years ago. Or, as we did last year, to just take the orders for shirts, without payment, then sitting at the Harley shop waiting for people to show up to pick up their orders. Some never did.

### Business Cards

- I have brought up business cards for those who wanted their names printed on them. I see you as Ambassadors for ABATE. You are in support of our Mission. Help try to build us up.
- James passed out 3 orders that had come in for Members, and informed those who want to order the cards to see Cheryl.
- Someone suggested we order some with blanks so we can all write our names on them. James said we had that, but thought it more professional to have our names already on them.

Announcements – James Clark

### September Meeting:

- Reminder, due to the Meeting of the Minds, the September Meeting will be held on September 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Next month's guest speaker is Chris Collins.
- We need nominations for 3 officer positions in Sept: President, Treasurer, and Sgt at Arms.

### 2019 ABATE Awards Presented at the August 1<sup>st</sup> State Meeting:

- Three “Wear & Tear” Awards were given to Art, Rita, and Frenchy, for their efforts and miles in promoting Share the Road. Together they put about 10,000 miles on their vehicles, and this an all-volunteer program. They held up the awards, and pictures were taken of them.
- The Freedom Fighter Spur Award was presented to former VP Frenchy. The current FF Spur Award winners of our Chapter were asked to stand, and 5 Members stood up: Rita, Diane, Art, Larry, and Frenchy. Art was asked to give a brief explanation of what it takes to earn this award. Art summarized it stating “There are a series of obligations to meet. You fill out an application, and there are about a dozen different things to complete. Someone mentors you (already has SPUR Award), and verifies you have completed the list.” It cannot be bought, can only be earned, and carries a certain amount of respect. It is usually presented at the SMILE.

### Chapter ABATE 2019 Awards Presented:

- “Above & Beyond” Award for 2019 presented to:
  - Art Ryan “For doing a lot of things, and doesn't ask for anything in return.”
  - Cheryl Clark has been Treasurer for 5 years, sometimes putting in 40 hours in a week during the Toy Run, and other times of the year.
- Previous President John Pierce created an award, the Magic Member Patch. I want to carry on that tradition, and presented the Magic Member Patch to Rita, Art, Cheryl, and Nina (in absentia).
- A Hidden Star Award is for allowing others to shine, and was presented to Diane Finley & Nina Dresser (in absentia).
- Rita asked to make a comment: Mike Sholten, a member in another Chapter had this to say about us “Tulsa was a do nothing Chapter, but it is now it is a do everything Chapter.”

Tip Jars – Are on the Table, don't forget our cooks!

### Raffle Drawing

- Bruce – \$25 gas card
- Mandy – White River Fish Market certificate

James opened the floor for any other announcements:

- Broken Arrow CMA “Horse Soldiers”
- October 11<sup>th</sup> Scoot and Shoot, Range in Beggs. Competition
- Everyone is welcome at the Brother to Brother Biker Church every Saturday at 6pm
- Roadrunner - September 12<sup>th</sup> Brother Biker Church 1 year anniversary
- James - We need help cleaning up
- James - Please take the signs home

Carol moved to adjourn, seconded by Lyndon  
Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Paula “Rose” Matteuzzi

ABATE of Tulsa  
Meeting Minutes  
September 17, 2020

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Jack King  
The Opening Prayer with remarks were made by Rita Talbott  
The National Anthem was played by Roadrunner  
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jack King

“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.”

President's Opening Remarks – James Clark

- Housekeeping Items:
  - This Chapter has really made some significant changes. We have added in the last 2 months, 18 new members. If you are a new member please stand and give your name: Howard Braden, Kim & Rick Moore, George & Juanita Bailey, and Johnny Walker.
  - We have another Guest, an old friend of this Chapter, and a dear friend, Bandido Hun. It was because of his and Bookkeeper's efforts that we got a 501c3. Hun, thank you.
  - Six people have asked for business cards and received them. I want to create an outreach to the biker community we serve. If anyone wants a business card, we will put your name on it. Then the next time you are out riding, pull up to a QuikTrip, and see another biker, introduce yourself as being with ABATE of Tulsa, hand them your card, and point out our website.
  - We have 127 Members now according to the Robo calls. Is everyone getting our Robo calls and emails?
  - Our Vice President Scott Bunch is missing tonight, as Rita mentioned.
  - We have a Guest tonight, Chris Collins who is going to tell us about Guns & Gun Safety.

Treasurer's Report – Cheryl Clark

- The report was read aloud by Cheryl. Detailed copies are available on the officers' table.
- Cheryl also mentioned that a total of \$4,000 from ABATE of Tulsa and the John Pierce Scholarship Fund is going to four recipients, who are going to the Meeting of the Minds next week.
- Radar moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted, seconded by Rita.

Secretary's Report – Rose

- Rose pointed out that the Minutes were sent out online, and copies of them are available on the Officers' table.
- Rose asked if anyone had anything anyone would like to add to the Minutes?
- Rita stated she had corrections: “Page 4, Nominations for the Position of the 3 Officers should be President, Treasurer, and Sgt of Arms. You accidentally put Secretary. Also under 2019 ABATE Awards Frenchy's name should be spelled F r e n c h y. That is all.”
- Rose will make those changes for the Minutes.
- Roger moved that the Minutes with those changes be accepted, seconded by Lyndon.

State & Committee Reports

Ride Report – Scott Bunch (absent)

- James stated since Scott isn't here to give an update on rides, we will move onto the state board meeting.

State Meeting Report – James Clark

- We had 8 Members from Tulsa attend the meeting, which is good.

- Kim Mobley is traveling to every Chapter to let us know what is going on from the legislative standpoint. That way we know what she is doing and how it is going. Art will be in touch with her and keep us informed of everything that is current. He keeps a binder with this information.
- Representative Luttrell of Ponca City has agreed to sponsor a bill on handlebar height. The current bill reads: "Handlebars on motorcycles should not be more than the eye of the operator." The new wording will read: "...no higher than 30" from the point of attachment." So that kind of settles it.
- Mike Scholten gave a brief safety report about checking tire pressure. Larry Check has decided not to function as the State Safety Officer and resigned that position to Diana Crowell. Art will be filling that position temporarily.
- MRF: Mike Scholten reported that Tulsa will have 9 Members attending the Meeting of the Minds, and is the only Chapter who will be representing ABATE of Oklahoma. A Motion was made to donate \$500 to the MRF, and the motion was passed. Art will deliver the check at the Meeting of the Minds.
- Upcoming Events:
  - This weekend is the Freedom Fighters Rally Sept 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>. Registration is \$25
  - The Southwest Chapter's annual breast cancer fundraiser called "Save Second Base Poker Run" will be held October 17<sup>th</sup> at a lake pavilion in Altus. Registration is \$15.

