

Region 1 –Alpha MI.

RC – Rick Herkimer

4th Saturday meeting each month

February 22, 2020 Meeting Report

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 CST.

Pledge of Allegiance was said to the American Flag.

Secretary report was read and approved.

Treasurer report was given by Chuck and approved.

Chuck our MRF Officer gave the MRF Report:

*Autonomous meetings are ongoing. Motorcycle caucus at meetings want all vehicles to be able to ride safely. There is now a discussion draft collecting crash data. No later than 3 years, all crashes will be determined if the autonomous cars failed somehow, this includes regular driven cars also.

*Motorcycle advisory council is working hard to promote co-sponsors to sign up to help drive the MAC Reauthorization Act so they can have a well-balanced membership to allow any recommendations to the DOT.

*Working on a definition of a motorcycle is ongoing in Profiling 133; Co-sponsors from 44 states, 2 more from Michigan, writing to representatives does work!

*Highway bill for 2020 seems like both Republicans and Democrats are working together.

Rick and Mike G went to Convention in January. Big push is on to sell raffle tickets for the September bike raffle. Mimi Spoomer is taking over the ticket sales. It was reminded to everyone that ABATE is patented and you cannot modify the logo. They brought back an awards for Chuck – ‘in appreciation for teaching the public motorcycle awareness and saving lives in outstanding beyond words’, and Region 1 Member of the Year for Joe C.

Motion for Marsha to become the treasurer was made by Steve and 2nd by Mike M, all in favor. Motion for Mike M. to become Safety Awareness director for our area was made by Steve and 2nd by Joe, all in favor. Chuck will be moving so he felt the need to step down from these 2 positions, he will still belong and come to Region 1 meetings and he will continue as our MRF representative. Thanks Chuck for all you have done and all you do for ABATE Region 1.

Our next meeting will be March 28th, at 1:00p.m. CST. WE WILL BE AT A DIFFERENT LOCATION FOR THE MARCH MEETING **ONLY**: THE STAMBAUGH AMERICAN LEGION, 212 WASHINGTON AVENUE IRON RIVER, MI. (formerly Stambaugh)(up the hill from McDonalds). The American Legion Riders (ALR's) is having their yearly chili cook-off event that day and invited ABATE Region 1 to join them and have our meeting there at the post. You are also welcome to join in the cook-off, bring your chili by noon CST to be included. Hope to see everyone there, please bring a friend!!

Meeting was adjourned by Mike M and 2nd by Joe

Until next month~~Marsha and Region 1