

ABATE of Tulsa  
Meeting Minutes  
January 28, 2021

The Meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by Sgt of Arms Roger Bryant  
The Opening Prayer with remarks were made by Chaplain Rita Talbott  
The National Anthem was played by CMA Roadrunner  
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sgt of Arms Roger Bryant

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President's Opening Remarks – James Clark

- ❖ Rita brought up a good point that as bikers we have a unique bond with one another, and I think tonight and everyone being here, really speaks that to me. I am glad you are here, and welcome all.
- ❖ Another thing we need to do is to say goodbye to 2020!
- ❖ 6 months ago you were kind enough to elect me to this position, and I guess that's a good thing. What I found interesting is that things have been going along great. The things I hoped would happen, did. This room is a testimony to that. Also, there has been no drama, thank you! I just wanted to look with my own mind and make sure we are still on track, and we are.
- ❖ We still want to go ahead and do rides this year. Mrs Clark has taken the time to put all of our first quarter events (James points at a poster board that is on an easel). You might want to take your cameras and take a shot of this, because there are a lot of events coming up. Scott will have some more things to talk about too.
- ❖ I am hoping with this new year to see more of you getting involved. We have our new SA Roger, thank you Roger. He is a relatively new member, who has stepped up and gotten involved, and I appreciate that. And anybody else who would like to get involved, I'd like to see more participation. So we want to see this Chapter grow.
- ❖ Jack King has stepped up to be Quartermaster. We seem to have trouble figuring out where our banners are, where this is, where that is We have a storage shed. Jack has been kind enough to perform this task for us. James presented Jack with a “Quartermaster” ribbon. So if you ever want to know where anything is, that is the guy to go to.
- ❖ I want to remind everyone that we made an offer if you want a business card, the Chapter will provide those for you with your name on them. DBA and BACA all of us understand

we need to grow our Chapters. That is a universal problem for all of us. So by having these cards when you see a biker out somewhere, go up to them and give them a card, and tell them about ABATE, and invite them to our meetings. Also, invite them to visit our website. Six months ago we didn't have ½ this many Members. That is the only way we are going to grow. This is great, it is absolutely great!

- ❖ We have the Event Board, and we also have a Photo Board that we put together of Events we put on last year. So, before you leave take a look at it. My friend Mr Brinker was the only one to show up at the ToyRun on a bike in the snow. I don't know how that speaks of you.
- ❖ I also want to thank all of the people who supported us from BACA and DBA for this ToyRun. It was a different one this year, you all have to admit it. We all stood out in the snow, but it was fun, and we all seemed to get along. The people who came up to us and gave us toys said "We are glad you guys are doing this. And, we filled up a trailer. So it was good.
- ❖ We will have a trip coming up "Bikers Inside the Beltway", which Scott will talk more about. More has to be defined about it, but it will be in May.
- ❖ I want to remind you we have a Ride Box here. If you have a ride you like to go on, write it down. If it is selected, we will let you talk about it. Then we will pick a date for the ride.
- ❖ We are also going to have a booth at the Boat Show. So if anyone would like to sign up for a shift, we would love that.
- ❖ We have been running PSAs the last year or two, with the Griffith stations, but it wore out. So I wrote a new one for Wavy Davy. I want you to hear this PSA. James was having issues finding the PSAs, so Art asked if there were any FIRST time visitors tonight. (People raised their hands, and you could hear Art count up to 5). Then James suggested Mrs Clark give her Treasurer's report while he tried to find the PSAs. (James later played them after Cheryl gave her Treasurer's Report. One of the PSAs is for the Tulsa Market, and the other PSA is for the OKC market. It is hoped the second PSA will eventually be played in all Oklahoma markets.)

#### Treasurer's Report – Cheryl Clark

- ❖ Cheryl pointed out that detailed copies of the Treasurer's Report are available on the Officers' table. The Treasurer's report was read aloud by Cheryl.
- ❖ Art moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted, and it was seconded by Hippy.
- ❖ Cheryl advised us that if someone didn't get a copy of the 2021 Budget, they are up here (pointing to them on the Officer's table). Cheryl advised the yellow sheet showed the Approved Budgets for 2019 & 2020 and what was actually paid out for "Actual" for both years. Then she pointed out on the pink sheet, the difference between 2020 Approved/Actual, and that some of the line items for the 2021 Proposed have been slightly increased due to expected small increases for those items. Cheryl asked if time

was needed to review it before accepting the new Proposed Budget for 2021.

- ❖ Rita moved that the Proposed Budget for 2021 be accepted, and it was seconded by Lyndon.

#### Secretary's Report – Rose

- ❖ Rose pointed out that the Minutes were sent out online, and copies of them are available on the Officers' table. Rose asked if there were any corrections that needed to be made.
- ❖ Rick Thorn moved that the Minutes be accepted, and it was seconded by Randy Knox.