### Share the Road – James Clark

- Online Share the Road presentations have been canceled due to Covid.
- The Share the Road tent was set up at several events in August with success as many members renewed their memberships, and they added new members.
  - The OK Challenge Teen Safe Drivers Program was canceled. They are working on a virtual presentation to 2,000 teen drivers.
- Share the Road truck and trailer are going to the Meeting of the Minds, and Doug will be driving. When we leave Wednesday morning, it will be a rolling billboard to those along the way, and those at the Meeting of the Minds.
- Lotus is working with OHSO to develop standard online Share the Road presentations for both bus drivers and commercial truck drivers.
- The 2021 grant begins October 1, 2020. ABATE Charitable Services of the Share the Road program has been awarded \$35,000 for the fiscal year 2021. Can I hear a "Yay"?
- James then introduced Radar from the Oklahoma Biker magazine. Radar stated there are copies of the OK Biker magazine at the head table and to feel free to take a copy. He also let us know his business cards were also next to the magazines "in case you work for or know someone who is a business owner, who might want to increase their revenue. Then they may want to be advertising in the OK Biker magazine." I want to talk to you about the State Coordinator position, it is coming up for elections. We as a Chapter vote on who we want, and our State Rep and takes that to the State when it is voted on. 2 great people are running, Mike Scholten and Steve Stewart from Woodward. Mike Scholten used to be our State Coordinator. He is an oil field guy, who runs an oil field crew, and was on call all of the time. He stepped back from being State Coordinator, because his job wouldn't let him since he was on call all the time, there were chances he couldn't make the meetings. His company has changed his position, so he can get off when he needs to get off for ABATE business. So, he is now running again for State Coordinator. He has done a fantastic job in the past. He is one of the reasons we have Share the Road. He was behind it, along with our John Pierce, and Garry Canaday. So when it comes to the elections you might give Mike Scholten a thought, as he represents us very well. I have been to a number of COC meetings, and he goes to a number of the meetings to throw the ABATE flag, and work with Spur and the COC Board to get things done. He hasn't been successful, but believe me it is not his fault, the problem is another ABATE, I won't mention their name. So think about Mike, he has represented us extremely well.

### State Meeting Report (Part 2) – Cheryl Clark

- James and I are working on our Spur Awards, and one of the requirements is to give the State Board meeting report to our Chapter, so we split it up.
- As Radar said the nominations, are open for 2 State Board positions:

- State Coordinator = Mike Scholten and Steve Steward were both nominated for State Coordinator. Steve wasn't at the meeting to accept the nomination, so we are not sure if he will accept the nomination. Mike Scholten did accept the nomination.
- State Treasurer = Sam Trevino from the Lakes Area was nominated for State Treasurer, and did accept the nomination.
- There will be nominations again in October. Then our State Reps will vote on the positions.
- Update on the SMILE 2021: The date is set for March 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> and it will still be called the John Pierce Memorial SMILE. Those who registered for the 2020 SMILE, their registration will rollover. The SMILE is when the Lifetime Membership is awarded to 1 member. We have 2 Tulsa members, who have been awarded a Lifetime Membership Jack King, last year and Paul Brinker. We do have 1 applicant right now, Lyndon Giles. Qualifications are: you have to have been an active member of ABATE of Oklahoma for 15 years, and you have to have held 1 or more positions during that time.
- Financial and Membership Reports were given, and I have copies of those if you want to see them.

#### Downed Bikers Report – James asked Tim Lawson to give this Report.

- We only have a few of things coming up for the Tulsa Chapter:
  - Next month on the 12<sup>th</sup>, we're having a Run for Mr. Soloman. It will start at the Carousel, and it will end at the Iron Horse in Oologah.
  - October 4<sup>th</sup> is Mok McGhee's annual Memorial Ride. For any of y'all who have been on that ride, this is his 9<sup>th</sup> annual, but his 10<sup>th</sup> ride. I don't know the whole story about Wanda and Sugar, but this ride has grown tremendously. We started out with 13 the 1<sup>st</sup> year, and Mok said last year we were at 200 and something bikes. For the Memorial Ride it is going to be the same stops it is every year.
  - And, we will have our Turkey Shoot November 10<sup>th</sup> to donate turkeys to our Veterans.
- James asked Tim to provide us information so we can get it posted on our website & Facebook. Tim agreed to provide the list once the flyers are finalized.
- Bandido Hun expressed an interest in receiving this information. The center of our magazine, Radar mentioned it lists all of the Biker Events we know of in the State of Oklahoma. That's FREE. If you will send that, or upload it on our website, it goes in the middle of our magazine, and doesn't cost anything.

#### Safety Officer – Roger Bryant

- ✓ I will cut this short since we have a guest this evening.
- One thing I have been going over is checking bikes, checking it over before you ride. Most of us wash our own bikes. This is a great time to check your: brakes, pads, discs, seals leaking, fluid, gaskets, rims, spokes. This is a good time to go over your bike for wear and tear.

#### Guest Speaker – James introduced our guest Chris Collins

- Chris and I go back a ways. He is a former Marine. He is an expert in firearms, all kinds of firearms. He teaches conceal carry classes.
- My name is Chris Collins, and I will give you some background on me. But I would like this to be a 50/50 interaction. Then I will open up to questions. I was a United States Marine 2004 – 2009 Active Duty. Served in Iraq, Lebanon. I was in an Anti-Terrorism Unit called 3<sup>rd</sup> Fast Company. Then I was 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion 8<sup>th</sup> Marine Mobile Assault Platoon, Section Leader, Team Leader, Vehicle Commander. We went out on combat patrols. Then when I got out of the Marine Corps, and I thought I was God's gift to shooting. I was cocky, well, I was a Marine, right? I thought I was really, really pretty good. And then I came to the US Shooting Academy in Tulsa. I am not from here, I actually moved here for the US Shooting Academy. I said “You are going to give me a job. I am going to work here.” “We are not hiring instructors. Sorry kid” “Kid? I'm a combat veteran.” “Look around.” So, I looked around, and he said “They are all combat veterans, you idiot.” The CEO came out of his office and said “C'mon with me kid, you want a job?” We went outside, and he said “Shoot that plate rack.” So, I shoot it, I thought I was pretty good. Then he showed me HOW to shoot a plate rack. So I was hooked, I deep dove into the US Shooting Academy where I was very, very blessed. I was 24 when I was finally signed off to teach Seals. I've taught Seals. I've taught all sorts of Military Units, Police Departments,



and I currently still do this. I started my own company in 2011, and have been fortunate enough to get a Special Forces contract where I taught them handgun. That is really my specialty handgun, rifle, home defense, that sort of thing. But operating a handgun from concealment is firmly within my wheelhouse, that bag of tricks that I've got. What can I teach the Special Forces? They have been doing it way longer than I have been, I am just a young kid. The difference is they have 50,000 different jobs they are responsible for. I just have to be an expert on 1 thing, I can focus on that. Of course they challenge information, and give me information back. That helps you grow. I teach Tulsa SWAT, their SWAT Team. I taught them for that competition they went over to Jordan and did. I taught them pistol, rifle, but mostly pistol. My motorcycle experience? I am 100% confident I will crash again, and again. I have crashed every time I have been on a motorcycle.

