

ABATE of Tulsa Chapter Meeting January 27, 2022

Attendance - 25 members

Call to Order - Sgt. at Arms Roger Bryant

Prayer - Doc Platner

National Anthem - CMA Road Runner

Pledge of Allegiance - Sgt. at Arms Roger Bryant

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- **Introduction of Guests & New Members** - Garrett
- **Opening Remarks** - Garrett
- **Treasurers Report** - There was no report as Cheryl was absent
- **Secretary's Report** - Rose was not in attendance, but the last meeting was e-mailed to all members.
Accepted by – Scott, **Seconded by** - Lyndon

State and Committee Reports

Vice Pres. and Road Captain Report - Garrett had nothing to report

Road Captain Report - Scott. Planning a ride to National Cowboy Museum in OKC. Waiting for warm weather to set the date. Doc Platner said this ride had been suggested by Rita who had done so much for all motorcyclists in the state and this ride would be a great tribute to her if chapter members made the ride.=s

State Board and Share the Road Report - Art

- " The New State Coordinator Is Steve Stewart of North West 69
- " The state ABATE is beginning a new text service to keep members advised of important info.
- " ABATE is asking if the state should make an attempt to re-join the confederation of Clubs. Tulsa needs to discuss and vote at the next meeting.
- " There are Bills in the House to Eliminate the Ape Hanger Restriction on Motorcycles and there Is an Anti-Profiling Bill
- " Legislative Day is Thursday, March 3, 2022, 8:00 AM until 12:00 PM at the Oklahoma State Capital, 2nd Floor Rotunda, 2300 N Lincoln Blvd. For information call Kim Mobley at 405-761-8524.
- " Next state meeting March 4-6 at the S.M.I.L.E at the Wyndham in Stillwater. Room rate are \$62-65/nite. Call the Wyndham at 405-377-7010. Cheryl Needs Help with the Centerpiece. Friday is the crockpot dinner. Sat is the state meeting and Marketing 101 by our very own President, James Chambers Clark. Chapter and state awards will be presented at the banquet. Spur recipients need to submit their applications ASAP. State needs auction items.
- " Ride to Remember April 8 at 6pm in OKC.
- " River Run Jul 14 - 17. \$90/person is registered by May 1, \$100 after. Contact Shawna at 405-977-4279.
- " MRF - bikers need to support MRF. They protect our freedoms at the federal level. Bikers inside the Beltway, May 16-17. ABATE of Oklahoma might provide a van to DC
- " The Freedom Rally in April 8-10 at the Route 66 Biker Rally Grounds in Depew. Call Ronald Elliott At 405-205-2049 for additional information.
- " Share the Road is challenging all chapters to help StR events in their area.

" MRF is fighting for our rights in DC. California Is on the verge of passing a law that will outlaw Internal combustion engines. How will that affect motorcycles?

" Meeting of the Mind is in Des Moines September 22- 25.

Membership Report - Lyndon advised that we hade 144 Members

Down Bikers - Meeting Feb 7 at the American Legion Post #1, 1120 E 8th St in Tulsa @ 7:pm. Thgere is a new DBA app members are invited to download.

Safety Officer=s Report - Roger discussed protocols when interacting with 1%=er clubs. They are not looking for trouble, just respect. There was a lot of discussion on how to show respect to 1%=ers.

Court Watch Report - Frenchy said that Karen Gillespie has a court hearing on February 17 at 9 AM at the McAlester Court House. Gillespie was originally charged August 5,2020 with failing to yield for a motorcycle, driving without a valid drivers license, and causing the biker=s death. She has continually delayed her trial. All members are urged to attend to show the court that bikers are concerned about lenient handling of cagers who kill bikers. You will be receiving a robocall reminder. There is another hearing for Karen Gillespie in the Tulsa County Court House on March 28 at 9am.

Old Business - Garrett thanked all those who helped make the 2021 Tulsa Toy Run such a great success.

New Business - The Raffle Drawing was \$52.00, split between the winner and the chapter. There was also drawings for a QT gas card and dinner for two at White River Fish Market.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Scott at 7:55pm and seconded by Hippy.

No Meeting in February, 2022 because of icy weather conditions

**ABATE of Tulsa
Meeting Minutes
March 31, 2022**

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

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President's Opening Remarks – James

- I haven't been at a meeting since November, so I hope I remember what to do.
- I want to introduce Representative John Waldron, who will be our Guest Speaker tonight.
- I'd like to recognize Stretch Campbell as a new Member.
- I just wanted to announce the estimate of motorcycles that attended the Toy Run was 6 – 8,000.
- The event for Saturday May 7th for Motorcycle Awareness Month has been cancelled due to bureaucratic complications.
- May 28th will be the Ride to the Wall in Enid, and this year we will have a Hwy Patrol escort.
- Sometime in the future we will have a Church Studio Ride, and the Chapter will pay for the first 12.
- At the SMILE awards were presented, but 1 person wasn't present to receive theirs. Will Cheryl Clark please come up to receive her SPUR Award? I also want to recognize Art & Frenchy as getting Awards at the SMILE. Someone also pointed out that James was Awarded the President's Award for his Outstanding Leadership.

Treasurer's Report – Cheryl

- Cheryl reported she would be going over 3 months of financial reports, including the Toy Run, and that detailed copies were available upon request. Motion to accept: Randy, seconded by Carol. Passed.
- Cheryl then stated that Richard would pass out copies of the proposed Budget, but she wouldn't be going over them in detail now. Instead, she requested we take them home, and go over them, noting we have already paid out about ½ of the funds for 2022. I suggest we vote on the Budget next month, after everyone has had a chance to review it.

Secretary's Report – Rose

- Rose stated that the Minutes were taken in January by Radar, and sent out by email. She asked if there were any corrections or questions? None. James pointed out we did not have a February Meeting due to the weather. Motion to accept: Lyndon, seconded by Carol. Passed.

Guest Speaker – Representative John Waldron

- As a way of introduction, I am a State Representative from NE Tulsa. I am a Democrat. I live at 5th and Eerie. I was a public-school teacher, and had the privilege of teaching the Clark's daughter. I have been a legislator for 4 years, and that experience can be summed up as "Gosh, I miss the classroom." I do enjoy working with the people in my district, and the great people who make up the State of Oklahoma.
- HB #2667: It allows Motorcyclists traveling no more than 10 MPH, to pass between cars going in the same direction, if there is room between the cars. I was 1 of the 70 YES votes. There were 22 NO votes, and that is a considerable amount of NO votes. The opposition was not necessarily on party lines. Half of the Democrats were for it, and half was against it, and about ½ of the other NO votes were Republicans. That suggests a Bill that we are still thinking about. It has been sent to the Senate side

next. It has been referred to the Public Safety Committee. It has to go to the Committee, then go to the Floor before it can be signed by the Governor, and become law. So, it is about half way through the process.

- I am ready to take questions now about this Bill or anything else.
- After the discussion, James presented Rep Waldron with a plaque of appreciation from our Chapter.

STATE & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Vice President – Garrett

- In lieu of the Bill passing or not passing, I want to remind everyone of the Mission Statement of ABATE of Oklahoma (in red above, which Garrett read). He emphasized this includes “ALL makes and models of motorcycles”, not just Harleys or cruisers.
- We do have a Freedom Fighter Rally coming up on April 8th –10th, and we need a lot of help to put on the Bike Show. Jack, how much help do you need? After the meeting, get with Jack to sign up to help.
- My phone number is 918-370-1254, in case you need to reach me.

Road Captain – Scott

- Two Saturdays ago, we participated in Route 66’s “Spring into Riding” event by setting up a booth. We did get a couple of new Members!
- We will be doing Fajita Rita’s ride to the Cowboy Hall of Fame as soon as the weather allows us.

State Meeting – Rob

- As the Chapter Representative, at the State Meetings I get to vote on different issues, but in some instances, I am assigned to bring an issue back to our Chapter to get your opinion on how you want me to vote. At the March meeting, we voted on several issues:
 - ★ The Legislative budget was raised from \$200 to \$2,000. I voted YES on this issue.
 - ★ Lane Splitting was voted on, and I voted against it. We were asked to take this issue back to our Chapters, and at the next meeting I will report how you voted. A show of hands was asked for, and the Tulsa Chapter voted in favor of the Bill by a margin of 19 to 9.
 - ★ We increased the budget to \$5,000 to buy yard signs to give away. I voted YES on this issue.
 - ★ The State is pushing hard to increase Membership. Tulsa’s #s for 2021 were: recruitment was up 32% & retention was up 74%. The State wants the Chapters to give away Memberships, which the State will pay for. This was discussed, then a vote was taken, and our Chapter voted overwhelmingly to accept the State’s offer to pay 1st year fees for New Members.

MRF – Art

James stated Art wouldn’t speak up for himself, and that he was awarded the Paul Revere Award at the SMILE. Art corrected James, that it was Frenchy who was given this Award. Art then stated he was given the SMILE Award. He went onto say that James neglected to state he received the President’s Award. Also, Cheryl received her SPUR Award.