#### STATE & COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### Ride Report – Scott Bunch

- ❖ I want to reiterate what James said that considering all the circumstances with the weather we had, we had a pretty good Tulsa Toy Run even though we didn't have a ride. Guthrie Green shut us down, and didn't want us to go in there, and this was just a week before the event. Now we have a Plan B if that ever happens again.
- ❖ The middle of May is "Bikers Inside the Beltway". We have a contingent plan to leave on Saturday the 15th, and ride to Washington DC. There are no firm plans yet, but if you are considering going, keep the 15th in mind. Someone asked if it was a Nationwide Event, and Scott answered yes.
  - James added that the MRF has a meeting on Monday the 17th, and the actual event "Bikers Inside the Beltway" is Tuesday the 18th. Then on Wednesday and Thursday will be sightseeing. I have never been to Washington DC, it's got to be a wonderful place. Seeing the Smithsonian and other places, so I am looking forward to this. Then we will make our way back. All of this is still in the planning stage.
  - Art asked James if he could add something about this event. Art explained this is a MRF Event. ABATE of Oklahoma is going to foot part of this bill, but there are some contingencies on that. One is, if you want ABATE of OK to use part of their MRF Budget to help with the expense of this, it is mandatory you are a MRF Member. You don't have to get this assistance, and you can still ride out with the group. They will still need to know how many want to go, so they can block off the rooms, especially in Washington DC. There is also talk of putting together a van or a couple of vans, and hauling people there. We need a list of who wants to go. At the upcoming SMILE Event in March, there will be a meeting about the details of this Event, and possibly again in April. There is a scholarship application to get the assistance from ABATE of OK. It will not be a free vacation scenario. We are there to do a job, and that is to talk with our Legislators, if at all possible. There will be people from all over the country. About 5 or 6 years ago, they did have a 15 passenger bus that went, and was full. We were there, we did our thing with our Legislators. But as circumstances

would have it, the Texas contingent was unable to be there. So Oklahoma not only did our thing with our Oklahoma Reps and Senators, but we also did the same thing for the Texas people. So, it is not just a free ride. Yes, there is time set aside for the tourist thing, but you are going for a specific purpose.

- Rose added that in 2017 Radar and she rode their motorcycles there, and we took a few days to visit relatives along the way. Radar had written ahead of time to make appointments for Monday and Tuesday to meet with our Legislators. We also found out ahead of time what the MRF legislative biker issues were so we could start promoting them before we attended the Monday night meeting. Frequently the House Reps and Senators are in Committee Meetings, so it's best to try to make appointments with them ahead of time. Also, there is A LOT of walking to do. Lined on either side of the Capitol Building are the Senators' office buildings, and on the other side is the House of Representatives' office buildings. The Capitol Building and lot is several blocks long, and you are constantly criss crossing back and forth to make appointments.
- ❖ (Scott continued with the Ride Report) For February, we are going to try to go to the Ft Gibson Cemetery. We don't have a date yet. This is February, so we could have snow or ice, or it could be a nice day. We will wait to schedule it. While we are in the area, we can go to the World War II Memorial USS Batfish. They have a new addition, a piece of the USS Oklahoma, which was sunk at Pearl Harbor in 1941. When it is planned, we will send out emails, it will be on our website, and James will send out RoboCalls with the information.
  - James added that he had done some research on historical sites to ride to, and between here and Muskogee is Okay, OK. There are remnants of an old manufacturing plant that was actually built around the turn of the Century by a man named Rex, who was a rancher and built this to process beef. And, the town of Okay was originally called Rex. Anyway he never used it, so he sold it, and they started building plows in it. It changed over the years, and eventually they built the OK oil field trucks there. That lasted until about the 40's, when they started building the Oklahoma Monoplanes. They would put the plane on a truck, haul it over a truss bridge to an empty field, where they would put the wings on the plane, then fly it out.

#### State Meeting Report – Art Ryan

- ❖ The last State Board Meeting was on the 9th of January. The big thing of course is Legislative wise. We are going to be supporting 2 bills. One, is the Bobby Jo White Hands Free Bill, but at the present time it is exclusively in School Zones. That is not ideal for us, however if we can get it in the books, then we can modify and adjust it accordingly later down the road. The other one is the Handlebar Height Bill. Currently it is eye level, so anything over eye level is illegal. The Modification is 30" from the point

of attachment.

