

May 5th & 11th minutes

Meeting was called to order at 4:12 pm with the pledge, a moment of silence for the troops and a prayer.

Jim wasn't present, so I gave a quick report on the minutes from the last meeting. Motion was made by Dean, second by Leland, and approved for the minutes as read.

Shelby gave the Treasurers Report and then the Membership report. Paul made a motion to accept the reports as read, second by Julie, approved by all!

Karen gave us the AWARENESS report, talked about what we do and said a Thank you to Chris and Patty from Region 17 for starting AWARENESS classes up in the UP! She went to the lighted bike parade in Caro and handed out flyers for our AWARENESS Ride on May 11th. On May 4th, Karen went to Thumb Chrome and handed out AWARENESS goodies and literature, then went across the road to the car wash and gave out some litter bags with AWARENESS stuff inside them. While she was doing that, Marlene & Jim were over at M-25 & Washington Rd. in a Roadside Park there, handing out literature and talking with people about Looking Out For Motorcycles!!! Great Job Karen & Marlene, Jim K., Jim C., Chelsey, Jeff, Gary, Brian, Marsha, Butch! Also, Thank you to Suzie Costello for your donation to our AWARENESS Ride!! Butch told us that Ray C's was giving free bike inspections the first three Saturdays in May and the Lapeer County Sheriff's Dept. was paying for it!!

Legislative Report from Butch started off by saying that the State is going to start going our way with the AWARENESS money! Look Twice- Save a Life is going to be used the credit card screens at gas stations and billboards! They will be using the yellow and Black like our yard signs!! They are also talking about different sayings like: There's a Life Riding on Us, The four deadly words: I Didn't See Him! Three bills were introduced last month for distracted driving, HB4181, HB 4198 and HB 4199. The people who killed Danny & Kathy are going to court, need to write letters to the judge! Wanting to pass a law for increasing penalties for distracted driving!! Anyone who wants field meet tickets, get them now! The MRF is raising their dues. Freedom Rally in Lansing on June 5th at noon! We'll be leaving Butch's house by 8, if not earlier! Go to Michigan.gov to find out what's going on!! Thanks Butch!

Region 7 members are asked to please help get donations for our Dillinger Ride! The route is set and we're covering all 3 counties! Any questions call me or Shelby!

June 1st: Beni-Vet Breakfast @ Lifesong Church, followed by our Annual RIP Ride. Starting at Evergreen Park with a Blessing of the Monument & Bike Blessing, then a Memorial Ride.

State field meet tickets: get ahold of Eric Eads for the tickets!

The Great U.P. Poker Run is June 28 & 29th

Shoot & Scoot will be July 13th at Farmers Tavern, free rustic camping!

I was asked about motorcycle laws, so I went to the MI State Police web site and printed off the laws pertaining to motorcycles, so they could see them!! John asked about bikes with headlights off, Butch explained the law.

Wes asked us to keep Brad Firmingham in our prayers, he had ½ a lung removed!

Motion by Butch to adjourn, second by Wes, Dean, Leland, John. Motion carried!

Thanks to all who came out to the Evergreen meeting AND all who showed up and road with us yesterday on our AWARENESS Ride!! 37 people signed in for the ride!! Till next month, Ride Safe My Friends!! Watch out for the grass on the roads, along with all the dead critters!!

Tim