- We are a motorcycle rights organization, and it would behoove us to get behind the Motorcycle Rights Foundation, who are defending our rights in DC.
- They have 2 major events coming up:
 - ★ Bikers in the Beltway is May 16th and 17th, with the 17th being the primary day. If you want to go to DC, schedule an appointment with your representatives. They will probably not see you otherwise.
 - ★ Meeting of the Minds will be in Des Moines, Iowa on September 22nd – 24th. It is well worth attending, especially if you want to know what is going on across this Nation. Registration and hotel booking is online. I think it should be a Chapter Ride, and James agreed.
- There is financial help if you want to go to an MRF event, but can’t afford it. You can apply through the State or through our Chapter.

Court Watch – Frenchy

- Court Watch got stiffed again. The Court will not allow any more continuances for Karen Gillespie. Court is set in Macalester for April 21st at 9am. She has had 9 continuances. We will put out a robo call to remind you of the date. Wear your black Member t-shirt.
- On June 27th she has a Jury trial at the Tulsa Courthouse.

Membership – Lyndon Giles

- For March, after Members expired out, renewed, and new Members, we have 141 Members.
- Lyndon added: “If you want to check the status of your membership, get with me after the meeting.”

Downed Bikers Report – Art & Jeff

- Art informed us of the DBA Foothills Chapter is having the Big Hills Stomp in Tahlequah.
- Jeff informed us of DBA Tulsa’s 2 upcoming events:
 - ★ On the 2nd Saturday of the month, March 9th is a black shirt event for a boy who went down on his bike, and when he stood up, he was killed by oncoming traffic.
 - ★ On Saturday April 30th is the Memorial Ride to the Ft Gibson Cemetery.

Raffle & 50/50 Drawing

Leta – \$25 QT gift card

Garrett – White River Fish Market certificate

Andy – 50/50 Winner of \$38 (same amount will be donated to the VFW) = Andy donated his winnings to the VFW

Motion to adjourn: Scott, seconded by Carol. Adjourned at 8:17pm

Respectfully submitted,
Paula “Rose” Matteuzzi

**ABATE of Tulsa
Meeting Minutes
April 28, 2022**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by Roger Bryant
The Opening Prayer was given by CMA Andy
The National Anthem was played by CMA Roadrunner
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Roger Bryant

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President's Opening Remarks – Garrett, VP (in James' absence)

- Garrett welcomed everyone, and stated he is not James.
- He read the Mission Statement of ABATE (in red above), then stated that is why we are here to make sure our laws are in our favor so we can ride safely.
- He then introduced himself, remarked on the crowd in attendance tonight, and invited any visitors who are new tonight to introduce themselves if they wanted to. Bandido Cookie stood and introduced himself as being from the Tulsa Chapter.

Treasurer's Report – Cheryl

- Cheryl reported that detailed copies were available upon request. Motion to accept: Lyndon, seconded by Randy. Passed.
- She then stated that last month she passed out copies of the proposed Budget for us to review, and vote on this meeting. She asked if anyone had any questions or discussion about it. None. Motion to accept: Roger, seconded by Iris. Passed.

Secretary's Report – Rose

- Rose stated that the Minutes were sent out by email, and copies were also available. She asked if there were any corrections or questions? None. Motion to accept: Randy, seconded by Scott. Passed.

STATE & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Road Captain – Scott

- We still have on our "to-do-ride list" Fajita Rita's suggestion of a ride to the Cowboy Hall of Fame, which is now called the Western Heritage Museum. As soon as the weather allows us, hopefully this month, we will send out a robo call for a Saturday ride.
- Also, May 28th will be the "Ride to the Wall" in Enid. Afterwards the Chapter out of Enid will feed us. We will meet at the QT at the Gilcrease Rd exit at 9am, with KSU at 9:30am. Garrett added that we will be having a Hwy Patrol escort, and vehicles are welcome to follow if you want to carpool.

Membership – Lyndon Giles

- For April, after Members expired out, renewed, and/or we acquired new Members, we have a total of 132 Members.
- Lyndon added: "If you want to check the status of your membership, get with me after the meeting."

State Meeting – Rob

- The last State Meeting was held at the Freedom Fighter Rally, and the only purpose of the meeting was to vote on 2 issues:

- ★ “Giving away Memberships”: It was decided that the # of free Memberships per Chapter that the State would pay for would be determined by 50% of each Chapter’s current Membership. It will be up to each Chapter to retain these new Members after their “free” first year. Tulsa qualified for 66 free New Memberships.
- ★ “Officer Orientation Training”: It will be held next January, and will include Board Members and Chapter Presidents and Vice Presidents.
- Garrett asked Rob to give us an update on the “Lane Filtering Bill”. Rob stated it passed the House, but was held up in Committee on the Senate side, and will be there until November. Garrett went onto explain to those who do not know what this Bill is, it originally came on the floor as “Lane Splitting”, but was changed to “Lane Filtering”. It is the same philosophy, but different terminology, which in essence means you can split cars going no faster than 45 mph, but not on a freeway.

MRF – Art

- Biden recently lifted the restriction on E-15, so be careful which nozzle you use.
- MRF has 2 major events coming up:
 - ★ Bikers in the Beltway is May 16th and 17th, with the 17th being the primary day. If you want to go to DC, schedule an appointment with your representatives. Issues that will be discussed: E-15, Autonomous Vehicles not recognizing Motorcycles, and Profiling.
 - ★ Meeting of the Minds will be in Des Moines, Iowa on September 22nd – 24th. It is well worth attending, especially if you want to know what is going on across this Nation. Registration and hotel booking is online. I think it should be a Chapter Ride, and James agreed.
- There is financial help if you want to go to an MRF event, but can’t afford it. You can apply through the State, or through our Chapter.
- If you are not a Member of MRF, I can sign you up. See me after the meeting.
- Rose announced she and Radar will be attending the Bikers Inside the Beltway.

Court Watch – Frenchy

- Last week, we went down to Macalester and met with our little friend Karen Gillespie. She saw us: Q, Lotus, Art, Richard, James, Andy, and me. She was shook up, because on May 19th at 9am the Judge is going to determine her sentence. At this next court date, her attorney wants to find out why she wasn’t served papers to notify her that her driver’s license was suspended. Good reason, she never had one.
- I want to award Richard for his “Court Watch” patch. These patches are earnable by attending a Court Watch event, smile at the judge, and be civilized.
- Garrett asked Frenchy to explain “Court Watch” to those who may not know what it is. We are not: vigilantes, not legal aid, and not lawyers. We go to the Courthouse for hearings involving motorcyclists’ death or injury accidents caused by motorists for the Court System to see that “Justice Done for Justice Sake”. The penalty for hitting a neighbor’s dog is higher than for hitting a person on the street.

Downed Bikers Report – Lurch

- Our meeting is next Monday. We don’t have a benefit for May.
- We do have the Memorial Ride this Saturday April 30th to the Ft Gibson Cemetery. Line-up begins at the Carousel at 9am, and KSU at 11am.

Safety Report – Roger

- Stated he would not spend much time on safety, but reminded us to check our bikes since Spring is here. Check that your batteries, tires, etc. are good, especially if you are going on a “group ride”.
- I want to also promote your participation in Court Watch, the DBA “Memorial Ride”, the “Ride to the Wall”, and the “Meeting of the Minds” event.

New Business

- Cheryl stated James asked her to share that May is Motorcycle Awareness Month, and he is going to be making new PSAs, when he gets his voice back, that will be played on Griffith & Cox media.
- Garrett reminded us that in a few days is May which is Motorcycle Awareness Month, as Cheryl reminded us, and as Roger reminded us, check your motorcycle over before riding: tires, psi, kickstand spring, etc.
- Rick asked if the Chapter couldn't pay for more "Watch for Motorcyclists" signs that a Councilman helped get put up in Tulsa in the past. Cheryl said it is something the Chapter would have to vote on.

Announcements

- Roadrunner announced CMA's fundraiser will be a Golf Tournament at Mohawk Park on July 30th.
- Bandido Cookie stated that on May 14th (and every 2nd Saturday of the month), the Bandidos host at their Clubhouse 15510 E Pine St, "Steak Nite". The gate opens at 5pm, and everyone is welcome.
- Garrett reminded us that Bike Nites & Bike Shows would be starting up:
 - ★ Crude Roundup, who have worked with us in the past, has their Bike Nite on the first Wednesday of the month at Uncle Bentleys @ 51st & Sheridan 6-9pm;
 - ★ Scooters @ Hwy 51 & Oneta has their Bike Nites on the 3rd Thursday;
 - ★ Cancer Sucks will be having a Bike Show May 7th @ Jenks Riverwalk; and,
 - ★ Jamesville Y in Haskell has Bike Nites every Thursday @ 6pm beginning May 12th.
- Richard said the Big Wheels Group will be @ Greenwood on May 13th, and is willing to volunteer to set up a booth at the event. Garrett said he would be out of town, but Richard is welcome to set it up, and get help manning it.
- Radar informed us that Oklahoma Biker Magazine along with Scooters will be hosting a Fish Fry, all free on Saturday June 25th. It will be advertised in their next issue, which will be out in a couple of weeks.
- Roger wanted to THANK CMA, Bandidos, Downed Bikers, HOG Chapter, as we all have the same interests, and need to support each other. I just wanted to thank everyone for all the Clubs and Organizations represented here.

