

ABATE REGION 19 MEETING

October 1, 2019

NEW MEETING TIME!! 7 PM Still CJ's Upper Deck

We greeted 4 members from Region 14 who drive out in poor weather to attend. George Bennet (RC and Board member), HotRod (State Awareness Director), Jeff and Bud were there.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT – Vince Fabis would like us to contact our state Senators and urge them to support SB0528. With the recent bills changing MI insurance laws which are scheduled to go into effect mid-next year, they have a negative impact on motorcyclists that are involved in an accident with an automobile.

SB0528 will help correct the issue and allow the motorcyclist to choose their level of coverage rather than relying on the level of coverage carried by the motor vehicle operator or registrant.

Vince also gave us an update on pending legislation HB4972 which will not affect us as motorcyclists but does increase our car registration fees based on fuel consumption: the higher the MPG, the higher the tax (to make up for hybrids and electric vehicles which pay lower tax at the pumps)

SECRETARY'S REPORT was approved as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Pete gave us an update

MRF: The Meeting of the Minds was Sept 19 – 22; we will get their new Legislative Agenda next month

AWARENESS: Both HotRod and George are on the MSAC (Motorcycle awareness) which is a committee that spent millions on awareness but are not focused on the measures that can really help us as motorcyclists. Region 14 is very active in Awareness. Region 19 used to be active, we need to get involved again.

STATE SEMINAR: will be Jan 17 – 19, 2020 at the Four Points Sheraton, Saginaw. Call 1 888 236 2427 or 1 989 790 5050; ask for the ABATE block. Bill and Sandy will be putting together a basket of VHS biker-even tapes to raffle off; please bring your items to the November meeting.

Nominations for the Region 19 Board were held: Pete Kazelas was nominated for RC, accepted and ran uncontested. Vince Piacenti was nominated for Co-RC and ran uncontested. Pete will continue as Treasurer and Vince P. will continue as Secretary. Vince Fabis who has done a phenomenal job as Legislative Officer will step down; this position remains open so we are looking for volunteers. Vince Fabis will take on Facebook Coordinator; we will be switching from our Website to Facebook to save money.

We will have our annual Christmas Party Dec 6 at CJ's Upper Deck at 6 PM. This will be in place of our Dec 3 meeting.

Minutes by Vince