- When I am teaching a new shooter how to shoot often they close their eyes and wince. Maybe they don't have a good stance, none of that matters when you first start. What really matters is the feeling of control, and understanding what that means. As you learn though, don't let that false sense of confidence cause an accident.
- The main point of that is if you're not carrying your gun, it isn't going to do you any good. Your gun is a false sense of security. A blanket we wrap ourselves in, saying I have a gun. If it is in the closet, in your saddle bag, how fast can you access it? Is it loaded? The barrier is, what if I hurt somebody? I will just keep it unloaded back here. It is really not much of a tool there.
- Let's go back to talking about control for a second. There is an element: Tacky, or Braky, or Psychy is what it is called. It is perceived mental either speeding up or slowing down of time. It is a physiological reaction in the body because we are mammals. The gazelle has it, the lion has it. Their eyes shift and change in the middle of the hunt, too. It is a survival mechanism. Understanding how to work inside that realm, or being in control is probably the single most important thing both in combat, or for civilians, because if you don't have the element of control you are going to lose it.
- In order to train, you want recoil to come back, find your sights, come back, find your sights, and learn from every shot. Then you want to focus on it, to where it just happens. There comes a time when you are no longer wincing and you can watch your sight bounce. Your sight is literally in your vision, that is control, and when you can do that with a good grip, that is good check point to work yourself towards.
- Safety-wise: there are 4 primary safety rules. 1) Treat your weapon as if it is loaded. [Own every bullet to its final destination.] 2) Never point your weapon at anything you don't intend to shoot. Always keep your weapon pointed in a safe direction. By a safe direction, I mean if here is a negligent discharge causes zero physical injury and minimal property damage. Be very aware of where that muzzle alignment is. 3) Keep your booger picker off of the bang switch. Finger off of the trigger until you make a conscious decision to shoot. When your muzzle is aligned with what you are shooting at, and you are confident that is what you are going to hit, then your finger goes on the trigger. 4) Know your target, your backstop, and what lies beyond it. Target. Backstop (what catches the bullet/what is it made of?). And know what lies beyond the backstop (as it may lead to an incident of negligence).
- Dry fire is like getting used to the controls on the bike before you start it. Sit on it, get used to the balance the controls. The same with a firearm. The more you do that, the more you are ready for actual shooting. I prescribe dry fire like a prescription to a patient, "you are going to draw your gun 100 times a day." Make sure when you're dry firing that you have some kind of goal or objective that you are going to go through to make yourself better. Otherwise, you are just playing with a gun. I want to find my sight, and as the shot breaks, I don't want to see any jump in the front sight. If it does, you will see how your hand is muscling, or controlling it. With dry fire do a couple of things: a verbal declaration out loud "I am dry firing, there is no ammo or anything in my area." Then when you go live again, look at your gun that you just loaded to carry, and say "No more dry fire. No more dry fire today."
- Mostly what I do is about keeping people safe. I am a big 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment supporter, and have it tatoed on my arm. I think those rights are being eroded.
- Someone asked what the best home protection is. The best home protection tool I think is an AR-15. It is lightweight, low-recoiling rifle round.
- Barricade in place is a pretty good strategy, unless you have kids. If you hear a noise in he middle of the night you are unfamiliar with, do not turn on the light. You would be alerting them 1-you are up, and 2-where you are at. Everyone wants to go on the hunt, but don't, get low. Don't stand in a doorway, but if you have to get through the doorway, get through and step to the side.

- If an unlawful entry has occurred, or is in the process of occurring, the State of Oklahoma automatically gives you the presumption you are in fear of your life. Your home and vehicle are looked at in the same way. This holds true, unless you are using your vehicle, or home to further an illegal activity.
- James Clark stated a few years ago, this Chapter went out to the US Shooting Academy. We spent the day, we grilled hamburgers, shot, and had a great time. I have had a couple of people ask me if we could do that again. What I want to ask you is, if we find a date that is convenient for you, that you accompany us, and maybe give one on one instruction if anyone wants that? Chris agreed he would do that. And when James asked everyone if they were interested in going out to the US Shooting Academy for a day, everyone agreed. James then thanked Chris for coming to speak with us, and for sharing his expertise, and gave him a plaque of appreciation.

#### A Few Housekeeping Items – James Clark

- We have Membership Packets for New Members on the Officers' table.
- Last month we told people to think of who to nominate for Sgt of Arms, Treasurer, and President. Because we have gone over on time, we will take Nominations at the next meeting, and then vote in November.
- Toy Run: moving along swimmingly. We are getting new Sponsors. I am meeting with the Police next week. The route is the same.
- Freedom Fighters Rally is this weekend in Depew. Any questions see me, or Tim. We are providing the awards for the Motorcycle Show, and Jack is in charge of it. Rita reminded us we are meeting here Saturday morning for breakfast at 8am, to ride together at 9am.
- Remember that we have the Ride suggestion box. Again, because we are running over on time, Scott and I will pick a ride from the box and put something together for October.

#### Raffle Drawing

- Doris Lawson – \$25 gas card
- Garrett Marshall – White River Fish Market certificate

Tip Jars – Are on the Table, don't forget our cooks!

Lyndon moved to adjourn, seconded by Hippy  
Meeting adjourned at 8:09pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Paula “Rose” Matteuzzi

ABATE of Tulsa  
Meeting Minutes  
October 29, 2020

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Jack King  
The Opening Prayer with remarks were made by Rita Talbott  
The National Anthem was played by Roadrunner  
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jack King

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President's Opening Remarks – James Clark

- Greetings Everyone:
- Good to see all of you here.
- There were 11 people who went to the Meeting of the Minds.
- Our good friend Larry Check just got back from an Iron Butt.
- We have 2 different Guests tonight: Dr Josh Turley is running for County Commissioner, and the Marines, who are the recipients of the ToyRun.