Raffle & 50/50 Drawing

Art – \$25 QT gift card

Iris – White River Fish Market certificate

Iris – 50/50 Winner of \$42.50 (same amount will be donated to the VFW)

Motion to adjourn: Hippie, seconded by Randy. Adjourned at 7:55pm

Respectfully submitted,
Paula "Rose" Matteuzzi

ABATE of Tulsa, Inc Meeting Minutes
May 26, 2022
President James Chambers Clark Presiding

Call To Order: 7:00 PM by Sgt at Arms Roger Bryant

Opening Prayer: CMA Road Runner

National Anthem: CMA Road Runner

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Sgt at Arms Roger Bryant

Mission Statement: President James Clark

Introduction of Guests: Josh Sanders & Janae Moss, first-time attendees Mark & Karen Reid, new members Ryan Rutledge & Jimmy Palmer

James asked Frenchy to give an update on the hearing that took place earlier in the day in McAlister. Karen Gillespie was sentenced to 11 years and was taken into today's custody at the conclusion of today's hearing. She will have another trial in Tulsa next month for the death of a biker.

Opening Remarks: James shared that PSAs have been running all month for Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. A new PSA will start soon. The Enid ride to the Woodring Wall of Honor will be Sat., 5/28 and the Brookside Rumble & Roll benefitting Make-A-Wish will be Thurs., 6/2. He went to Eskimo Joe's in Stillwater today and met with the artist who designs our Toy Run t-shirts. They will also help us with merchandising ideas when the time is right. A reminder about business cards – if you want them, the chapter will provide. If you ask for them, please use them when you are out and about.

Treasurer's report: Cheryl Clark (Church Lady) gave the Treasurer's Report. Copies are available to any member upon request. Motion to accept: Randy Knox; Seconded: Leta Batgwell. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report: The Minutes of the April meeting were emailed to members by Secretary Paula "Rose" Matteuzzi. There were no corrections. Motion to accept: Leta Badgwell; Seconded: Lyndon. Motion passed.

Vice President's Report: Garrett Marshall stated that he will be taking over the Toy Run this year with help from James. He asked for volunteers and said to see him after the meeting if you want to be on the Toy Run Committee.

Upcoming Events for June include: 6/1 Crude Round-up Bike Night at Uncle Bentley's; 6/2 Brookside Rumble & Roll; 6/11 Collinsville Hogs & Hot Rods; 6/16 Scooter's bike Night; 6/25 Okmulgee Native Event (Garret has info). Rob asked if ABATE can have a booth at the Brookside Rumble & Roll. James said the cost is \$300 and he will check to see if booth space is available. A discussion took place about

acquiring an ABATE of Tulsa tent with our logo. Law Tigers might be a possibility. Garrett will speak with Josh Dewberry about it.

Road Captain's Report: Scott Bunch talked about the upcoming ride to the Woodring Wall of Honor in Enid. He will be the road captain and he will be maintaining the speed limit. The trip to the Oklahoma Cowboy Hall of Fame, requested by Fajita Rita last year, is still in the works and we may try it this summer.

Membership Report: Lyndon Giles reports that there have been no new members added in the last month except the two who joined tonight. At this time we have 130 members on our roster. He sent 13 renewal email reminders. There are a total of 647 members statewide. We are #3 behind NW69 and Heartland.

State Board Report: Rob stated that there are no state meetings held in April, May or July.

Downed Biker Report: Foothills Chapter has a poker run on June 4. Tulsa Chapter has a poker run on June 11 and their monthly meeting will be June 6 – always the 1st Monday of the month at the American Legion, 7pm.

MRF Report: Art Ryan report that Bikers Inside the Beltway reported 200 face-to-face meetings with legislators. New Hampshire passed an anti-profile piece of legislation. Reminder that Meeting of the Minds will be in Des Moines September 22-24. This is an excellent opportunity to have a major ride to Iowa and for our chapter to have an impact.

Announcements: Doc Platner reminded everyone that anybody can join ABATE. It's not necessary to have a bike but anytime you see someone filling the gas tank on their bike, introduce yourself and tell them about ABATE.

Rick Cassidy asked to speak about his desire to have "Watch for Motorcycle" signs near motorcycle dealerships. He needs help talking to the City about the need for \$270 for new signs. Jimmy Palmer asked if we can put a message on the flashing signs over the highways. A brief discussion took place and James asked Rick to put together a proposal to present to the chapter about his idea and what it will take to make it happen. Rick agreed to work on it.

Jeff Brock reminded us of Juggers Law that states if someone is ticketed in a crash between a car and motorcycle, an additional \$1,000 fine is assessed to go towards motorcycle safety.

An announcement was made about the CMA golf tournament to be held at Mohawk on July 30. Information available on their website and will be posted on our Facebook page.

H.O.G. Bike Night is the 3rd Thursday of every month at Scooters. KSU at 6:30pm from Route 66 Harley-Davidson.

Safety Report: Roger Bryant had several items to share: (1) Oklahoma Biker Magazine now includes Dixie Biker; (2) Meeting of the Minds will be a great trip

for our chapter to make as a group, (3) as our prayers go to the people of Uvalde, TX, let's remember that guns are not the problem – if you know someone going through trouble, keep in touch – don't ignore them; and (4) he brings to the chapter again the idea of purchasing two adult trikes, drunk goggles and traffic cones. The cost would be approximately \$2,200 and we could use these at events to generate income for our chapter. However, we would need to have 10-12 volunteers who would commit to helping with these events. Following a brief discussion, James asked Roger to get information on the cost of insurance, looking at possible events, and recruiting some volunteers. Roger agreed to bring more information to our June meeting.

Drawing:

Winners:
QuikTrip Gas Card – Ziggy.
White River Gift Card – Jimmy Palmer

Adjournment:

James asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Leta Badgwell; seconded by Randy Knox with the meeting being adjourned by our Sgt at Arms Roger Bryant at 8:07pm.

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Clark in absence of Secretary Paula "Rose" Matteuzzi

**ABATE of Tulsa
Meeting Minutes
June 30, 2022**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Roger Bryant
The Opening Prayer was given by CMA Roadrunner
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The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Roger Bryant

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President's Opening Remarks – James Clark

- James greeted everyone, then announced we have a new Member, Al Cherry and asked him to stand up. He asked Rick to introduce his guest. Rick introduced Larry Vann.
- He then read the Mission Statement of ABATE (in red above).
- A couple of days ago, I went over to Griffin Communications and cut a new PSA that will be running here and in OKC, collectively in 25 radio stations. He played the PSA for us.
- “A couple of our Members have come up with a plan to make Oklahoma a safer place to ride” James explained, “and we will hear from them now”.

Guest Speaker – Christa Patrick

- Leta Bagwell introduced Christa Patrick, Councilwoman for District 3, “Who will help us get this job done. I and Rick Cassidy want to see more “Watch for Motorcycle” signs. How can we get this done? We need to be more vigilant in educating the public. We have lost too many motorcyclists this year, and this needs to stop. We need to direct attention to high traffic areas in Tulsa and the surrounding areas. After the meeting, we will mark these areas on a map, and turn them over to Christa to take to the traffic engineers. We currently only have 2 signs in Tulsa.”
- When questions were addressed regarding what the signs are made of, costs, etc. Christa Patrick addressed us stating, “The signs are made in-house, and the price per sign includes the cost of the sign and installation. It will depend on the number of signs that is deemed necessary, as to whether they can still be made in-house. Federal guidelines have to be followed in creating and posting the signs. I am committed to do this, as my parents had an accident 2 years ago, and my mother was killed by a motorist who pulled out at a stop sign. I also know the injustice of motorcycle accidents, as the man only got probation. There is a process, so I can't guarantee this will get done quickly, as the wheels of government moves slowly.”
- James added that he has given this a lot of thought, and wants to put together a program that the entire state can benefit from. He also added he had discussed using the “Share the Road” 501 c3 with Lotus as an incentive to get businesses to donate to have signs placed in their cities. I want to put together a sponsorship, like I do the Toy Run, going out to businesses to offer them the opportunity to donate toward motorcycle safety, & writing this donation off. What we need to know in order to proceed with this in Tulsa is:
 - 1) What is the exact cost of each sign?
 - 2) What are the heavy traffic area for the signs to be placed?
 - 3) How many signs would be needed in these areas to be effective?
- James then suggested he partner with Councilwoman Christa Patrick, Leta & Rick to get these signs up and going. He also added he would like to see the signs with lights going around it like the signs at the gathering place. Christa said she would be happy to partner to get the signs done through the City of Tulsa, as we are citizens.
- Roger suggested we table this discussion until the next meeting when we should have some numbers.

Treasurer's Report – Cheryl

- Cheryl reported that detailed copies were available upon request. She asked if there were any questions? None. Motion to accept: Radar, seconded by Randy. Passed.

Secretary's Report – Cheryl (stood in for Rose in May)

- Cheryl stated that the Minutes were sent out by email, and copies were also available. She asked if there were any corrections or questions? None. Motion to accept: Roger, seconded by Radar. Passed.

STATE & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Vice President – Garrett

- James asked if there were any planned Rides or Events, and Garrett responded it is just too hot right now to plan anything.