- ❖ The State is selling season passes. What that season pass does is get you a 1 Year Membership, automatic registration in the 5 State Events plus T-Shirts to go along with it. To get all of that you are looking at \$225. Those Events are: Legislative Day - there is no registration fee, but you do get a free Shirt; SMILE - you get the registration plus the Shirt; the Gus Johnson River Run in July over in Tahlequah - that's a \$90 Registration fee plus the Shirt; Osage Hills Casino Days - they do not do Shirts, but you get the Registration; and, the Freedom Fighter Rally which is held in September at Rte 66 at Depew - you get a 1 year Membership. So, you get all of that, it is a real bargain when you break it all down. OR if you don't want the Shirts, it's \$125 and you're registered for everything. They are available now. You can contact Shawna Sholten, or give me the money, and I will take care of it for you.
- ❖ SMILE which is one of our major events for ABATE of OK is March 12th - 14th at the Wyndham Gardens in Stillwater. They are taking Registrations now, and if you registered last year, and didn't get a refund, you are already Registered. Wyndham Gardens are taking Reservations now under the name ABATE of Oklahoma. Friday will be a Crockpot Cookoff kind of thing. Bring whatever you want in a crockpot, and they will eat at 7pm. Saturday will be a State Board Meeting that morning, for those who want to go to that. Then there will be lunch, and Break Out Sessions in the afternoon where you will get a chance to hear some dynamic speakers. Then Saturday night there will be the Banquet followed by Awards given out by the State. Then Sunday everyone does their thing and goes home. Also at the SMILE, ABATE of Oklahoma is selling Raffle Tickets. I don't know what the prizes are, but last year Mrs Clark won a...and answered "a pellet smoker". We are going to be asked to sell the tickets, so what you take to sell, you will be responsible to turn in that much money. The tickets have to be turned in before the Freedom Rally, because that is when the drawing will take place. Our Chapter is going to hook up with another Chapter and make a purchase of one of the prizes. So prizes will be good prizes.
- ❖ As for the SPUR Award, some of you know about it, some of you don't. It is not that hard to get, and if you want to know more, get with me after the meeting. But I need those applications for those who are ready and done if you want to get your SPUR Award in March at the SMILE. These Awards are not already made, so she needs to know how many we need her to bring to the SMILE.
- ❖ Bikers Within the Beltway we have discussed, it is May 18th.
- ❖ One thing I did not mention, and I need to mention very seriously, March 3rd Legislative Day. There are flyers on your tables. We do have a Plan B in case we are not able to get into the Capitol. Hopefully we can, but if we can't, the various Chapters will have their pop ups with tables and literature so we can talk to the Legislators and their Aides on the way in. We are hoping for Plan A.
- ❖ The Gus Johnson River Run is a \$90 Registration. That is an all inclusive - register, float

trip, get all the food. If you want to bring a camper, there are no hook ups. You can sleep in the bunkhouse with the rest of the folk if you want. They usually have a catfish fry on Saturday, but the rest of it I don't know about. It is July 16th through the 18th, the 3rd week in July.

- ❖ The Freedom Fighter Rally is in September the 17th - 19th at the 66 Rally Grounds in Depew.
- ❖ Meeting of the Minds is also in September the following weekend in Atlanta, Georgia. That is a MRF Scenario, and it is definitely worth going to especially if you are on the Board. I highly recommend it to all of the Board Members. In fact, I recommend it for everyone. Registration for that is \$80 for a Member, and the Hotel is \$115 a night. I do have Hotel information that you can copy down.

#### Share the Road Report – Art Ryan

- ❖ Share the Road has been pretty much nixed for the year 2020.
- ❖ We do however have the Boat Show coming up, and we will have a Share the Road booth there.
- ❖ This will be the 2nd year that the Share the Road has been invited to be at The Ride to Remember in OKC. We will have the truck & trailer there with the wrecked bike, and all the good stuff.
- ❖ The rest of the Share the Road stuff has for the most part, at this point has gone virtual. All of our classroom stuff we were doing got nixed due to Covid, so we had to switch to virtual scenario. When the classroom stuff opens back up, the instructors will start going back out to their classes, and doing their thing.
- ❖ We are also in the middle of preparing an internet version. Some companies do all their safety training through the internet, especially your OK drivers.
- ❖ Just so you know, \$3 out of every tag that you renew goes into a fund called “Gunner’s Fund”. It is actually a Highway Safety and Awareness Fund. ABATE of OK is the only all volunteer organization that has received Grants from that Fund to help promote our Share the Road. Because of what we have done, even the people at the OHSOoffice are sending people our way. That has to say something about us.
- ❖ One other thing, James mentioned we all need Members. ABATE of Oklahoma has a program for young Members 18 - 30. They get a free 1 year Membership, but there is a catch to it. Hook up with a Member who is relatively active, and start going to meetings, start going to events, and become involved in the actions of what we are doing as an Organization. It is a good way to get some of the younger folk, your kids or grandkids involved in an organized motorcycle group.
  - Someone asked about the Oklahoma Pike Pass, and can it be used in Kansas and Texas? Art confirmed yes, your OK Pike Pass can be used in both those states.