Treasurer's Report – Cheryl Clark

- The report was read aloud by Cheryl. Detailed copies are available on the Officers' table.
- Cheryl also mentioned that money is coming in for the Toy Run, and that money is sent over to ABATE Charitable Services, then reimbursed to us for expenses as we need to pay them out.
- Carol moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted, seconded by Art.

Secretary's Report – Rose

- Rose pointed out that the Minutes were sent out online, and copies of them are available on the Officers' table.
- Rose asked if anyone had anything anyone would like to add to the Minutes? No one responded.
- Art moved that the Minutes with those changes be accepted, seconded by Lyndon.

Guest Speaker #1 – James introduced our first guest speaker, Dr Josh Turley who is running for County Commissioner. Dr Josh Turley informed us:

- I grew up in Sand Springs, I'm a Sandite.
- He researched this Office, then filed. He ran his campaign on \$20,000 in contributions, \$15,000 of his own money, and \$5,000 from family and friends. He added, it usually takes \$80,000 to run a campaign. I pulled 33% of the vote in 2016 against Karen Keith.
- I agree with Trump, that government needs to be run like a business.
- There are 8 County Offices, and County Commissioner is 1 of them. The County Commissioners are responsible for bridge and road repair. And, you know our roads are in desperate need of repair.
- My Democratic opponent is Karen Keith, who I ran against 4 years ago. This year I am going to beat her!
- I need any of you who live in West of downtown Tulsa to Keystone Lake, to vote for me, and help me get the word out.

Guest Speakers #2 – James introduced our second guest speakers, Staff Sergeant Candy and Staff Sergeant Kane.

Staff Sergeant Kane let us know this would be his last year working on the local Toys for Tots.

He also went onto explain:

- ABATE of Tulsa's Toy Run contributes 5 – 10% of our toys come from your organization.
- All the toys collected are divided between 10,000 – 15,000 families (2 – 3 children per family) in a 5 County area that we cover. We were able to give at least 3 toys to each child last year.
- We have changed the high end of the age range to 13 – 14 years old from 17 years old.
- We do need volunteers to help sort all of the toys.

James asked Staff Sergeant Kane to explain the path the toys take once the trucks leave downtown. Staff Sergeant Kane explained:

- The trucks are taken to a secure lot.
- There are 3 – 4 organizations who contribute to the Marine's Toys for Tots. So all of their trucks are also brought to this same secure lot.

Then all of the toys are brought into our Drill Hall, and placed in a large pile, made up of 65,000 – 75,000 toys.

- The toys are then sorted into age groups.
- From there the toys in each age group are divided by how many children are in that age group. That determines how many toys each child will receive. Some age groups get 7 toys per child, and some age groups get 2 toys per age group.
- The toys once divided, get put into black trash bags, so people don't squabble over why didn't I get such and such. Also, there is 1 bike per family.
- We have to go out and spend money to get gifts if a certain age group doesn't have enough toys donated.
- Someone asked Staff Sergeant Kane of our two trucks, how many did we fill? And he answered between the 2 trucks, once the toys were moved over, 1 truck was filled.

Staff Sergeant Candy was asked what he wanted to contribute:

- I bring my children, so they can learn about giving back to others.
- If you own a business, please let us know so we can get you a Toys for Tots box.
- Someone asked Staff Sergeant Candy, what kind of toys are needed? He answered toys for older children, such as: miniature speakers, nerf toys, footballs, basketballs. Curling irons and hair dryers for girls.

James thanked Staff Sergeant Candy and Staff Sergeant Kane for coming to speak to us.

### New Members

- James introduced New Members: Greg “Hacker”, and Pam & Greg Keyman

### STATE & COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Ride Report – Scott Bunch

- Scott was asked by James to comment on the Meeting of the Minds. Scott commented that the presentations were excellent, and that he met people from all over. He also suggested other Members should consider going next year.
- Scott advised the October ride was to Wolaroc. The day started off with Breakfast at the VFW, then headed out to Wolaroc taking Hwy 11. After a visit at Wolaroc, it was onto Bartlesville for BBQ at Dinks. Beautiful weather and beautiful day. We had 9 bikes and 11 people.
- For November's Ride we will look at taking Hwy 20 to Spavinaw and south side of Jay, then Hwy 10 along the Illinois River to Tahlequah, and eat at Sam & Ella's for specialty pizzas. [Someone spoke up and said it was closed for Dine-In. If this is true, another restaurant will be picked.] Then, time permitting we will head to Ft Gibson's National Cemetary. James suggested we wait on planning a date since November can be iffy. The word will be put out in robo calls and Facebook posts if a ride is scheduled.

#### State Meeting Report – Art Ryan

- Art introduced himself as the State Board Representative for Tulsa, and Assistant MRF Representative.
- Art reported that currently ABATE of Oklahoma has 3 current Legislative Bills we are introducing for 2021:

- Revision for the Handlebar requirements that there will be no more than 30” from point of attachment.
- Looking at bringing in an Anti-Profilng Bill. Not sure how successful that will be as we have been bringing this subject for consideration for the last 4 – 5 years, and each time it has hit the trashcan.
- Also, a Hands-free Bill, which will be no electronic devices in the driver's hand whatsoever. You know there is a No Texting Law already, but law enforcement has difficulty enforcing that. So they are going to try to change it to a totally hands-free, meaning no electronic devices in your hand while you are driving.
- ABATE of Oklahoma's Legislative Breakfast Day will be Tuesday March 3<sup>rd</sup> on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of the Rotunda. Very important for us to show up in our leathers.
- ABATE of Oklahoma's John Pierce SMILE is set for the weekend of March 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> at the Wyndam Gardens in Stillwater. It is a good time to meet the other Members of the different Chapters.
- We need Volunteers to help with the registration table, to get things set up.
- One Member is chosen from all of the Chapters each year to be given a Lifetime Membership, and its qualifications are:
  - a. be a 15+ year member in good standing with ABATE of OKLAHOMA
  - b. held a leadership position on a local chapter and/or a State level
  - c. must attend the OKLAHOMA S.M.I.L.E. Ceremony the year of the nomination
- Tulsa has 1 person who meets those qualifications, Lyndon Giles.
- At the Saturday night banquet is a great meal. Awards will be given out by State and Chapter Officers. Chapters are limited to giving out 3 awards at the SMILE, due to a time limit, but that doesn't mean that more can't be given out at a Chapter Meeting.
- I have an apology to make. Last year I didn't tell our Chapter we were supposed to bring some items to sell as a Raffle, but at the last minute we were able to pull something together. Raffle Tickets are then sold, and the item raffled at the Freedom Fighters Rally.
- Remember our Toy Run is December 13<sup>th</sup>.
- We also need to go out and support our Sister Chapters. We have done a fair job, but we need to get on the ball and support our other Chapters.
- Lakes Area Toy Run on November 28<sup>th</sup> with starting point at Hookers Bar & Grill on the South side of Pryor on Hwy 69. Line up will begin at 11am, with kickstands up at 1pm.
- I am the Assistant to the MRF Rep, and have applications if you want to join.