Road Captain – Scott

- Last month on Memorial Day weekend, we got together and rode out to Enid to see what used to be a traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall near the airport. There was a ceremony with the laying of a wreath, and Veterans were asked to come forward and be pinned. The 412 Chapter got permission to have the picnic on site, rather than traveling to someone's home. Also, we had a Hwy Patrol escort. Someone asked how many bikes participated, and the consensus seemed to be 45 bikes.

Membership – Lyndon Giles

- For May, after Members expired out, renewed, and/or we acquired new Members, we have a total of 140 Members.
- Lyndon added: "If you want to check the status of your membership, get with me after the meeting."

State Meeting – Rob

- The State Meeting was held Saturday June 11 in Stillwater.
- The total # of free Memberships the Chapters can give away is 300, which will cost the State \$2,500. Chapters will be responsible for giving the Memberships to those who will be beneficial to the Chapter, and for retaining these Members. The free Memberships will be dispersed based on 25% of each Chapter's Membership # at the time this was proposed. At that time, Tulsa had 128 Members, so we will be given 32 free Memberships to distribute. If we go over that #, we will have to provide the "free" Memberships out of our Budget.
- Rob added that due to the Membership Report given by Shauna (the end of May left us with 636 Members, after 103 Members expired out since the beginning of the year), is why the State Board decided to give away Memberships.
- Any past Presidents are asked to step up to help write a training program for the January "Officers Training" event.
- Garry Canaday resigned as SMILE Coordinator, so we need someone to step up and take that job on. We also want to change the hotel/location to have one more centrally located.
- How many went to the State Rally? There was not much participation. We want to look into a different venue, and maybe make it a joint venture with DBA. Tulsa was in favor of a joint venture.
- I suggested that we move our State Meetings around in 2023 to different Chapters, and not just have it in Stillwater. Rob asked if we would be interested in hosting the meeting, at least for the December meeting. Tulsa was in favor of this.
- We have a few "Look Twice for Motorcycles" yard signs left.
- Osage Hills is going to have another Bug Run later in the summer.
- If you sign up for Air-Vac, ABATE gets a discount.
- The next meeting is August 13, 2022.

Share the Road – Rob

- We are about to lose everything, because we do not have volunteers to present the Program. We are missing a lot of opportunities without Instructors. We are going to lose the truck and trailer back to the State. Also, Lotus needs a few days to get the Instructors on the insurance.

MRF – Art

- Radar & Rose attended Bikers in the Beltway.
- The Meeting of the Minds will be in Des Moines, Iowa on September 22 – 24. There are flyers on the Officers' table, or you can book it online. There is financial help if you want to go to an MRF event, you can apply for it through the State, or through our Chapter.

- As an alternative, there is the MILE, which will be in Topeka in October, and there are also flyers for it on the Officers' table.
- If you are not a Member of MRF, I can sign you up. See me after the meeting.

Court Watch – Frenchy

- I want to thank you who were able to go to Macalester for the last Court Watch.
- Karen Gillespie vs the State of OK, she was sentenced to complete 11 years sentence, plus the previous suspended 10 years for a total of 21 years. Her jury trial TBD, well they determined that even though she is incarcerated, her jury trial will be Aug 1 at the Tulsa County Courthouse at 9am.
- August 30 at 9am in Purcell, McClain County is State vs Mcloyd is a preliminary hearing.
- September 12 is State vs Jesus Serna OK County Courthouse in OKC, and is her jury trial.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Downed Bikers – Harry

- We have a black shirt benefit Saturday 7/9 for Jimmy Morrison.
- Also, we are auctioning off a Henry rifle, and I'll have tickets at the next meeting.

BACA – Hippy

- We have a KidsFest up at the Salina Highbank Speedway this weekend. It is a fundraiser for the kids and the Chapter, and open to everyone.

CMA – Roadrunner

- We are having a Golf Tournament Saturday July 30. Cheryl said there is a flyer on our FB page.
- Also, we are having a BBQ Sat Oct 1 at high noon y'all are invited to. Please RSVP!

NEW BUSINESS:

Bikers Inside the Beltway Report – Radar

- Rose and I drove to Washington DC to attend Bikers Inside the Beltway. We were the only 2 people from OK who attended it. There were about 200 other bikers there. Rose did a great job coordinating with all the Administrative Assistants to set up 4 appointments.
- The Houses were in recess for the summer, but to the credit to our OK Legislators, all of our Congressman and Senators were there working, and we saw all of them. You would be very impressed with our guys if you went to Washington DC, as they are head and shoulders above the others.
- We spoke with them about 7 different concerns of MRF:
 - Anti-Profiling – All the representatives got behind it, except Markwayne Mullins because he hadn't heard of bikers being profiled. Radar gave him the example of bikers not being allowed into the OKC State Fair with their cuts on. He is going to have his Assistant look into it, and if it is true, he will back us on this issue.
 - Automated Driving Systems – Most of them weren't aware motorcycles have been hit by autonomous drivers. They all agreed that is something that needs to be addressed in the Bill before it is approved.
 - The RPM Act – The EPA is trying to outlaw all modifications to vehicles. You cannot then modify any vehicle to be a "race only" vehicle. This Act would state that the EPA's requirements do not apply to any vehicle modified for off-road racing, or operation. They all agreed with this Act.
 - We talked about Taxes and Transportation – There is a big study in the state of Washington, where instead of a road tax, they are going to charge you by the miles you drive. But not only that, they are also going to take into account the road you drive on, and the time of day. To make this effective, all vehicles will be required to have GPS systems. Our defense is motorcycles create less wear and tear, congestion, and consume less fuel than other vehicles, so any tax decided on, should take in consideration these differences. The Bill stated to take into consideration what motorcycles do to the roads before you start taxing us. They all agreed to that.
 - The Definition of a Motorcycle – All of them knew what a Slingshot was, but none of them realized why a Slingshot is considered a motorcycle. We explained that MRF is requesting that a Motorcycle does not have a steering wheel, and you sit on it, not in it. They said that makes sense, we see they are trying to skirt the safety laws, and they all agreed with us on this.
 - A law to define what gas is being pumped – E15 is now being sold, and so we want to force clear identification of what grade of Ethanol we are buying. All of our Legislators said we need to get out of

the Ethanol business, but until then, we want a guarantee of the grade of gasoline we are pumping into our bikes.

- Lastly, we asked all of our Legislators if they would join the Motorcyclist Caucus. There is about 20 Legislators who are on this Caucus, and meet regularly to discuss the concerns of motorcyclists. Art added that after the B in the B, that the Caucus increased from 28 Members to 39 Members.
- Rose added that MRF gave us these folders with all this information, and a folder to give each of our Legislators with the Bills and information.

Housekeeping – James Clark

- James had Cheryl pass around pictures of this year's Toy Run T-Shirt design for this year.
- Does anyone want business cards that doesn't have them?
- James asked Lyndon to come forward. He then presented Lyndon with a Spur Award.

Raffle & 50/50 Drawing

Scott – \$25 QT gift card

David Loganbill – White River Fish Market certificate

Jerry McNew – 50/50 Winner of \$73.50 (same amount will be donated to the VFW)

Motion to adjourn: Hippy, seconded by James Miller. Adjourned at 8:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula "Rose" Matteuzzi

ABATE of Tulsa
Meeting Minutes
July 28, 2022

The Meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by Roger Bryant
The Opening Prayer was given by CMA Andy Stenberg
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Roger Bryant

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President's Opening Remarks – James Clark

- He read the Mission Statement of ABATE of Oklahoma
- He introduced new member Wayne Mayberry and guests Don & Carla Evans; and longtime ABATE member, Franklin Kastl, who is back after a long absence.
- A number of people plan to attend the Meeting of the Minds in Des Moines and Rob has agreed to be the Road Captain for that ride.
- Reminder that if you invite a guest to speak at our meeting, let him know so he can place it on the agenda. This will avoid conflicts with planned speakers.
- Leta was asked to give us an update on the “Watch for Motorcycles” signs progress with the City of Tulsa. She shared the good news that each District was awarded 1 million dollars to clean up Tulsa. Hopefully, this will pay for these 17 proposed signs. She, Rick and Richard are working on this together and will be meeting with the City Engineers to discuss the signs, and hopefully finalize the plans to get them up and going. James explained this project for those who were not at the last meeting, and thanked Leta, Rick and Richard for their work on it.
- Reminder that nominations will take place in September and October for three positions, two of which are retiring: President and Treasurer. Roger Bryant has expressed in continuing to serve as Sgt of Arms.
- Reminder that if a member wants business cards, please see Cheryl after the meeting. The chapter is paying for this so please make sure you give them out to bikers when you are out riding.
- Our Chaplain and dear friend, Doc Platner is recovering from a recent hospitalization. He is getting stronger but appreciates all our prayers.
- Our brother and dear friend, Jack King is recovering from have a rare melanoma removed from his back. He is waiting for the pathology results to determine if he will need radiation.
- Regarding the Toy Run, you saw the t-shirt design at the last meeting, Garrett and I are discussing the possibility of changing the route this year to go down Riverside to the River Walk.

Treasurer's Report – Cheryl

- Cheryl gave the financial report as share that copies are available upon request. Motion to accept: Lyndon, seconded by Art. Passed.
- She also reminded members that we have four \$250 scholarships for the Meeting of the Minds. She has applications and the deadline to submit an application is August 15.