#### Court Watch – Frenchy

- ❖ A lot of people have been asking me about Court Watch, what is Court Watch? Well, we are going to start with what Court Watch is NOT. We are not Legal Aid of any sort or fashion. We are not political. We are not paid by anybody. We are not a vigilante group out to get the person who killed the biker. What we ARE. We are watching. We are verifying what is happening. We want to see that the sentence is carried out to the max for the killing of a biker, no reductions, no deals. We also maintain a relationship with all the District Attorneys, so they know what we are doing and who we are. A lot of times they, like the case of Frederick, they invited us down, because we are 100% law abiding, literally speaking. Cause we must be all we can be as Bikers, and not what they want us to be, because of what they perceive us as. They watch way too much TV. We are all volunteers, just like everything else, but more so with Court Watch. There is no sway for pay. The only thing we get out of it is the satisfaction that justice has been served. Not for the “good ole boy system”, because there is no “good ole boy system” with us. We are here to stop the “good ole boy system”.
- ❖ I designed this patch, and had a friend of mine draw it up. I had the people at Unique Stitches get as close to the color of the Oklahoma flag as possible, because I want to see Courtwatch Kansas. I want to see Courtwatch Alaska. I want to see it where people stop slaughtering bikers and driving away like we are just a dead dog along the side of the road. A lady just recently got arrested, did a hit and run, killed the biker, and messed up his girlfriend. Both the biker and girlfriend were still alive when they were hit, but by the time they were taken to the hospital ER, he died there. It happened in 2019, and they just got her. That is a Court Watch that will be happening.
- ❖ With COVID easing up a little bit, the Judicial System will start thawing out. All of the Court Cases that were coming up, they froze them all. There was nothing going on. If you are out on bail, no problem. If you are in jail, guess what, you stay awhile. So, with cases thawing out, we are going to need you to be in court. If they let us wear our cuts, so much the better. If not, an ABATE T-shirt, or Downed Biker shirt is just fine, as long as it is not abusive or offensive to the man. They expected us to set off the metal detectors, but we didn't. They had 8 different law agencies the 2nd time in Frederick, cause they were like “They are coming, so we have to be ready.” They even brought up a metal detector from OKC, and we didn't set it off. We got to watch them haul the stuff away, because see we are 100% law abiding. We are here to see and watch them. We want to see them prosecuted to the full extent of the law. When the Court System thaws out, there will be notification, possibly RoboCalls. As far as what to do, we will tell you what to do when you show up. It is pretty easy, just sit there, smile, stare at them. And, to get one of these Court Watch patches, you have to be there to get one of these. I am hoping to see a lot more of these patches being worn. As I said, the system is thawing out, and there is going to be more of a need. So I hope to see you guys there.
  - Rita asked to add a comment. She stated, the first time you ever go to one, and you look in the eyes of their family member, and you see the appreciation that is

there, and the utter amazement that there would be that many of us there, and you see their face one time, it is all worth it. If you don't have transportation to go, my "Ox" is my 7 passenger van, and it goes. Just let me know, and you can go. And if it makes you feel better, someone else can drive, for those who have seen me drive.

- James added, I think this is important, because we are getting killed out there folks, and people are getting off. By monitoring it, like Frenchy, Rita and Art are doing it is very important. Also, Frenchy when you get information bring it to these meetings. If something comes up, I will put out a RoboCall.

### Membership Report – Lyndon Giles

- ❖ As of December 1st of last year, we had 122 Members. During the month of December, we gained 5 new Members, and had 4 Members who did not renew. And at the end of December we have 123 Members for Tulsa. When I got the new list, I emailed 13 people that they were coming up for renewal. 2 of those emails bounced back, so I sent out snail mails with a letter and a Membership card. This young lady here was a recipient of one of those. As of tonight we have 3 Renewals, and 1 new Membership. Cheryl spoke up and said she received 2 more new Memberships tonight, so Lyndon corrected his Membership # to 3 New Memberships. Lyndon added that 1 Member indicated by email that he would not be renewing his Membership.
- ❖ According to the Membership sheet I have, if you are curious where you stand, come on up to me after the meeting, and I will look it up.
- ❖ We are #2 on the State list of Chapters. NW69 has pretty much always been top dog, because of where they are located. I would like to knock them down to #2.
  - James added he would like to see us add 50 new Members by the end of 2021. I don't think that is impossible to do. This (pointing to the Members and Guests who showed up tonight) is testimony to what we have done in the last 6 months. The way we make this happen is with the partnership we have with the Downed Bikers, BACA, the group at Rte 66 and other HOG Chapters, because we all have this one common bond that we share.

### Downed Bikers Report – Harry Elrod

- ❖ First I want to say how excited I am to see Downed Bikers and ABATE getting so involved together. I know we have Foothills, Tulsa, and Twin Rivers, 3 different Chapters here tonight.
- ❖ Sunday the 31st, I think you have these cards on your table, is the Polar Bear Run. We are basically the beneficiary for this, Tulsa Chapter will receive all the proceeds from this. It is a Scavenger Hunt type of Event. We will meet over here at Lot 6, and from there go to 66 Crystal Skull where you will get your list. It is a picture type of deal. You have to be back by 5pm. Then they will have Silent and Live Auctions, Raffle Tickets,



and stuff like that.