#### Share the Road Report – Art Ryan

- Doug drove the Share the Road truck & trailer to the Meeting of the Minds, and it received rave reviews. And, I was told by people there ABATE of Oklahoma's Share the Road program is setting the bar.
- It has been slow for obvious reasons. There are virtual programs going on. Last month, there as a virtual program put on for 2,400 High School students.
  - We are also working on a Share the Road truck and bus internet version of our training program. They have blind spots all over when driving those large vehicles. We are trying to show them why they run over us, and car drivers also. Blind spots, inattentiveness, distractions are all reasons they can't see us. But, it is not all their responsibility. We as motorcyclists need to make sure we stay out of their blind spots.
- We have things coming up next year, that we will need Volunteers for. So if you have the time and inclination, feel free to join us.
- James added if you want to be an Instructor, or a Volunteer get with Art. Or, if you know of an organization who would benefit from a presentation, get with Art.

#### Membership Report – Lyndon Giles

- ✓ NW 69 is #1 with 190 Members.
- We are #2 in the State for Members. The end of September we had 115 Members, and with tonight's 2 New Members, and 1 Renewal, that puts us at 118 Members.
- If you want to know where your Membership is at regarding Renewal, I won't say Expired, since that has other implications, get with me.

Downed Bikers Report – James stated we appreciate the Support of the Downed Bikers, and asked Tim Lawson to give this Report.

- Tim advised us that Downed Bikers put on Poker Run Benefits once a month. This next month November 14<sup>th</sup> will be a benefit for Mr. Solomon, who is still recovering in Texas. It will be our Annual Turkey Shoot.
- I want to introduce Tulsa's Chapter Executive VP Harry Elrod, and your new Member is actually the VP.
- Two things the Association and Motorcyclist Community have been asked to participate in, and we invite you to join us:
  - The BA Elks are asking bikers to join them in the Broken Arrow Veterans Day Parade November 7<sup>th</sup>. Bring an American Flag if you have one. It is a short ride through downtown Broken Arrow. Meet at the BA Elks Lodge at 10am.
  - The Tulsa Veteran's Parade on November 11<sup>th</sup>. We will be escorting 3 limousines meet at 10am at the American Legion's parking lot.
- We look forward to working with you on the Toy Run this year, and we hope for good weather.

James let us know we have reached the hour mark on the meeting, but he hopes we offer him some latitude this evening, to take care of items that still need to be covered.

Safety Report – Roger Bryant

- ✓ Due to the length of our meeting, I am going to skip my usual Safety Report.
- I did discuss with Chris Collins the possibility of him putting together a Conceal Carry Class for us at the end of November. Would anyone be interested? Many hands were raised. Randy said he will follow up with Chris, and get a date.

Meeting of the Minds – James Clark, I have asked 3 of our Members to give reports on their experience of the Meeting of Minds.

- Rita
  - It was fantastic! And a reminder, if any of you are not a Member of the MRF, but you believe in Freedom and your Rights, MRF does on the National level what ABATE does on the State level. Think about joining them.
  - Whether you were out in the hallways talking to other folks or attending the seminars, there was a lot to glean. I attended seminars on: How to speak Effectively to Legislators; How to bridge the Gap between the State MROs and the Clubs; Talking about Strategic Planning; or, How to get Your Name out so People Know Who You Are. Put some Bling out on your table with your name on it, let them know who you are. Good ideas!
  - They let us know what they are working on in the Legislature in DC, and one of the main things is the Profiling. We have to get our states on board with that.
  - September 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup> next year in Atlanta the Meeting of the Mind. Start saving now, just a little bit each month. You can ride there, drive there, or fly there, just get there!
  - We set the bar for the Meeting of the Minds held in OK in 2016, people are still talking about that MRF Event we hosted.
- Frenchy
  - MRF is nationwide. And their top thing to get done this year is Profiling. Idaho passed an anti-Profiling bill, and they are only 1 of 4 States out of 50, that has passed it. LEO, Law Enforcement Organizations are lobbying against Profiling Bills being turned into Law. Anti-Profiling needs to be passed, and it is MRF's main concern.
- Art

- This is a Very Important Event to attend! MRF is in DC, and does the same thing we do on a National Level. They have a paid Lobbyist. We need to support them to keep our Freedom on the National level, or it could override what Laws we have on the State level.
- Officially they recorded that 249 people attended, but in reality it was more like 300+ who attended. They came to be educated, to share camaraderie, and ideas.
- MRF isn't exclusive to USA. They are doing things in Europe, also. There is one person in the Motorcycle Rights Foundation who flew in, missed a flight, so he rented a car to drive to Indianapolis, and he came from Liberia.
- There were 2 HOT topics:
  - 1) BELIEF – You have to believe in what you are doing, believe in your organization, believe in yourself, believe in your fellow Chapter Members, you have to believe to get anything accomplished.
  - 2) RELATIONSHIPS – We need a relationship with other bikers. We need a relationship with Downed Bikers. We need a relationship with CMA. We need a relationship with 1%ers. We need those relationships. Why? Because sooner or later someone in their group is going to need our help, and we are going to need theirs. So we need to get into their groups as best we can.
- Yes, the Meeting of the Minds next year is September 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> in Atlanta, GA. You can start saving. Take the time off work. You do not have to be a Member of the MRF to go, but if you are going to go, why not be a Member? Every Member and State Board Member should join MRF.
- KUDOS: on the way to the Meeting of the Minds, and while at it, we received Kudos for:
  - 1) The Share the Road Truck & Trailer received a lot of attention going down the road from those who passed us. As well as from those in Attendance at the Meeting.
  - 2) Attendants also were still speak of the party we gave at the 2016 Meeting of the Minds in Oklahoma. MRF is looking for States to host the M of the Ms, and so we are looking around for a location.
- MRF are also working on (top is Profiling):
  - 1) Renewable fuels
  - 2) Emission regulation – how many of us want to change our exhaust?
  - 3) Crash avoidance
  - 4) Black Box is consumer owned, and should not be taken.
  - 5) Highways
  - 6) Anti-Helmet
  - Doug (asked to add his comments)
- On the way to the Meeting of the Minds a lot of trucks, cars, and police slowed down to admire the Share the Road Truck and Trailer.
- I joined Kansas ABATE, attended their meeting and encouraged others to partner with other ABATEs.
- I am riding to Kansas ABATE Toy Runs on November 1<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, and some of the Kansas ABATE Members plan to ride to our ToyRun in December.