Secretary's Report – Rose

- Rose stated that the Minutes were sent out by email. She asked if there were any corrections or questions? None. Motion to accept: Roger, seconded by Hippy. Passed.

STATE & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Vice President – Garrett

- There is a lot of participation for Poker Runs, and unfortunately some of them are for the benefit of bikers who have gone down. Please be careful out there.
- Crude Bike Night is the first Wednesday of each month at Uncle Bentleys, which does not allow patches.

Road Captain – Scott

- This Saturday we will be going to Wellston, OK for lunch at Butch's BBQ. Meet at Route 66 Harley Davidson, and KSU will be at 9am. James added that we were invited to ride with the HOG Chapter.

Membership – Lyndon

- The State website has our Membership as 136, and for the State, 636 Members.
- Lyndon added: "If you want to check the status of your membership, get with me after the meeting."
- James thanked Lyndon for the good job in retaining memberships and his record keeping.

State Meeting – Rob

- The State does not hold meetings in July, but for the August meeting there will be a vote on retaining Kim Mobley as our Legislative Coordinator, even though she moved to Mississippi this Spring. Steve, the State Coordinator spoke to Kim about continuing to research the bills the OK Legislature will vote on, and make us aware of the bills involving Motorcyclists Interests. Kim agreed, but wanted to be paid the same as Susan Rhoads, our last Lobbyist, who was paid \$9,000. After some discussion, it was decided our vote was to split the money between Kim for research, and someone with boots on the ground in OK, who could go visit the Legislators face to face. (Additional NOTES for State Meeting: 1) It was pointed out that OK Legislation is only in Session for 5 months, and not year-round, which the \$9,000 would cover. 2) Also, it was requested that the State provide a job description for the Lobbyist in order for a member to consider taking on this position.)

MRF – Art

- Biden has relinquished the ban on E-15 fuel. House Resolution 7731 will require detailed labeling, and consumer information regarding E-15, and to its effect on different types of vehicles, including motorcycles. The MRF is asking us to contact our Representatives to co-sponsor H.R. 7731. In other words, this is a Call to Action for the Consumer Protection and Fuel Transparency Act of 2022.
- Autonomous vehicles is item #3 on MRF's list of priorities for this year. It just so happens that last month was Crash #48 concerning an autonomous vehicle that was on auto pilot. Out of the 48 crashes, 39 were Tesla vehicles. Autonomous vehicles have been spotted in Oklahoma, and they are not registering motorcycles, police, or emergency lights. So be careful, as not only do we have to watch the idiots who are driving, but now we have to watch for the vehicles, who have idiots in them not doing the driving.
- For those who are going to the Meeting of the Minds in Des Moines, the MRF sent out an email with a preview of some of the workshops which will be presented: Membership Promotion & Retention; Organizational Continuity; Legislative Strategies; the Necessity of Political Action Committees; and Riding Skill Enhancement. You do not have to be a Member of the MRF to attend this event. He has flyers if you are interested.
- He has a few applications for State Scholarship money, but bear in mind this is not free money. You will be obligated to give a report of what you learned and did at the MOTM, not only at the Chapter level, but at the State level, also.
- The MRF announced that three Members of the MRF will go to the MRF Hall of Fame: Jay Jackson, Gary Sellers, and Kirk "Hardtail" Willard.
- For those of you who can't make the Meeting of the Minds, two weeks later October 7 – 9 is the Mid-South MILE in Topeka, KS. If you can make it that event, it is cheaper and closer. It is a shortened version of the Meeting of the Minds. He recommends both and will be going to both.
- One last thing, we are bikers helping bikers. Our beloved Rita Talbott's son, Greg "Shepherd" Talbott suffered a devastating fire recently - maybe we can pass the hat for him. Cheryl advised we have the ability as a Chapter to donate up to \$100. James asked the Chapter if they were in favor of contributing this amount and it was approved by the membership.

Court Watch – Frenchy

- For Karen Gillespie there will be a discovery hearing on August 5 at 9:30am at the Tulsa County Courthouse.
- The Tulsa DA has filed a Writ with the Department of Corrections to produce her for her hearing on August 29, which is the actual jury trial for the killing of the biker.
- August 30 at 9am is a preliminary hearing in Purcell, OK @ McClain County Courthouse - State vs McFloyd.
- September 12 at 9am is a jury trial for State vs Seranoff @ in OKC.

- Frenchy explained that the Court Watch patch is not a participation patch, but you have to put in the time and effort to be in the Courtroom on a hard bench. He then presented James with a Court Watch Patch.

Downed Bikers Report – Jeff

- August 6 Tahlequah Chapter is having their nighttime Bug Run.
- August 13 Tulsa Chapter is having a Black Shirt event at Myers Duren, last bike out at 6, last bike in at 10.
- Our meeting is Monday August 1 at the American Legion. Regarding the Crude Bike Night, Jeff reiterated that Uncle Bentley's is a no-colors bar.

CMA – Andy

- Saturday October 1 is our BBQ picnic @ Haikey Creek Park at noon. Please RSVP so we have enough food.

Safety Report – James

- With all this incredible heat, watch out for the tar strips. He had his rear tire go out underneath him on a curve and it gave him a start.
- Lotus sent out a notice on her FB page, that in Utah a Tesla ran right into the back of a biker. Art informed us that was crash #49 he mentioned earlier.

New Business

- Richard announced that James Clark has a new bike and presented him with a box. James opened it, and it was a bell for his new bike.

Raffle & 50/50 Drawing

Art – \$25 QT gift card

Franklin – White River Fish Market gift card

Leta & Jimmy – 2 Mystery Bags

Andy – 50/50 Winner of \$38 (same amount donated to VFW). Andy asked his \$ be donated to Greg Talbott

Motion to adjourn: Lyndon, seconded by Hippy. Adjourned at 7:55pm

Respectfully submitted,

Paula "Rose" Matteuzzi

ABATE of Tulsa
Meeting Minutes
August 25, 2022

The Meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by Roger Bryant
The Opening Prayer was given by "Doc" Platner
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Roger Bryant

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President's Opening Remarks – James Clark

- James greeted everyone, stating "I love seeing a full room. It pleases my heart, it really does." He then added "It is good to see our friends from the Red & Gold." Lastly, he stated that "I've been trying to get Joe Cervantes, a founding Member of this Chapter to come to a Meeting, and here he is." James went onto explain that Joe had burned a helmet on the steps of the State Capitol back in the day, and deserves a halo.
- He then read the Mission Statement of ABATE (in red above).
- The Meeting of the Minds is coming up, and we have 8 or 9 people going. Rob will be the Road Captain for that trip to Des Moines, IA.
- October is the Mid-South Mile in Topeka, and hopefully we can do a ride to that Event, also.
- Bikers, Blues & BBQ has changed its location to Rogers, AR.
- I have a copy of the Toy Run t-shirt design if anyone wants to see it. Also, this year we are changing the Toy Run route to go from the Fairgrounds, West on 21 St to the loop onto Riverside, then South on Riverside to the RiverWalk area.

Treasurer's Report – Cheryl

- Cheryl read the report and stated that detailed copies are available upon request. She asked if there were any questions? None. Motion to accept: Randy, seconded by Radar. Passed.

Secretary's Report – Paula "Rose"

- Rose stated that the Minutes were sent out by email, and copies were also available. She asked if there were any corrections or questions? None. Motion to accept: Carol, seconded by Richard. Passed.

STATE & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Road Captain – Scott

- Last weekend, we attended an event on Saturday & had a ride on Sunday. On Saturday, we set up a booth at Route 66 Harley Davidson's Chill & Grill event. We had a good time, signed up 2 new Members, and while there Richard and I set up a ride for Sunday. On Sunday, we went for a ride that took us to Skiatook, Barnsdall, Pawhuska, Bartlesville, and Nowata before returning home.

Membership – Lyndon Giles

- For August, after Members expired out, renewed, and/or we acquired new Members, we have a total of 141 Members.
- Lyndon added: "If you want to check the status of your membership, get with me after the meeting."

State Meeting – Rob

- The State Meeting was held Saturday August 13 in Stillwater. Quentin ran the meeting as Steve had surgery and was recovering. All 7 Chapter Representatives were present at the Meeting.

- There was an extensive discussion regarding Kim Mobley being the Legislative Representative to do research from her home in Mississippi, while other Members said they would be the boots on the ground at the Capitol when it was needed. I was going to vote NO, as discussed at our last meeting, but since they assured us there would be Members who were willing to go to the Capitol once Kim blew the whistle, I voted YES. Kim will be paid for what she has done this year and going forward on a monthly basis. This arrangement will be evaluated in 2023. Also, if you are interested in being the Legislative Liaison to go to the Capitol, nominations are open. This is a volunteer position according to the bylaws.
- Rob added that the Membership Report given by Shauna was as follows: at the end of June we had 638 Members; at the end of July we had 631 Members; and, at the end of August we had 624 Members. Since the beginning of the year, we have lost 131 Members. We have 300 free Memberships to give away Statewide.
- The River Run is a fun event that 4 different Chapters help out with, and this is the State's Legislative Fundraiser. This year \$4,982.67 was raised. Also, Shawna is retiring as the River Run Chair, so we need someone to step up and take this position.

