

## **Region 14**

### **RC – Shiny Bob**

#### **Meeting Minutes**

**Date: June 27, 2021**

Meeting called to order at 4:10 pm.

22 ABATE members present which included Region 14 and Region 18 members.

**Shiny Bob:** Opened meeting and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Eric Nelson – Region 14 Sergeant of Arms and a moment of silence was observed.

**Sally VanCoppennolle/Treasurer's report:** Sally reviewed Region 14 financial activity and provided current balances since last region meeting on May 23, 2021. Yard signs and key chains were sold to A&M Leather and proceeds were added to the Awareness Fund.

1<sup>st</sup> Motion to accept Treasurer's report: Gary and 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: Spider.

#### **Sally VanCoppennolle/ New State Product Items / Region Products Position / A&M Leather:**

- The newly designed Angel pin is now available to order through state products. The cost is \$10.00.
- Selfie Sticks (customizable) are now available to order through state products. The cost is \$15.00.
- Phone covers and note pads can also be customize for a minimal added cost.
- Region 14 is still in need of a volunteer to run Products. Sally will mentor the person who would like to take this Region 14 position.
- ABATE and State products have been invited to take part in A&M Leather's event on July 31<sup>st</sup> from 12pm to 4pm. Region 14 members are encouraged to support this event. Group ride to A&M Leather, meet at the Legion 10:45am and kickstands up 11:00am.

#### **Shiny Bob:**

- Reviewed the specifics of a phone conference he and Sally had with Jim Rhodes, concerning the importance of the membership supporting insurance Bill HB 4809. Letter templates for State Representatives and Senators were provided to members to fill out during the meeting. Citizen's Guides were also distributed to members. Sally will forward the letters to Jim Rhodes. Ways to contact your Representative and Senator were reviewed with the members: Phone calls to Reps and Senator's, send emails, go to coffee hours, attend zoom conferences and in-person meetings in Lansing. Tree Man (Region 18) also spoke to the members on his personal experiences in talking to Reps and Senators and stressed the importance of reaching out to discuss HB 4809, so our

collective voices are heard. Thank you, Tree Man, for sharing your experiences and insight in talking to Reps and Senators. Do not be intimidated, they are people just like us!

- Shiny Bob presented Mark Taylor (Chef Mark) with region 14 Member of the Year Award. Thank you, Chef Mark, for all your contributions to the successes of region 14 and ABATE of Michigan.
- Shiny Bob recognized June Birthdays for members present.

**Ann Tobian/Legislative Report:** No new legislative report this month. HB 4809 is on our minds!

**Ann Tobian/Suggested Rides:**

- Beer Brat's and Bike's in Lapeer Michigan every Friday night. Event 6pm to 10pm. Expressway travel time is 2 hours. Group ride or meet-up and stay at the Best Western. The room rate for a four-person room is \$143.00 for those who would like to stay overnight. Date Friday August 27<sup>th</sup> meet at the Legion, and kickstands up 4:00pm.
- Ride to Snappers in Flint area on Sunday August 29<sup>th</sup>. Meet at the Legion 10:00am and kickstands up 10:30am.

**Other Noted Events Mentioned:**

- MCOC Picnic July 11<sup>th</sup>. Group ride to picnic and meet at the Legion at 10:45am and kickstands up at 11:00am.
- Region 15 Pirates & Rum Poker run July 15<sup>th</sup>.
- ABATE of Indiana / ABATE of Michigan Region 12 Summer Fest August 13, 14, 15. Contact Dan-Dan if you would like to help at this event and the \$20.00 entrance cost will be waived for volunteer helpers.

**Dawn Kenyon/Awareness Report:** Dawn reported that Bob and she are actively getting the 'Motorcycle Awareness' word out during their travels. They will resume their Drivers Education Awareness classes and hopefully they will start back up in the fall.

**Region 14 Chief Road Captain Nomination:** Eric nominated Ann Tobian and present members voted ALL in favor of this nomination. Ann accepted this position.

**50/50 Drawing:** Won by Joe and donated monies back.

**Dollar Draw:** Won by Rose.

**Bike Raffle Tickets:** Chef Mark and Chip each purchased \$100.00 in raffle tickets. Good luck fellas and thank you for your support!

**Region 14 Website:** Amos volunteered to research and setup a site to provide a means of communication to region 14 members.

**Other Note of Interest:** Chef Mark's brother owns 'Custom Coatings and Restoration' business in St. Augustine Florida, and is offering all ABATE members 20% off coating and restoration services.

**Milan Legion (Bruce) Request:** Sally to provide Bruce a list of scheduled rides so he is aware of meeting times at the Legion.

**Next Meeting:** Sunday July 25<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm.

Meeting closed: 5:10pm.

1<sup>st</sup> Motion to accept: Dawn Kenyon and 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: Bob Kenyon

Respectfully submitted by: Amy (Amos) Bachorek Region 14 Secretary