

Region 14  
RC – George Bennett  
Meeting Minutes  
June 23, 2019

Meeting called to order 4:10 pm by George.

**Hot Rod:** Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence recognizing the 7 bikers were killed from the Jarheads Motorcycle Club.

**Treasurers report:** Julie Beaton. Motion to accept: Bill Hines, Second Shiny Bob.

**George:** presented custom cornhole boards, that were made for the American Legion, to Bruce Ross and Tom Bunyea, for all of the support that American Legion provides. Thanks to Ann Tobian for organizing the poker run on 6/22/19. Bike night at Milan Dragway will be 6/29.

**Awareness Report:** Hot Rod

- Talked about the horrible biker accident in New Hampshire.
- We're seeing more and more awareness signs. Don Basham has been very active in his area. Joe and Laurie helped with delivering signs to MIS for a Norton Bike Show. Thank You!
- Classes Tuesday 6/25 and just completed a class at Ypsilanti HS. Bob and Dawn have classes scheduled in Belleville. Other classes coming up in Dundee, Tecumseh, Ypsilanti and Lincoln.
- June 28<sup>th</sup> we participated in Milan's "Picnic in the Park". We were well represented – kids loved the bikes!
- Milan Parks and Rec is participating in "Touch a Truck" on July 18 and ABATE Region 14 will be represented.
- Suicide Prevention and Motorcycle Awareness Event: committee members meeting today after the general meeting. Donations are still coming in and we will need all hands-on deck the day of the event.
- Motorcycle Action Committee: the "Hard to See" billboard sign was stuck back in the woods, instead of the "Look Twice, Save a Life" but MDOT & SLOS supposedly have put up 60 billboards so far.
- Update status on several members that have been involved in accidents or experiencing major health events. Please continue to keep them in yur thoughts and prayers. The Down Biker Fund was donated to one of our members.

**Legislative:** Ann Tobian

- Provided update for multiple states. "Education doesn't mean anything"
- Anti-profiling resolution is in the early stages of a very long process. 40 have signed on.

- 2018 – 37 lives lost (most in recent years). 10% fault of other vehicles, 30% drug / alcohol related.
- Vote taken to pay for Ann’s MRF membership. Unanimously agreed.

**George:**

- Bill in legislation right now for “lane filtering” in bumper-to-bumper traffic, where a bike can ride on the shoulder at about 15 mph to move to front, but it’s to keep the bike from overheating.
- November casino trip is being planned and two buses are reserved again @ \$40 per person
- Seminar will be at a new place this year but there’s only 100 rooms available.
- June 28: Dinner ride to Perrysburg with dinner at The Walnut
- July 6: Ann and Sherman Jewell invited everybody to their house and welcome to bring a tent or camper and stay the night (look for the large “LOOK TWICE, SAFE A LIFE” mobile sign in front yard.
- July 12: Dinner ride to Clinton.
- July 20: Memorial Run for Danny Yensch / Region 18
- July 21: Poker Run; meeting at American Legion at 10:00, KSU at 10:30
- July 25: Dinner ride to Depot Town in Ypsilanti
- (Anne): Dark Side & Fairs coming up
- August 3: Region 15’s Poker run @ Taylor post 200

Down Biker fund raffle completed by Shiny Bob. Elaine was the winner and donated monies back to the New Hampshire biker families.

50/50 raffle was won by Sherman and donated back to the Christmas Party fund.

**Debbie:** Roger’s memorial ride had about 95 riders.

Jeff attended the MDA ride where kids in wheelchairs get to ride in sidecars.

**Hod Rod:** June birthdays announced

**George:** ABATE and our success so far

**Hot Rod:** next meeting, July 28 @ 4:00 pm. We need everybody at the meeting to prepare for the Suicide Prevention and Motorcycle Awareness Event.

Meeting called to adjourn by Joe, seconded by Charlotte.

Respectfully submitted for Region 14.