MRF – Art

- For those who don't know the Motorcycle Riders Foundation is a national level motorcycle rights organization that has been around since 1985 and has had a fulltime DC presence since 1992. They are our eyes and ears in Washington DC monitoring our interests and notify us if there is a Call to Arms action we may need to take. Two current interests they are dealing with is Profiling and Crashes of Autonomous Vehicles. As of June 26, was the #49 crash involving autonomous vehicles. Of those 49 crashes, 38 of them were with Tesla vehicles. Also of the 49 crashes 19 involved fatalities.
- There are tax credits given if you purchase electric vehicles, but that does not include motorcycles. A few states are recognizing electric motorcycles in this tax credit, but we need to get behind them also.
- If you are not a Member of MRF, I can sign you up. See me after the meeting.

Share the Road – Art

- There are 6 Challenge Events coming up in which we need volunteers to help with: 9/8 Murray State College in Tishomingo 9am – 1 pm (lunch provided) 400 – 600 Students; 9/13 Taloga HS in Taloga 11am – 2pm 200 Students; 10/11 Charles Page HS in Sand Springs 400 Students; 10/18 Chelsea HS in Chelsea; and 10/27 Stroud 250 Students. Contact Kim Haynes 405-856-4190 if you can Volunteer. You will need to get a background check if you are going to volunteer, and on the insurance if you are going to drive the Share the Road truck & trailer

Court Watch – Frenchy

- September 12 @ 9am is a jury trial State vs Cerna CF-2021-1367 OK County Courthouse in OKC.
- If you attend: wear Black ABATE t-shirts, no gum, no candy, no whispering, turn cell phones OFF; and, when being seated, spread out in the Courtroom.
- Frenchy presented James with a Court Watch patch.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Downed Bikers – Harry

- 9/10 we have a Shuffleboard Run that is a lot of fun. It starts off at the Berryhill Bar with first bike out at noon.
- Also, I have the raffle tickets for the 357 Henry lever action rifle if you want some.
- Our September Meeting will be Tuesday 9/6, since Monday is a holiday. It will start at 7:30 instead of 7.
- Twin Rivers has a beneficiary run on Sat 9/17 starting at the Elks Lodge in Claremore. On Sat 10/15 is another beneficiary run, and details are still being worked out for the run.

BACA – Hippy

- We have our Legacy Chapter Run Labor Day weekend. Everyone is welcome.

Safety Report – Roger

- At this time of year, make sure you look at the weather, and be prepared. Also, it is important that you check out your bike, especially those who are going to travel to Des Moines. Check: the tires for the correct pressure; and, get it serviced, to make sure it is road worthy so you don't have any issues on your trip.

OLD BUSINESS:

- James asked Leta to give us an update on the progress of the Watch for Motorcycles signs. Leta thanked James, Richard, and Ricky for attending a meeting this past Tuesday with Ms. Patrick & Kirk, the City Traffic Engineer at the City Hall. We gave them our research locations of motorcycle shops & areas known for high rates of accidents. The 17 signs requested will be paid for by the City of Tulsa. Kirk said that donations could be accepted for more signs once it was determined where additional signs would be placed. Hopefully, we are looking at a time frame of 2 months for the completed signs.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Roger announced the Bandidos have their steak night on Sat 9/17. From what I understand it is an excellent meal. They are here to support us, so let us share it and go back and support them. Cookie added that gates open at 5pm, we start serving at 6, and cautioned us that the steaks sell out by 7:30. The price is \$25.
- Roger had another issue, an injustice, he wanted our help with. The Freeway Cafe on 3rd St has a group of politicians, high rollers, attorneys, who go in & tie up numerous tables for hours on Saturday mornings, & they don't tip, or not enough for the time they spend there. Hopefully, we can get enough of us to fill up the backroom, where they have been camping, and tip well. Who is willing to help out?
- Cookie also invited us to their Support Sport Bike Club's weekend rally event Oct 21 – 23 at Sparks, and it is \$25 per person for the weekend. He added that you need a flyer to get in.
- James was surprised when he realized we had a new guest in attendance, and he introduced Representative Ross Ford and his wife, Lisa. He added that "This man has been a real champion for Motorcycle Safety in the State of Oklahoma and has really helped us out a lot."
- Scott said he spoke to a Councilman about the dark signs over the highways and asked why those signs couldn't be utilized during the year to promote Motorcycle Safety Awareness to the public. The Councilman provided him with ODOT's email, and Scott got a response the next day. The woman stated that ODOT is concerned about Motorcycle Safety, and there were 61 motorcycle fatalities in 2020. Lastly, she pointed out that ODOT uses the signs during May to promote Motorcycle Safety Month. Radar informed us that 3 years ago, he and John Pierce attended an ODOT meeting when ABATE had addressed this same issue, and ODOT had 2 responses: 1) if we do it for you, other organizations will want to use the signs for their messages, and 2) we don't want to DISTRACT drivers and cause accidents with unnecessary information on the signs. James asked Representative Ford if he had a response to this. Rep Ford said if we let him know what our message to be, and how often - once or twice a week, he will make it happen.
- Cookie addressed a concern he has for safety: he noticed how at night on the highways Tulsa has the lights on in the straightaways, but when you get to a curve the lights are off. James said this does need to be addressed, and we have 3 Councilmen who are our friends. He wanted to discuss it more with Cookie after the meeting.
- Rob brought up the issue of people blowing their grass clippings out into the street, which causes an issue for motorcycle safety. Rep Ford said Tulsa has an ordinance against this, it is littering. Leta informed us there is a Mayor's Action Line 311, and you can submit an issue, and it will be taken care of.

Raffle & 50/50 Drawing

- \$25 QT gift card:
- White River Fish Market certificate:
- 50/50 Winner of \$36 (same amount will be donated to the VFW): Sam Allton won and gave his share back to be given to the VFW.

Motion to adjourn: Randy, seconded by Carol. Adjourned at 8:06pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula "Rose" Matteuzzi

ABATE of Tulsa

Meeting Minutes September 29, 2022

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Roger Bryant
The Opening Prayer was given by Doc Platner
The National Anthem was played by CMA Roadrunner
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Roger Bryant

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President's Opening Remarks – James Clark

- He greeted everyone “What a wonderful surprise to see everyone this evening, thank you for coming.”
- He then read the Mission Statement of ABATE (in red above).
- James then recognized: New Members Kesley and Daniel Burnette; Guests from the Lakes ABATE Chapter; and, Guest Rob Davis and thanked them for coming.
- He then stated: “A few of us just got back from the Motorcycle Riders Foundation’s Meeting of the Minds in Des Moines. I walked away from it with my eyes WIDE open. I suggest if you believe in this Organization & its Mission, & love motorcycle riding, I strongly suggest you join the MRF, because they are doing Nationally, what we are doing here. Next year the Meeting of the Minds will be held in Harrisburg, PA. Let’s see if we can get a group to attend. One other thing regarding us attending the Meeting, Richard has a QR code on his phone which gives you access to a Survey on Profiling. Please see him after our Meeting.”
- James informed us: “Scott Bunch and I met with the VFW committee, where we submitted an application for us to ride in the Veteran’s Day Parade on November 11. Our application was accepted, & we’re required to attend 2 more meetings.”
- James stated, “Regarding the Toy Run, I finally got permission from Jenks to end our Run there. I still have to attend next Tuesday at their City Council meeting.
- James then asked John Trotter to come forward. “While the rest of us after the meeting are walking around & talking, this Gentleman cleans up for us. I want to thank him for it, and really appreciate his efforts.”

Treasurer's Report – Cheryl

- Cheryl read the report and stated that detailed copies are available upon request. She asked if there were any questions? None. Motion to accept: Radar, seconded by Roger. Passed.
- Cheryl informed us of Merchandise that had been purchased, to give away at the Meeting of the Minds, and also to sell to raise funds for our Chapter. The backpacks, coasters, and sanitizers are on sale on the nearby table. She stated we have talked about adding T-Shirts to merchandise, which she researched and found a shop that can make the shirts with our small logo on front for \$10.50, sizes S – XL, and \$12.50 for larger sizes, if we order at least 100. They need 10 days to print them. That would bring the order to \$1,097 before taxes. We still have in our budget \$2,651, so we have funds in our budget. This could help build our Merchandise budget, and perhaps make some money for the Chapter. I want to ask the Chapter to approve this. A motion was made to approve the purchase of T-Shirts, the Motion to accept by Scott, and seconded by Radar. There was some discussion of putting our larger logo also on the back. Cheryl will see what the added cost will be to do this, and if it is reasonable enough, then the t-shirts will be ordered with both.

Secretary's Report – Paula “Rose”

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- Rose stated that the Minutes were sent out by email, and copies were also available. She asked if there were any corrections or questions? None. Motion to accept: Roger, seconded by Hippy. Passed.

STATE & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Road Captain – Scott

- We didn't have an "official" ride this month, but I did attend the Friends of Oklahoma Motorcycle Rally held in Ponca City last weekend. Next year's rally will be held in Claremore.