- ❖ I have more flyers of these, on the 13th it is the 2021 Board's first benefit. It will be here at the American Legion. It will benefit Sean Whitman who went down. It is an indoor event, so you can cage it. There will be music, it is our Valentine deal, and it starts at 6pm. So I would like to see everybody who is interested come up and get a flyer.
- ❖ We have a Member's Meeting this next Monday at 7pm at the American Legion. James encouraged our Members to attend their meeting, as it is a continuation of the partnership we have been developing.
  - I want to say thank you guys. My name is Jeff Rankin, I am out of the Foothills Chapter in Tahlequah. I wanted to give you a heads up that on February 20th we are going to have a Fun Run. All of the Chapters are going to collaborate. We will take off from Hulbert and head up to Pryor for dinner. Also on March 27th, we are having our Bigfoot Stomp that got cancelled out last year. I will have flyers at the next meeting.

#### Safety Report – Roger Bryant

- ❖ Before I get into the Safety issue, I am going to talk about the Motorcycle Rights Foundation, the MRF. Having gone to the Meeting of the Minds, very interesting. The sad part is when you look, and I am going to take a stab at the number if I remember it right, nationwide there are just over 3,400 Members. It is sad. For what they do is basically what we do, but on a National level. It is \$35 for Membership. It is well worth it to get that Representation in Washington DC that we need. We can put helmet laws in, and do whatever we want here, but if it comes from DC, it doesn't matter what we do because if it comes from National we don't have any say in it. So, see about becoming a Member of the MRF.
  - Rose added the 3 year Membership to the MRF gives the best savings.
  - Art let us know the 1st Meeting of the Minds was held in St Louis, Missouri in 1985, and they just barely had 100 people show up. It has grown to over 500 participants now. Not only from the US, but from Canada, the European Nation, Australia, and I know that last year there was a gentleman there from Liberia. This is an organization that is well worth the trouble and effort. \$35 a year, but in addition to that you also get the \$4,000 AD&D insurance, the same as you get with DBA and ABATE, and all 3 are added together. God forbid you need it.
- ❖ I am going to go through this quickly. It is so easy to go out, hop on your bike, and take off. Take a few minutes to check: the handlebars - the alignment, are they solid or tight; are the grips okay; look at your levers - your clutch, your brake, your pedals and controls; check your cables - make sure there are no seams or bulges, and there is no binding, or chafing, or anything like that. These are the basic things we should look at. Make sure the mounts are tight, and aren't going to come loose, or get caught in anything when you're out on the road. The hoses, the weather we get, the cold and heat, make it awful

easy to cause a hose to deteriorate, start breaking down, crack, split, all kinds of things. So, look out for leaking, fittings, look out for those. Throttle, make sure it moves freely, and then it snaps back. Be careful. Check your bike out. Know your limitations.

#### New Business – James

- ❖ I had a guy call me, Sean Cavanaugh from DBA, and he said he got my RoboCall, but it was like every other word. So, I wanted to see if anyone else was having that problem, and if you do, please give your number to Cheryl. We may need to change who we use for RoboCalls, as I have had several comments like that.
- ❖ We have a Boat Show sign up sheet. It is from the 1st to the 7th. You will get paid \$15 an hour. And if you are over 60 miles away, they will pay mileage. Also if you are over 60 miles, they will pay for your hotel. So anyone who wants to sign up, Art is in charge of it.
- ❖ The Bylaws are a living document, and every once in a while they get revised. Our SA Roger is putting together a committee to do just that.
- ❖ We forgot to bring the White River Fish Market certificate, so if you trust me to get it to you, we can pick a winner.

#### Raffle Drawing

Jill Loganbill – \$25 gas card

Bruce Lurch – a Gremlin Bell

Radar – a Blanket from Eskimo Joes

RoadRunner – White River Fish Market certificate

#### Announcements – James

- ❖ Tip jars are on the tables, remember those who cooked for us.
- ❖ Also, we need help cleaning & removing trash.

Radar moved to adjourn, and it was seconded by Lyndon

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Paula “Rose” Matteuzzi

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President's Opening Remarks – James Clark

- ❖ Snow sucks!
- ❖ At the Boat Show last month, we signed up 11 new Members!.
- ❖ I want to introduce our Guests, and will you please stand up: Dan Burgess, owner of Transporter; Mike & Fiona Humphrey from Rte 66's Hogg Chapter; and, Brent Utterback, owner of Resurrection Cycles.
- ❖ Regarding our May event for Motorcycle Awareness Month taking place May 1st at LaFortune Park: January 12th I spoke to a new guy in charge. He gave me someone else to call, and I was able to finally get onto a 3 way call with them. I have to put the information together, and send it to them, as they requested. I have to wait for them to give their approval, and get it blessed. I believe it will all happen. We will have BACA, DBA, we will be there with the Share the Road trailer, the Firefighter girls, and we will be broadcasting, Rita asked James about possibly looking at a different venue, since we should have had flyers out by now. James said if he doesn't get an answer soon, he will consider that.
- ❖ We have had so much help from DBA, CMA and BACA for the ToyRun. Originally we wanted to have a Thank You Party. Tonight I talked to the officers, especially the Treasurer Lady, and we thought it would be more appropriate for this Chapter to make a financial dedication to these people. Also to the VFW, as they have been very gracious to us. I asked for \$250 for each of these groups, which will be \$1250. The Treasurer Lady says we have the money, but it is going to require a vote from y'all to do it. Someone asked for James to name the different groups who will receive the funds. James named: DBA Tulsa, CMA, BACA, VFW, and Foothills Chapter of DBA. Lyndon made a motion that

we donate \$250 to each of the 5 organizations James named. Iris seconded it. A vote was then taken, and it passed.