#### Old Business – James

- **Tulsa Toy Run:** We ordered 100 each of the patches and pins. The shirts will be on order soon. Found out Myers Duran will not be having their Christmas party this year. Also, since there will be a Horse Show at the Fairgrounds, our parking area will change.
- Cheryl Clark was asked to speak on the **Pit Boss Smoker**. At the Freedom Fighters Rally I won a Smoker, but our house does not need another Smoker, so we are donating it back to the Chapter, and we are going to do another Raffle. The Raffle will be used to raise funds for the Chapter. We will have Raffle Tickets at the November meeting. We will also be selling Raffle tickets at the Toy Run. James will have the Smoker in the back of his pick up. The tickets will be \$5. The winner will be drawn after the Toy Run and notified by phone on Monday, December 14.

#### New Business – James

- **Christmas Party / Toy Run Celebration** We are going to have a celebration party in January. We will need some help planning that party, if someone wants to step up.
- **Iron Butt Ride** James asked Larry Chek if he can help plan a 1000 Saddlesore in the Spring for our Chapter? Larry said he would. James talked about getting a Chapter patch for the ride.
- **Nominations** were requested for positions of:
  - Treasurer: Carol nominated Cheryl, and Cheryl accepted the nomination.
  - Sgt at Arms: Frenchy nominated Jack, and Jack accepted the nomination. Rose nominated Roger, and Roger accepted the nomination.
  - President: Carol nominated James, and James accepted the nomination.
- Art stated at the last State Meeting the Chapters were asked to bring their Nomination for Lifetime Member to the November State Meeting, so Art nominated Lyndon Giles as ABATE of Tulsa's Lifetime Member.

#### Raffle Drawing

- Doris Lawson – \$25 gas card
- Juanita Bailey – White River Fish Market certificate
- Art Ryan – Harley mask and 2 duplicate keys

#### Announcements – James

- Tip jars are on the tables.
- There are to go containers for leftover food, please help yourself.
- Need help cleaning & removing trash.

Scott added an announcement that as a Member of the Patriot Guard Riders, we were invited to join them in escorting a fallen soldier to Fort Gibson National Cemetery. The ride would start at the Funeral Home at 1918 S Sheridan at 11:45am.

James invited people to take Road Signs

Carol King moved to adjourn, seconded by Art Ryan  
Meeting adjourned at 8:36pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Paula “Rose” Matteuzzi



ABATE of Tulsa  
Meeting Minutes  
November 17, 2020

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Jack King  
The Opening Prayer with remarks were made by Rita Talbott  
The National Anthem was played by Roadrunner  
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jack King

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President's Opening Remarks – James Clark

We are going to have to get a new room if you all keep growing like you are. Seeing you all here makes me feel good.

- James read the Mission Statement of ABATE of OK.
- We are getting ready to have the election for Sgt at Arms.
- I was blessed last month to carry on for the next term as President. It has been my vision to: have interesting guest speakers; I want to have a good ride every month; and, I don't want DRAMA. I think we have done this well, and I want to continue on this path for this Chapter into my new Term.
- The Ride Box is on the Officers' table for you to make a ride suggestion. I don't think we will be doing a ride for December due to so much going on particularly with the ToyRun. Which reminds me, I want to thank BACA and DBA for being here, and your help on the ToyRun, I genuinely appreciate it. We might do a ride in January. This is the last meeting until January, so we may do a ride before then, maybe a Temperature Ride.
- I hope in 2021 to see this kind of growth, and Brotherhood and Sisterhood. I hope to see y'all at the ToyRun, because the ToyRun is us, ABATE of Tulsa, that's our baby. So I hope to see you at the ToyRun. The shirts got ordered. Roger and I are going over to Stillwater next Wednesday to pick them up. The pins came in last week, which are gorgeous. He asks Cheryl if she brought happened to bring one of them. She said she did, and he passed one around.
- Due to the COVID we have to do a lot of compliance stuff for the State of Oklahoma, with the Health Department, and with the Fairgrounds, we took some of the money for the ToyRun and bought hand sanitizers, because they asked how many hand sanitizers and masks we were going to have.
- So, going forward we have the ToyRun, and maybe we will do something in January. But I really want to hear from you on any ideas you may have on how we can make this chapter better, and more fun. It seems this Chapter in retrospect has been one, we would have a meeting, and that was the end of it. But we all enjoy one thing, and that is riding, so let's all ride together, do things, and have fun. There is nothing that says we can't have fun. Right?
- We have New Members and Renewals. I have a gentleman back here in the corner, who I haven't seen for a couple of years. He is a new-old Member, who renewed his Membership for 5 years, Tom Burke. We have some other Guests: Leta Backwell, John Trotter, and Rick Thorne will you introduce your wife? Rick introduced Shellay. Jason is a Member who has been a Member for awhile, but hasn't been able to come due to work.

Treasurer's Report – Cheryl Clark

- The report was read aloud by Cheryl. Detailed copies are available on the Officers' table.
- Cheryl mentioned that a lot of people sold the Toy Run Sponsorships. She also mentioned because most of the Sponsors wanted to donate to a 501c3, that money is going to ABATE Charitable Services. It will

then be transferred back to the ABATE of Tulsa's checking account to pay ToyRun expenses. She will then reimburse us for expenses as we need to pay them out.

- Randy moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted, seconded by Lyndon.

#### Secretary's Report – Rose

- Rose pointed out that the Minutes were sent out online, and copies of them are available on the Officers' table.
- Rose also mentioned she sent out an ODT file instead of the PDF file, which some Members said they could not read. So, she will send out a copy of October's PDF, when she sends out the November's Minutes.
- Rose asked if anyone had anything anyone would like to add to the Minutes? Art pointed out in the October Minutes that in Roger's Safety Report, when his name was mentioned a 2<sup>nd</sup> time, it stated the name of Randy instead of Roger.
- Art moved that with that change the Minutes be accepted, seconded by Randy.

#### STATE & COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### Ride Report – Scott Bunch

- Scott advised us the last ride was last month a ride to Wolaroc We had a pretty good turn out and a good time. After that we went into Bartlesville and had some good BBQ. With the ToyRun next month we won't be having an organized ride. But be looking for us to hit the ground running next year.
- I advise everyone here to join the Patriot Guard Riders. It is absolutely free. You sign up online at patriotguardriders.com, or you can even put in pgr.com to get to it. You click on “Join”, and you can sign up for National, and you can join State. Then you can sign up for your preference of notifications. Like I put down all of Oklahoma, so I get notices of PGR events from all over OK. I don't always make those events. Also, we don't just do funerals, but it is a large part of what we do. We also do: birthday celebrations, drive-bys; we escort the Honor Flights; we do welcome home of Military Units when we are notified. We have to be invited. We just don't do the events on our own. Someone from the family or organization needs to invite us. You don't have to have a motorcycle to join. You can ride a vehicle. It is very worthwhile.