Membership – Lyndon Giles

- For September, after Members expired out, renewed, and/or we acquired new Members, we have a total of 144 Members.
- Lyndon added: "If you want to check the status of your membership, get with me after the meeting."

State Meeting – Rob

- The State Meeting was held Saturday September 9 in Stillwater. Of the 7 Chapter Representatives, 6 were present at the Meeting.
- The Membership Report listed 631 Members.
- The Financial Report was given: Checking \$20,597.59 and Savings \$59,291.33.
- Governmental Affairs: Kim Mobley reported she called & emailed Representative Ken Luttrell to ask him to submit the Handlebar Bill again. She also emailed copies of Idaho's and New Hampshire's Anti-Profilng Laws that were recently passed to Representative Stan May. She then spoke to him, and he agreed to author for ABATE of Oklahoma a simpler version of the Anti-Profilng Bill. Kim also submitted to the State Capitol to reserve the Rotunda for the 2023 Legislative Day, and it was approved for Wednesday March 8, 2023.
- Interested parties to be the "Boots on the Ground" Legislative Rep(s) needs to be submitted by the next 2 meetings. This is an appointed position by the Board.
- The SMILE Report: Nominations for Awards: Presidents Cup, SMILE Award, Lifetime Member Award, Governor's Award, State Coordinator's Award, and Paul Revere Award must be submitted and voted on before December. We were also reminded to help those Members who are working on their Spur Awards to get them finished.
- At the end of the meeting, Skip Moon asked ABATE of OK to make a contribution of \$500 to the Vietnam Memorial Wall located at the Woodring Wall of Honor and Veteran's Park in Enid. He informed us we have done this in the past, but not since COVID. We were asked to go back to our Chapters to get the Vote of the Chapter on this request. The Chapter voted they were in favor of the state contributing \$500 for this cause. Rob also informed us that when some of our Chapter Members went to Pryor to attend Lakes Chapter's meeting, their Chapter voted to make a \$250 contribution. He proposed we do the same thing, to make sure that at least \$500 is donated to this cause. The Chapter voted to contribute \$250, also. Rob informed us, that there will be a Poker Run Nov 5 to raise funds for the Wall.

MRF – Art

- As mentioned earlier, several of us went to the Meeting of the Minds in Des Moines, IA. Thanks you from myself, I had a great time. Met a lot of people and renewed acquaintances. Breakout Sessions that they have are so full of information. You also gather a lot from the Hallway Chatter. One of the Breakout Sessions had to do with Leadership. We are ALL Leaders, whether you are out here sitting or up on the Board, we are all Leaders. We need to be Mentors to those who are coming in new to the Organization or Club we are a part of. We also need to be good Listeners, so if they have a problem, we can hear what they have to say, and not just pass judgment on what we think they are saying. If you are an Officer or on the Board, don't take it personally if criticism comes along. A true Mentor will be there for the long haul. As a Mentor and an Officer, be on the lookout for training opportunities, and to help people over the humps they may run into. Make sure that new people feel welcome and

wanted. We want them to be a part of, let's make them feel that. And, always work toward the Betterment of the Whole Organization.

- Mark your calendars for next year's:
 - Meeting of the Minds will be in Harrisburg, PA Sept 21 – 24.
 - The Bikers in the Beltway May 15 – 16. It is your opportunity to schedule an appointment with your Legislators in Washington, DC on Tuesday. The previous evening, the MRF gives you materials for talking points with your Legislators.
- March 8 is ABATE's Legislative Day at our OK Capitol.
- Roger asked Art how many MRF Members there are in total, being that there are 8.6 million motorcycles registered in the US. Art responded there are around 5,000 Members, & to put that in perspective there are 270,000 motorcycles registered in Oklahoma, & of that there are less than 150 MRF Members from our State. Art reminded us, if you are not a Member of the MRF, I can sign you up. See me after the meeting.

Share the Road – Art

- There are 6 Challenge Events coming up in which we need volunteers to help with: 10/11 Charles Page HS in Sand Springs has been cancelled due to the accident a couple of weeks ago; 10/18 Chelsea HS in Chelsea 250 Students; and, 10/27 Stroud 250 Students. Contact Kim Haynes 405-856-4190 if you can Volunteer. You will need to get a background check if you are going to volunteer, and be put on the insurance if you are going to drive the Share the Road truck & trailer

Court Watch – Frenchy (not present)

Bandidos – Cookie

- I apologize that our steak night was cancelled, as we had a funeral. We have rescheduled it for October 8, but may have to change it again due to another funeral. I will get with James if it is cancelled. We also have another one on November 12.
- We also have a raffle for a \$500 VISA gift card. The tickets are \$5 a ticket. The goal is to sell out the tickets, then have the drawing at the next steak night.

Downed Bikers – Jeff

- The Foothills Chapter is having a Poker Run this Saturday afternoon.
- The Twin Rivers Chapter is having a benefit on 10/15.
- There is a benefit also on 11/12.
- Our Meetings are the first Monday of the month.
- We have a raffle for a Henry rifle, and the drawing will be at the December meeting.

CMA

- We are having a BBQ @11am at Haikey Creek Park at the N end at the Pavilions. Everyone is invited.

HOGS – Scott

- We are having our Chapter Meeting this Saturday.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Roger announced Nominations are open for President, Treasurer, & Sgt at Arms, and asked if there were any nominations? Radar nominated James for President, but he declined. Rogers said nominations will be tabled until next month's meeting.
- Doc presented Radar with a Pin honoring his Service during Vietnam with the words on the back of the Pin: "A grateful Nation thanks and honors you." Please thank Radar for his Service after the Meeting.
- Rob and Larry expressed interest in attending the Mid-South Mile, and asked if we could help them with a Scholarship to it. Cheryl asked if \$250 MRF Scholarship would be okay, & James said there would need to be reports. The Chapter voted to give them each a \$250 Scholarship.

Raffle & 50/50 Drawing

Richard – \$25 QT gift card:

Chris “Stretch” – White River Fish Market certificate

Andy – 50/50 Winner of \$54 (same amount will be donated to the VFW)

Motion to adjourn: Randy, seconded by Richard. Adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula “Rose” Matteuzzi

**ABATE of Tulsa
Meeting Minutes
October 27, 2022**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Roger Bryant
The Opening Prayer was given by Roadrunner
The National Anthem was played by CMA Roadrunner
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Roger Bryant

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.

ABATE of Oklahoma is the ONLY organization in Oklahoma that has ever gotten significant motorcycle legislation passed into Law.

President's Opening Remarks – James Clark

- He greeted everyone, asked if everyone has signed in and got a ticket. He introduced guests and new/old members: Ted LaBombarbe, the Tulsa CMA President. James asked him to introduce the other person from his Chapter and Ted introduced John Stowe. James also introduced Larry Vann and Aaron, who comes to us via Michigan, LA and is now here.
- We have a guest who will speak later, Captain Stan May.
- Thank you to Roadrunner for the great job playing the National Anthem on his horn for us.
- He then read the Mission Statement of ABATE (in red above).
- James informed us that our Chaplain Doc Platner's wife died suddenly last week so he cannot be with us tonight.
- On our way back from the Mid-South Mile in Topeka Art dropped his bike and broke his ankle and he had surgery today.
- This will be the last meeting where we take nominations then we will vote for the three open positions in Nov.
- Due to Thanksgiving being on the last Thursday of November, our meeting will be on Thursday, Nov. 17.
- He and Scott Bunch have met with the VFW and secured a spot in the Veteran's Day Parade on Nov. 11.
- Toy Run update: the TPD and Jenks Police Depts have both ok'd the routes and the destination at River Walk has been approved. We are still securing sponsors. T-Shirts will be ready in time for the dealership parties.

Treasurer's Report – Cheryl

- Cheryl read the report and stated that detailed copies are available upon request. She asked if there were any questions. None. Motion to accept: Hippie, seconded by Scooter. Passed. Cheryl added that sponsorship funds being collected for the Toy Run are considered charitable donations and are deposited in our 501c3, which is ABATE Charitable Services. The funds will then be transferred to ABATE of Tulsa to pay the Toy Run bills.

Secretary's Report – Paula "Rose"

- Rose stated that the Minutes were sent out by email, and copies are also available. She asked if there were any corrections or questions. None. Motion to accept: Lyndon, seconded by Radar. Passed.

STATE & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Vice President – Garrett

- Garrett stated there are some smaller communities that have Toy Runs which he plans on participating in: Wagoner Community Outreach on Sun. 11/6. Meet at the Coweta Walmart parking lot near Sonic with KSU 2pm; Tulsa Dream Center on Sun. 12/4. Meet at the Gathering Place, KSU 2pm.
- Also, all are invited to Myers Duren HOG Chapter's 2nd Annual Cookie Run Ride on 11/20, meet at Myers KSU at 10am. The ride will take us to Police & Fire Depts in Owasso, Collinsville, and Claremore to distribute cookies.
- James let us know Channel 8 asked him if we wanted to partner with the Salvation Army on their Toy Run, but he will decline tomorrow. We do not want to break our relationship with the Marines Toys for Tots campaign.

Road Captain – Scott

- Scott informed us he will be attending the last meeting with the VFW on 11/2. The Veterans Day Parade is 11/11 at 11am, and we will be meeting at the VFW for Breakfast starting at 7am. James encouraged all to participate, especially Veterans, and that more info will be given after the meeting on 11/2 on our Facebook page and by Robo call.