- ❖ James pointed to our Event Board first, and reminded us to check it for upcoming events. He also pointed to our Picture Board of Events, and suggested if anyone has pictures of our Events to share them.
- ❖ Next is the Treasurer's Report from Mrs Clark. Oh, one other thing. Cheryl has been talking to some banks about taking some of our funds, and putting them in an interest bearing account. It won't be much money, but it is better than sitting idly in our account.

#### Treasurer's Report – Cheryl Clark

- ❖ Cheryl pointed out that detailed copies of the Treasurer's Report are available on the Officers' table. The Treasurer's report was read aloud by Cheryl.
- ❖ Randall moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted, and it was seconded by Lyndon.
- ❖ Cheryl then advised us that since there is a surplus of \$5,000, she is talking to banks about setting up a Savings Account, and is looking for the best interest rate offered.
- ❖ James also asked Cheryl if she will write the 5 \$250 checks to the organizations voted on earlier. She said she would.
- ❖ James asked if we would accept the Treasurer's Report as read. A vote was taken, and the Treasurer's Report was accepted.

#### Secretary's Report – Rose

- ❖ Rose pointed out that the Minutes were sent out by email, and copies are available on the Officers' table. Rose asked if there were any corrections that needed to be made.
- ❖ Rita had 3 corrections she wanted to make: 1) Besides including a Motion was made and Seconded, it needs to include that a Vote was taken and Passed; 2) Court Watch is 2 words, not one; 3) In Lyndon's Membership Report, the sentence "This young lady here was a recipient of one of those." is unclear. Rose said she will add: "Lyndon pointed at a woman present and said..."
- ❖ Lyndon moved that the Minutes be accepted as Amended, and it was seconded by Rita. A vote was taken, and the Secretary's Report was accepted.

### STATE & COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Ride Report – Scott Bunch

- ❖ Last month we drew a ride suggestion from the box, and we were going to the Ft Gibson Cemetery and the USS Batfish Memorial, but due to the weather we did not go. I am going to get with Garrett of the HOG Chapter, and maybe do a joint ride, or a couple of them. Watch your email and the website, and when we get things finalized we will post them.

- ❖ Scott also pointed out the Ride Box, and that there are slips of paper next to it to write Ride Suggestions on.

#### State Meeting Report – Art Ryan

- ❖ Due to the extreme inclement weather, the State Meeting for February was cancelled.
- ❖ From the Legislative standpoint we have 2 bills. One Bill is HB1043 in regards to handlebar height, and it did move forward and is going into the Senate. So get hold of your Senator so it will pass on the floor. The Senate Bill 60, which is the Bobbi White Act requires completely Hands Free specifically in School Zones. It passed committee and will go to the Senate, then the House. We need to get hold of our Senators and Reps to get it to pass. Granted this is not as good a bill as we would like for Motorcycle Riders, however it is a start. Once it gets in, we can start modifying it and make it better for us.
- ❖ The Legislative Day for March 3rd has been cancelled. State sent out emails to notify us of the cancellation. If you did not get one, please let us know so we can make sure you are on the State's email list.
- ❖ The SMILE is still scheduled for March 12th, 13th and 14th at the Wyndham Gardens Hotel in Stillwater. Go online and register, it is \$25 for the weekend. The primary day of the Event will be Saturday the 13th, when all the good stuff will happen. For those of you who are interested in our next State Board Meeting, it will be on Saturday March 13th at Forman's Harley Davidson in Stillwater. It should be an abbreviated meeting, however there should be very pertinent information about the Bikers in the Beltway, which is coming up in May. We are trying to put together a van and hotel reservations. That will be good if you want to go to DC. Also, there will be some requirements if you go to DC if ABATE or OK is going to pick up any of your tab, then you have to be a Member of the MRF, Motorcycle Riders Foundation.
- ❖ We have flyers up front on the Bikers in the Beltway, as well as the Meeting of the Minds which is September 23rd - 26th in Atlanta Georgia. That will give you a chance to make arrangements for work. You can register online, and get your hotel room online. Also, at this time there are no double rooms left, if you are planning on doubling up with someone. If you are a Board, there is an overwhelming amount of information you will acquire in the breakout sessions, in the hospitality room, in the restaurant, and in the bar.

#### Share the Road Report – Art Ryan

- ❖ None given.

#### Membership Report – Lyndon Giles

- ❖ James already mentioned the fact that we have 11 new Members, but the breakdown for those numbers are: 1 from the Tulsa DBA meeting earlier this month; Art brought in 2 from the DBA Foothills Chapter; and, the Members at the Boat Show pulled in 8 new

Members. Lyndon was unsure of the total Renewals, but knew he renewed his Membership. Cheryl added that so far we have 2 Renewals, so that makes a total of 3 counting himself.

