

Reg7JulyABATE of MI, Region 7
Meeting Minutes
June 4, 2017

Meeting called to order 4:06 pm

Marlene ran the meeting till Tim arrived

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer – Troops (home and abroad), healing for those who were ill, and praise for Pat Sheridan who was at the meeting.

- i. **Minutes**
 - a. Where not read or approved.
- ii. **Treasurer's Report** – Shelby Roby
 - a. Shelby reported on the Dillinger Run. She did not know how many bikes there were but 183 people signed in. We have had around the same number for the past three years. She said the greatest expense was for the chicken. The chicken cost \$422.50.
- iii. **Awareness** – Karen Sheridan
 - a. Upcoming classes are: Bad Axe, Caseville, and Croswell.
 - b. Karen encouraged everyone to use hand signals in addition to turn signals, etc. If a vehicle following doesn't see your turn signal or brake light hopefully they will see the hand signal. If you do not know them they can be found on line.
 - c. Barb Brown had hand signal sheets for group riding. There was a short discussion on this.
 - d. Karen reminded everyone that Bike Night at the Farmer's Tavern is Wednesday and the money goes to Awareness. The time is 5 pm to 8 pm.
- iv. **Legislative** – Butch Brown
 - a. **HB-4466** - hand free phones only.
 - b. **HB-4480** – Increase handlebar height limit from 15 to 30" like surrounding states
 - c. Butch said the budget has slowed things down in Lansing. It should be signed this week.
 - d. Butch apologized to those who came to his house but he had already left for Lansing. He asked if it could be put in the Rider the time he leaves. Which is, during the week he leaves his house at 7:00 am so he can be in Lansing by 9:00 am. For the rally, he leaves his house at 8:00 am.
 - e. He encouraged those who have not joined MRF to do so.
- v. **Products**- Carol
 - a. At the July meeting a vote will be taken for our Region logo.
- vi. **Old Business**
 - a. Butch reported there was a good turnout for the R.I.P Run. Tim thought around 50 bikes. Butch was asked about donations for the maintenance of the stone. For those who asked, he explained the Carved in Stone Weekend is the fundraiser for this. This run is to remember those in our Region who have died

this year or previous years. Pastor Mike, from Life Song gave a short devotion and blessed the bikes.

- b. Tim reported on the Ben-A-Vet Breakfast held at Life Song Church. Forty-three tickets were sold. There were a few who paid at the door. At this time there is no final total as to what was raised for the Vets. There was good attendance for this event.
 - c. Butch reported the field meet is this coming weekend. The cost is \$35.00 per person at the gate. Many events are planned. Region 3 is having a Bike Night on Thursday. If you go up early to get your campsite, you may want to attend this.
 - d. Marlene reported on the Scoot and Shoot. This event is July 8th. Sign in and breakfast is at the Farmer's Tavern in Ruth. Camping is available for those who would like to spend the night. The cost is \$10.00. She asked for volunteers to run the games.
- vii. **New Business**
- a. Tim reported on his trip to Washington D.C. A few of the topics that were discussed were EPA regulations (they are still trying to control what you can do with your bike), Slingshot, and the Autonomist vehicles. These vehicles do not see motorcycles, therefore, more testing needs to be done. Tim said there is a Motorcycle Advisory Committee in both the House and Senate now.
- viii. **Open Floor for Announcements, Comments, and Questions**
- a. There will be a Motorcycle Show Benefitting Relay for Life on Saturday June 24th. It will be held at the Bad Axe City Park from 2pm to 6 pm. 2:30 pm there will be a bike blessing. From 7:30 to 8 pm a Bike Parade.
- ix. 50/50 was one by Gary, who donated 1/2 half of it back. Thank you Gary. Other winners were: Doug, Jan, Shelly, Barb, Wes, and Gary.

Meeting was adjourned 5:45 p.m.