##### State Meeting Report – Art Ryan

- For those who don't know me, I am Art Ryan your State Board Representative.
- At this point in time, with the COVID, the elections, and people not getting re-elected, who should have been re-elected, and the time in which the new parties will be sworn in, there may not be time for the deadline to be met for the bills coming through. So, it is a wait and see what happens.
- As far as the rest of the State is concerned, we currently have a new State Coordinator, Mike Sholten and a new Treasurer, Sam Trevino out of the Lakes Area.
- We have 4 nominees for Lifetime Members: Paul from Lakes Area, Garry “2R” Cannady out of NW69, Robert out of NW69, and our very own Lyndon Giles from Tulsa. They met the qualifications to be considered for Lifetime Members. Don't know whose got it yet and won't know until the SMILE comes up.
- Also, there is the Gunner Award, which is basically the Member of the Year Award, named after Robert “Gunner”, a very prestigious award. There are 2 candidates for that: Ronald “Duck” Elliot from NW69 and Shawna Sholten from 412. And, we do not know who won that either.
- Also, the SMILE coming up March 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> , if you registered for last year's, unless you got your money back, you are paid up, and you don't have to worry about that.
- The Christmas party is coming up December 12<sup>th</sup> at 12pm Stillwater. There will be a dirty Santa, so bring a \$20 gift. There will be BBQ brisket, sides, rolls and cake.
- The 28<sup>th</sup> day of November Lakes Area is having their ToyRun in Pryor. Why not go to it, it will get you warmed up for Tulsa's on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

### Share the Road Report – Art Ryan

As you know, I am one of the Instructors for Share the Road.

- Lotus Dunn out of Oklahoma City has been the Events Coordinator, and she is our go to Finance person, she takes care of all the OHSO Grants, and all of that. She is giving up the Events Coordinator position as she doesn't have time to do it justice. If you think that is something you are interested in, and might be good at, get hold of Lotus Dunn. If you need her contact info, I can provide it. Our Share the Road will more than likely go down the tubes if we don't have one. We have had good success with Share the Road, and have invites already, but if we don't get someone to Coordinate the events, they won't happen. Lyndon asked to add to that discussion, and said he spoke to Lotus about maybe having a Committee to Coordinate events in different areas. Art added, that in his opinion, that would bring in too many chiefs, but agreed with Lyndon if the Committee was made up of area Event Planners, who would report to a Coordinator, but one Event Coordinator was essential for success.

### Membership Report – Lyndon Giles

As of October 31<sup>st</sup>, we are sitting at 116 Members on the roster. We are still #2 behind NW69, but we are gaining on them. Someone asked how many Members NW69 has? Giles said 184, but with new Members and Renewals we are now up to 124 Members. Cheryl and James asked what growth we have had even with COVID, so I checked. From January 1<sup>st</sup> to July 1<sup>st</sup>, we had 2 new members, and, from July 1<sup>st</sup> to current, we have 27 new Members.

- If someone is up for renewal I try calling and emailing them to get their Membership renewed. One lady who couldn't get away from work to come tonight, I snail mailed her a renewal form. And, if you are curious about where you stand on your renewal, I have the current roster, and will look it up for you.
- James added, that it seems a good time to remind everyone we promised if you want business cards with your name on it, we will pay for it. The goal is if you are out someplace, go over and introduce yourself. We want to increase the knowledge of who we are, and what we do.

### Downed Bikers Report – Tim Lawson

Tim advised us their last meeting they talked about their Turkey Shoot for a gentleman who went down due to no fault of his own. Mr Solomon is still trying to recover down in Texas, and his family is going to try to bring him home in March. We were able to raise \$4922 for him this last Saturday night. It was a blessing.

- Our next meeting is the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month, and it is a potluck. It is free food, and you don't have to be a Member to come to one of our meetings. You are more than welcome. We are also going to have a Garage Sale at that meeting. We have a lot of non-Member merchandise that has been ordered over the years.
- We will be at the ToyRun. Hacker is working on a map to explain parking better. We will put it on Social Media. James suggested Hacker get with Garrett.

### Safety Report – Roger Bryant

- I was going to talk about Passenger Safety tonight, but I forgot my file.
- I didn't get to talk to you James about this and I apologize, but since BACA and DBA are here we talked about maybe doing an event in February together. Maybe we can put on a Chili Cook-off.
- Also, I might be stepping on Art's toes, I am talking about the Motorcycle Rights Foundation. I went to the Meeting of the Minds, and I got a letter from the New President of MRF. In the entire country, and I was shocked when I read this, there are only 3200 Members in that entire association. On a National level that is shameful. They need our support. The challenge was thrown out for each person to bring in 3 new Members. A Membership is \$35. What ABATE does on the state level, they do in Washington, DC.
- I also support what Art said about going to the Pryor ToyRun. I am working on my Spur Award, and last weekend I went to Enid, and I have to go to another Chapter's Event, so I will be going to Pryor also.

- I was talking to some Wrecker drivers when I was down there, and found out there is a Wrecker driver killed every 6 days. I was floored when I heard that. It is a dangerous job, so if you see a Wrecker on the side of the road, move over and give them the lane. So keep them in the mind when you see them or an emergency vehicle, give them the lane, there is a reason. Besides, it is the law.