- ❖ If you want to see where you stand, I have the Membership sheets for the last 2 months, and can look it up for you.
- ❖ James asked “How many active Members do we currently have?” Lyndon replied 114 as of January 31st.
- ❖ I am still trying to get us to the point that we beat out NW69.

#### Downed Bikers Report – Harry Elrod

- ❖ I have a few changes, our February 13th Benefit we postponed until this Saturday. It will be at the American Legion. We are also having a get together March 13th at 6pm. We will have food, poker hands, live music, 50/50, and a raffle. Also, our next Members’ meeting will be Monday March 1st.
- ❖ Jeff Rankin from the DBA Foothills Chapter wanted to thank those who showed up on their Fun Run Feb 20th. We had Members from ABATE, DBA Tulsa, and DBA Foothills, and it was a good turnout. We are planning on another Fun Run March 7th, and I hope to get all the organizations together again. Hopefully the weather will be nice again. We also have flyers on the tables for our Bigfoot Stomp on March 27th. We look forward to having everyone there.
- ❖ Jeff also wanted to suggest we download the DBA app that has all the different Chapters’ events, and a list of biker friendly restaurants and bars.

#### Safety Report – Roger Bryant

- ❖ This month I am going to talk about CLOCK. I don’t know if you have ever taken a rider safety course, but it is referenced in the course, Tire, Controls, Lights, Oils and Chassis. This month I am going to talk about Lights, electrical. Check your batteries, not only on the chargers, or the tenders, but check to make sure the connections are tight, and the battery tie downs are tight, so you don’t have any problems there. Headlights and signals go together. Make sure there are no cracks, and they are working okay. One thing to look at in the headlight is the reflector to see if it is cracked. You may not be getting all the light you should be getting. Keep your lights clean. Do the same thing with your mirrors, and make sure your mounts are tight. Switches: make sure your low beam and high beam work; make sure your brake lights work, as well as your turn signals; and, make sure their mounts are good and solid.
- ❖ Any suggestions? Someone said “Watch out for the chugholes.” Someone else said “Watch out for sand.” Another person said the city offers a program to reimburse you for tire damage due to potholes, but it is hard to get reimbursed.

- ❖ Larry Chek had a story to share about Dave Holland, a Member, who goes by “Dammit Dave”. Well someone cut him off, so Dave slammed on his brakes, and he ended up hitting the guy, flipping up, then falling down and sliding on his ass. Larry then held up the remains of Dave’s jeans (one butt cheek, and then some were missing), and said “This is the result of what happened.” Larry then added “The good thing is we had finished a couple of Ironbutts, a couple of thousand miles. So, it didn’t damage him too much since he had an Iron Butt.”

#### Court Watch – Frenchy

- ❖ Frenchy did not have a report since he hadn’t heard from Lotus or Q about anything going on with Court Watch.

#### Guest Speaker – James introduced Brent Utterback and Melissa from Resurrection Cycles

- ❖ My name is Brent Utterback, but everyone calls me Brent. I am the owner of Resurrection Cycles here in Tulsa, located at 122 S 122nd E Ave. I am a trained HD mechanic with over 25 years experience. I am going to talk to you a little bit about **tires**.
- ❖ **The most important thing is to maintain your tire pressure.** Check it at least once a month. If you install new tires, check the air pressure after cool down of the first heat cycle. So you ride it home, let it cool down, then you re-check them. Check your air pressure cold. If you check them hot, they will be inaccurate, because heat expands. Vehicle and Tire Manufacturers can differ on recommended air pressure. The Vehicle Manufacturer may say one air pressure, but a Tire Manufacturer may give you a different pressure. Go with the Tire Manufacturer. Keep in mind temperatures affect tire pressure. Tire pressure affects miles per gallon and the life of the tire. Heavier loads should be running up to the max pressure as noted on the sidewalls of the tire. If you are packing the bike down with a passenger, luggage, and a trailer, you should be running your tires at max pressure. **Cupping** is an indication of low air pressure. The tire gets like a ripple on the outside edges of the tire, due to the tire taking more load to the outside edge of the tire. **Peaking** is an indication of over inflation wearing only the center of the tire, too much air pressure and it wears the center of the tire. If either of these conditions is severe enough, then you will need to replace your tire. Although sometimes with proper inflation of the tire, you can get the rippling to correct.
- ❖ **The next thing is understanding tread depth, and when it is time to replace your tires.** Tire Manufacturers put a raised portion in the groove of the tire called **Tread Wear Indicators, or TWI** for short, and is a 32nd of an inch. This is where we measure the tread depth for replacement. They are normally located in 4 - 6 spots on the tire. Their location is marked with symbols or letters: Michelin uses the little Michelin Man pointing up towards the TWI; Metzler uses the letters TWI; and, Dunlop uses a little triangle, which indicates where the Tread Wear Indicator is. When your tread is worn down to this, it is time to replace. This is known as your **Minimum Safe Tread Depth.** I don’t

like it to get that far down. I will recommend replacement starting at a 16th of an inch away from the Tread Wear Indicator, because when you are down to the TWI you have a 32nd of an inch of tread left, and that is it. That is pretty thin. I use a tool that measures in 32nds of an inch, but I have been told that you can use a penny. It is supposed to be a 32nd of an inch from the edge of the penny to the top of Lincoln's head, but I found out it measures a 16th of an inch. So, if you put the penny in the tread, not at a TDI rise, and can see the top of Lincoln's head, it is time to replace your tire.