Membership – Lyndon Giles

- For September, after members expired out, renewed, and new members joining, we have a total of 140 Members.
- If you want to check the status of your membership get with Lyndon following the meeting.

State Board Meeting – Frenchy

- The State Board Meeting was held Saturday 10/8 in Stillwater.
- First off is 11/5 NW69's Charity Run.
- ABATE of OK contributed \$500 to the Vietnam Memorial Wall located at the Woodring Wall of Honor and Veteran's Park in Enid. Tulsa Chapter voted to contribute \$250. Cheryl gave a check to the ABATE of Oklahoma treasurer at that meeting.
- The SMILE will be held at the Embassy Suites in Oklahoma City. Rooms are \$99 per night. Open bar will be 5:30 to 7:30pm each night, and there is a buffet breakfast each morning. The hotel will block off 30 rooms for us and provide us a hospitality suite in which we can exclusively have our own food and booze. They are still working on finding someone who to cater the Saturday night banquet.

Share the Road – Frenchy

- We had to cancel four out of six Oklahoma Challenge events due to Kim's cancer and lack of volunteers. We need to get Share the Road back on track. Please let me know if you can volunteer. Lotus has a list of people pending for a background check and to be put on the insurance for those who are going to drive the Share the Road truck & trailer.
- Our Grant money got stalled out so volunteers will no longer be paid \$15 an hour but you will still be paid for mileage.
- James asked if he would tell us how the Chelsea event went. Frenchy reported that the young adults were on top of it and listened to everything we had to say. There was an Oklahoma Highway Patrolman there, as the back and forth exchange is always invaluable. It is not that long, 4-5 hours, which goes by quickly. This needs to be done, and no one but us can help educate them.
- The Grant money didn't come through but that money is ours as it comes from the \$3 per tag we agreed to pay and have access to. Lotus is going to try to get an audit of how this money has been paid out.

Court Watch – Frenchy

- 11/1 is a Preliminary Hearing CF-2022-4045 for Miguel Cabral, who hit a Patriot Guard Rider. His bail was only set at \$5,000, and we are trying to find out why it is so low.
- State v. Cerna CF-2021-1367 will be held 11/7 @9:00 AM @Oklahoma County Courthouse. It is called a bench trial but was formerly a jury trial.

Safety – Roger

- Tires are where the rubber meets the road and makes a difference. A lot of people don't check their tires regularly. It should be done at least once a month. If you don't ride much, be aware of oxidation, which causes dry rot. Motorcycle tires are more critical than automotive tires, because you don't have much on the ground. When it comes to tires, don't go cheap because you get what you pay for. Some people run automotive tires but the shoulders are different, and so is the performance and handling. Low tire pressure results in the bike not handling well. When you replace your tire, find the numbers on it. The first # is its width, the second # is its height, then there will be either an "R" for Radial, or a "B" for Belted. James reminded us to look at the date. Roger agreed and added, "The newer the date, the newer the tire", which will make your tires last longer.
- James added that in the summertime we worry about people blowing their grass clippings onto the roads, but now it is their leaves. When it rains, they get slick.

MRF – Rob

- Art was not present, to give the regular MRF report. Rob gave his report of his experience at the Meeting of the Minds in Des Moines, IA in September.
- Rob highlighted that knowing he was there with people from all over the US, who are there for the same reason left an impression on him. Thursday night was a meet & greet. Friday morning you got to meet the MRF Board. Saturday morning were awards and Art got one for being the State Rep with the eighth highest in state memberships. Friday and Saturday afternoons, there were break-out sessions. I chose

Membership Retention, Executive Directors Townhall, Principles of Leadership, and Procuring Future Leaders. In those sessions you get to hear how well others are doing in their states. This inspired me to bring home to OK and apply what I learned. This was my fourth Meeting of the Minds. I encourage everyone to go & experience it.

Guest Speaker – OK Rep Stan May

- James introduced our guest speaker, State Representative Captain Stan May. He asked him to speak on the Anti-Profiling Bill Senator Nathan Dahm had been working previously. He added that the other ABATE had been trying to get a 5 page Anti-Profiling bill passed, which hasn't succeeded. Rep May clarified that the bill included required CLEET training for police on how to not profile motorcyclists. He also added that all police know how to profile, we just need to get it into law they are not supposed to do it. There will not be a penalty in the first phase this year if we get it passed, but if we need a penalty we will attach that in there. Normally those penalties are going to come down the road when you have more of a percentage of motorcyclists on the road who are getting tickets, then we will take some action.
- James asked Captain May what would be the steps to submit a bill once it agreed upon. Rep May stated it would be best to have present 3-4 bills, from a couple of different authors on both sides, and the one that seems the most palatable will be the one we run. Once a bill is written, it is submitted to Committee. A Committee Chairman can choose not to hear it, that is why we want to have more than one bill and have this done on both sides. Rose brought up this same issue was discussed last fall, and there was to be a meeting with James, Kim, Representatives, and Senators to present a shortened version, like Idaho's bill that was passed into law. Rep May stated the first deadline of 11/15 is to submit a Title of the bill, and appropriate area of Law. We should: submit 4-5 Titles; then 2 weeks later the bills have to have some language in it; finally, a couple of weeks later the bills have to have the final language submitted. The first Session doesn't begin until Feb 6.
- Rep May stated that besides the Anti-Profiling Bill, there are also the handle bar and lane filtering bills you have an interest in. Rep Luttrell will probably want to run his handle bill again, but if he doesn't we will find someone who will. We do need to decide on language on these bills, with one being the simplest, and have 2 or 3 ramp up from there.
- James had a question about lane filtering, should it pass, will there be signage on the road to educate the general public? Rep May suggested signage be written into the bill. Radar added that he attended the last OHSO Motorcycle Safety Committee meeting, and that same issue was brought up. They said before that law gets activated, we will have a plan to educate the Motorist and Motorcyclist from the State's perspective what they can and cannot do. James then realized the PSAs being run on OK radio stations can be used to educate the public on new filtering laws.
- James asked Capt. May if he had anything else he wanted to leave us with. Rep May suggested we start contacting our Representatives and Senators regarding these 3 bills we want to see passed. He suggested we write individual emails, something like: "Hi, I am your constituent. I ride a motorcycle/trike. I understand there are 3 motorcycle bills coming up this year, and I would appreciate your support." James added he will meet soon with Captain May, Representative Ross Ford and Senator Nathan Dahm and anyone else to get the 3 bills written and submitted.

BACA – Scooter

- Buffalo Toy Run on 11/5 @ Cleveland Walmart, meet at noon, KSU at 1pm

Downed Bikers – Jeff

- Our next Meeting is 11/5, the first Monday of every month.
- On 11/12, we are having a benefit for one of our own, V Brooke Keddington @ Kendals starting @4pm.
- Our 12/5 Meeting will be short, followed by a potluck dinner.

CMA - Ted

- Our next meeting is 11/21 at 6pm @ Golden Corral on 21st St, and meeting begins at 7pm.

Bandidos – Cookie

- Our next Steak Night is 11/12. Gates open at 5pm, and the first steak is served at 6pm.
- Our last raffle was won by a fellow who was visiting from Nevada. Our new raffle is for a 65" Roko Smart TV. Tickets are \$5.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Roger announced nominations are open for President, Treasurer & Sgt at Arms and asked if there were any nominations.

- James stated that he wants to step down as President and Toy Run Director. He explained he has had the responsibility for the Toy Run for 15 years and it's time for others to step up. He said he will help anyone who wants to take over the Toy Run. He has created a notebook that provides a step-by-step plan.
- Rob nominated Larry as the Sgt at Arms. Larry nominated Rob for President. Both accepted their nominations. Roger then asked who would step up to be nominated as Treasurer. Leta accepted the challenge but asked if Cheryl would help her learn the position and Cheryl said yes. Rose wanted to nominate James for President to run another term. James was reluctant to accept the position but, after a brief discussion, he said he would let us know at the next meeting after he and Cheryl talk. Roger informed James that at the end of this meeting the nominations will be closed so we need to know at this meeting what he decides. James asked if he and Cheryl could step outside to discuss his nomination. While they were out of the room the drawings for door prize and 50/50 raffle were held.
- After James and Cheryl discussed his nomination, he said he will accept the nomination for President but only for a 1-year term. He would be willing to mentor Rob for responsibilities he might be interested in. He also said that Cheryl is willing to work with Leta during her first year as Treasurer.
 - (NOTE: The next day Cheryl made it clear to me by phone that she is not accepting the nomination as Treasurer but that she is willing to mentor Leta for the next year, after which Leta should be able to assume Treasurer responsibilities on her own. Cheryl also pointed out that she handles other responsibilities such as social media, website management, and merchandise and it will be necessary to ask other members to take over those areas during the next year.)

Raffle & 50/50 Drawing

Jeff Brock – \$25 QT gift card

Carla Evans – White River Fish Market certificate

Ted LaBombarbe – 50/50 raffle. He donated his share of \$54 back to the VFW

Motion to adjourn: Hippie, seconded by Roger. Adjourned at 8:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula "Rose" Matteuzzi