### Biker Protocol – Jim “Radar” Koelle

- Introduction – James: Mrs Clark put together a Membership packet, to introduce New Members to ABATE of Tulsa, and something new we are adding is an explanation of Biker Protocol for meeting a Patchholder. There are some who know what to do, but others who don't. I asked Radar to speak on this topic.
- Radar: I am not a 1%er, so we understand that, but I have been in charge of a number of 1% Support Clubs. So, I have a lot of experience and friends who are 1%ers. The name of the game is RESPECT. If you respect a 1%er, it is just like any other biker. If you respect them, then they are going to respect you. The difference is, if you disrespect Joe Schmoe riding his Yammiehopper, then probably nothing happens. But if you disrespect a 1%er, they are likely to take it real personal, and then something will happen. As James said, there is no reason you need to be afraid of 1%ers. 1%ers don't give a hoot about independent riders, or non-patch riders. They don't care about you guys. A 1%er lives in a 1% world. I was talking to a 1%er once about planning, and his response: “Radar, we don't plan. We live for today. Tomorrow will come, and we will deal with tomorrow when it comes tomorrow. Don't talk about planning with us.” So, they don't think like you do. They want to be respected. They want to respect you.
- Here are a couple of simple rules:
  - #1 If you see a 1%ers, and he is talking with other 1%ers, do not just walk up and barge in. Usually they are having a conversation, and it might be quite personal or confidential, and they don't want you overhearing it. The rule is you walk fairly close but not close enough to hear what is going on, and wait until they see you. And when they see you, they will acknowledge you, and you come over and introduce yourself. Stick your hand out, and they will shake your hand. Don't wear gloves, and don't wear sunglasses, because they want to see the person behind the handshake. The handshake is an ancient tradition to show whoever you are talking to you are an unarmed person, that is how it was developed. So, show the same respect to the 1%er. Rita asked if she could interject something. She added that they may not acknowledge you, or ask you to come over. That they may be involved in something, you stay away and don't feel slighted. Radar said that is a good point, and expanded on it. Even though they don't say “Hey, come over”, they still recognize that you were there. They will acknowledge amongst themselves, “Hey, there is the guy from ABATE”. The guy wanted to talk to us, but our meeting was too important, or whatever it is.
  - #2 If you are riding, and come across a group of 1%ers. For goodness sake, don't cut in, or tuck in behind them. If they want you to ride with them, trust me, they will let you know. Once I was out riding, and a bunch of 1%ers passed me. One of them dropped back, and motioned for me to ride behind them. That is where you ride with 1%ers, behind them, not with them, or in front of them.
- That is about it. Just treat them with Respect. Some people resent 1%ers. A lot of your motorcycle freedom and rights is because of what 1%ers have gone through, what they have done. They spent a lot of money, and they do a lot of lobbying, and they just don't say “Only 1%ers shouldn't have to wear helmets”. They say all motorcyclists shouldn't have to wear helmets, it should be their choice. They are representing you as much as you are representing them. And, I think if you understand that, and give them a little respect it will go a long way to them having an enjoyable ride, and you having an enjoyable ride.
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- James added that a patch to them is sacrosanct. If you don't know them, don't pat them on the back. That is their patch, they worked hard for it, earned it. Radar added, they will bleed for their patch. He also added if a 1%er was to hand you his cut, that is a sign of respect.
- Roger wanted to add 2 points: They will say "You are not my brother". Also, if you walk up to them, extend your hand, and they do not shake it, do not be offended. Radar added an incident that happened at a previous ToyRun. An ABATE Member came up to a 1%er who was parking his bike with the ABATE VIPs, and said: "What the hell are you doing parking here? Who authorizes you to park here?" The 1%er later said to me: "Radar you would have been proud of me. I was ready to clock the guy right there. But I didn't say anything, I smiled, and walked away. But I guarantee, I will never walk away from that guy again." So, never tell a 1%er what to do. If you want to ask them a question, do it in a non-confrontational way. A 1%er will always talk to you. A 1%er has nothing to prove to you. 1%ers have only to prove themselves to other 1%ers, or to their Brothers. They want to live in mutual co-existence, and enjoy motorcycles like you do. Lastly, Radar added: "If you ever have an opportunity to see 1%ers ride in a group, it will truly be an experience to tell your grandchildren."

#### Old Business – James

Tulsa Toy Run: The shirts have been ordered, and Roger and I will be picking them up Wednesday from Eskimo Joe's. You have seen the pins. We are getting Toy Run Patches from Patchwork Pup. We ordered individual hand sanitizers with ABATE's logo on it. The food vendors will be charged a flat fee for being allowed to sell food. We were supposed to have had a meeting with the police, but the 2 players Chris and Skipper were tied up. So, I have to schedule another meeting. Then I will have a meeting with those of you who will be blocking side streets. It will be happening on the 13<sup>th</sup>, the weather looks favorable, thanks CMA. Last I heard it is supposed to be a high of 52. But who knows with this COVID and our Mayor, and having a crowd larger than 500. Christmas still goes on, and the kids need toys. If nothing else we will park the trucks at the Fairgrounds, and people can drive through and drop off their toys. But at this point, it doesn't seem to be anything I need to worry about.

#### New Business – James

- James made the announcement Cheryl will continue on as Treasurer, and James will continue on as President. Rita asked if we needed a motion to accept Cheryl and James by acclamation, in order to make it legal according to the bylaws? James concurred that we did need a motion to accept them by acclamation. For Cheryl as Treasurer acceptance by acclamation Rita so moved, and Chris seconded it. For James as President acceptance by acclamation Roger so moved, and Iris seconded it.
- We have to vote on Sgt at Arms. Nominated for this position were Jack King and Roger Bryant. Pieces of paper were distributed for Members to vote. Cheryl went off to count the votes. When she came back she announced it was very, very close. James announced by a very slim margin our new Sgt at Arms is Mr Bryant. James thanked Jack for his years as the Chapter's Sgt of Arms, and the Members and guests applauded him.
- Frenchy wanted me to announce Owasso ToyRun had 134 bikes and 300 toys.
- Dealerships won't be having Christmas parties like they did last year, but we will be at Rte 66 on Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup>, and at Myers Duran on Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup> to sell ToyRun shirts.
- Roger brought up the that he spoke earlier of doing an event with BACA and DBA, but he forgot to mention CMA, and was sorry he didn't. He also said maybe the event could be a fundraiser for this place here (where we meet). James brought up the poor conditions of the bathroom, and that the air conditioner needed work. Also, that our veterans are most deserving of our help.
- Speaking of 2021 events, May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness, and I got the SW corner of LaFortune Park for May 1<sup>st</sup>. I have radio stations that will be announcing the event, and have promos for us. Wavy

Davy will be out there. There will be a bike wash. We will be grilling and cooking. The Share the Road vehicles will be there. We will be able to draw attention to us.

- Rick Cassaday brought up advertising the event through TV and Radio. James informed us of TV and Radio announcements that had been promised, and gave us 2 example of the PSAs Wavy Davy had made.
- James also informed us of something he has been keeping under wraps. He spoke to the Fire Marshall about having 2 ladder trucks that would hold up a 50' American Flag that we would drive under as we leave the Fairgrounds.

#### Raffle Drawing

- Jim Koelle – White River Fish Market certificate
- Chris Pierce – \$25 gas card

#### Announcements – James

- Tip jars are on the tables.
- There are to go containers for leftover food, please help yourself.
- Need help cleaning & removing trash.

Lyndon moved to adjourn, seconded by Carol.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Paula “Rose” Matteuzzi