

ABATE REGION 10 – Gratiot & Saginaw

November 2 , 2019

MICHIGAN RIDER NEWSLETTER

Meeting brought to order.

RC apologized in advance for not being able to attend tonight's meeting. AC/Bob Shock, presented.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Treasurer Report.

Bernie gave a huge heartfelt thanks to everyone for helping make his benefit, a success.

Bernie also gave an update on the Bernie's Santa Ride Fundraiser. Auction will be November 23, 2019, 1PM – 8PM, Elks Lodge-1400 Warwick, Alma. If you have donations for the auction, call Bernie 989-620-7936 for information. The ride will begin at the Moose Lodge on December 22, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.. Bernie asked that if you are not riding your motorcycle to please ride on the wagon. When everyone drives their vehicle, it gets too congested. He also said that if you ride the wagon, you'll receive a patch. If you choose to drive your vehicle, you will not get a patch.

Event Dates for 2020 need to be in the Rider by December. Members were asked to renew their memberships if expired or close to expiring.

Member of the Year Nominations – Bob S. / Kecia G. / Tim Jr. / Deb T. / Joe A.. Winner: Deb T. Congratulations, Deb!

Position Nominations for 2020: RC-Tim Jr. G. / AC-Bob S. / Treasurer-Bonnie G. / Secretary-Lois S. / Sgt. Of Arms-Tom L., Dan B. / Road Captain-Art S. / Co-Road Captain-Tom L. / Legislation-Gary K. / Co-Legislation-Brandy P.

Matt C. proposed that the winner of the 50/50 also be given a hat along with their winnings. Members were in favor of this.

Proceeds from the 50/50 were won and donated back by Jack F.. You ROCK, Jack! Enjoy that hat, man!

Reminded members present about the ABATE of Michigan's Seminar 2020, save the date: January 17th - 19th, will be held in Saginaw at the Four Points by Sheraton Saginaw, 4960 Towne Centre Road, Saginaw, MI 48604. Price is \$89 per night. Book online: <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1559145888247&key=GRP&app=resvlink> or Call 888-236-2427 or 989-790-5050, ASK FOR ABATE GROUP BLOCK. Book early, limited number of rooms available.

Discussed again, the Passport (stamp) Book otherwise titled: Summer Region Tour. Gary gave members an overview of how it works. Gary stated that Region 11 has been doing it for the past 9-years. Would like to form a committee. It was decided that whoever would be interested in being on this committee to meet at Tim Jr's house, Saturday, November 9th at 7pm.

Legislative Report: Our Michigan Lobbyist, Noel Laporte, has lowered his annual fee for us because he feels strongly about our cause. Gary announced that he had received a request just a half-hour before the meeting about three letters addressed to the State & Local Representative, and Senator. It was requested that each member, in his/her own handwriting rewrite the letter in their own words modeled from the letters. It was decided, due to time and materials, each would take a picture or a copy, take it home, write them out and returned to the RC the next day where they would then be placed in an envelope, stamp applied and mailed out. MRF is still seeking new members. Gary also mentioned that he wants to propose a bylaw be enacted and voted on at this year's seminar regarding individual regions that donate money to any division of ABATE. If they wait until mid-December to donate, that only gives that division a small amount of time to use that money for what the region donated it for. Gary wants to propose that the donation be sent in before October then that division has a couple of months to use it as they see fit before the new budget year (1st of January) begins. Gary also shared information regarding ABATE's expense in the making of the Michigan Rider Newsletter. It costs an average of \$1200 to publish the newsletter. Gary asked members if they would be willing to pay \$5.00 to have the newsletter printed. He also pointed out that individuals can also read the newsletter online for free. Gary also informed members that our region sold 338-bike tickets and that the motorcycle for 2020 ticket sales will be a Street Glide instead of an Ultra Limited and will be purchased from Bald Eagle Harley Davidson instead of Town & Country Motors.

Leigh O. announced that Matt C. is having patches made up for Addison Redman and selling them for \$10 each and that 100% of that money from the sale of these patches will be donated to her family. Let Leigh know if your interested in getting one of these patches.

Matt C. suggested that NEW members signing up for ABATE receive a Patch? Or a Pin? Or both? TABLED FOR NEXT MEETING.

Also discussed our Region donating to Bernie's Santa Ride. TABLED FOR NEXT MEETING.

Meeting adjourned. 6:18pm

*NEXT MEETING: December 7, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted by Lois