- ❖ **Other factors that affect the wear of your tires:** **1)** Heavy loads **2)** Wheel condition - bent rims, out of true laced wheels, bad bearings **3)** Worn or weak suspension components - wheel spin, which is when the force delivered to the tire tread exceeds that of available tread to surface friction. Basically, when you twist the throttle, and it gives a little bit, that is tire spin. Anytime you rock that throttle, you are wearing the tire quicker **4)** Hard braking **5)** Style of riding - Aggressive = shorter tire life OR Conservative = longer tire life **6)** Nature of road surface - Rough roads = increase wear **7)** If your bike is going to sit for a prolonged time, I recommend overinflating your tires. If possible, get them off the deck. They will flatside if they sit for a long period with low pressure. Flatside is just like it sounds, it will get flat on the side which is to the deck. **8)** Darkside is mounting a car tire to your bike. I don't recommend it. You probably won't find any motorcycle manufacturer who would recommend it, unless you ride a Can-Am Spyder, or a trike. If you have any questions about that you can check out a Video I found on YouTube "Why a car tire on a motorcycle is a bad idea." A guy mounted a video camera under his bike and went through the Tail of the Dragon, and you can see what that car tire is doing in the little tiny contact patch that you have going on. **9)** Dynamometers - Most Manufacturers say don't subject your tire to a Dynamo. If you do, then replace it before putting it on the street. That may be just one of the things Tire Manufacturers say to cover their ass, but they do take a lot of abuse on the Dynamo. **10)** Something I found a lot of riders are concerned about is the age of the tire. The date code is located on the sidewall of the tire, and is a 4 digit code, the week and year. So, 1021 would mean it was manufactured in the 10th week of year 2021. A one year old tire is very, very fresh. It can take up to a year to get a tire from a manufacturer through all the different channels they have to go through. Five years is where they say it is recommended to replace. It is not every tire manufacturer that says this, as a guy from Metzler said 7 years. So, 5 - 7 years is the recommendation for tire replacement. **11)** You can also look for sidewall cracking.& cracking in the grooves.
- ❖ The last thing I would like to say is: **1) Buy Local;** **2) Support your local Independents and Dealers**, as we are the ones who put your money back into your community; **3) We support your Runs;** and, **4) We ride in this community also.**
- ❖ James presented Brent with a Plaque to thank him for being a Guest Speaker for ABATE of Tulsa.



### New Business – James

- ❖ At the last meeting I asked Roger to take a look at our Bylaws. Roger do you have an update? = Roger stated that due to the weather, the committee was just able to meet yesterday. They are just getting started on some of the wording..
- ❖ We have another gentleman, Mr Burgess who is a bike hauler, can you tell us what you do please? = My name is Dan Burgess. About 4 years ago, I decided to look into transporting motorcycles. I have been hauling freight since I was 17. I have been running karaoke in bars since '91, and I wanted to help get bikers home safe, and their bikes when they had too much to drink. I also did leg work to go to all the Independent Repair Shops and Motorcycle Dealers to see if I could develop a relationship to transport clients' motorcycles to and from their shops. In this last snow, there were 3 bikers stranded, and I went to pick them up. I have an enclosed transporter, and can handle any type of motorcycle. My business is 24/7, and is called Transporter. I will even offer to follow you on a ride in case anyone has an issue.

### Raffle Drawing

Dan Burgess – White River Fish Market certificate

Tim Kempf – \$25 gas card

Frenchy moved to adjourn, and it was seconded by Lyndon

Meeting adjourned at 8:09pm

Respectfully submitted,

Paula "Rose" Matteuzzi

ABATE of Tulsa  
Meeting Minutes  
March 25, 2021

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Sgt of Arms Roger Bryant  
The Opening Prayer with remarks were made by Chaplain Rita Talbott  
The National Anthem was played by CMA Roadrunner  
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sgt of Arms Roger Bryant

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President's Opening Remarks – James Clark

- ❖ Cheryl has put an album of pictures together and also a board of upcoming rides. Please take a look at these.
- ❖ I want to remind you of the Business Cards. We will have them printed with your name on it. Just give them out, as that is how we will grow, and will get the word out. .
- ❖ As Officers we are here to serve you all, and to help you. You can help us, by giving us information, that can make this Chapter better and grow. We all share the same Mission Statement, so any ideas you have to make this better, we want to hear about it.
- ❖ We have 2 more Guests coming: Representative Ford, who has been here before and Senator Cody Rogers, who has Bill 1043, which he will be talking about. They are running late. We also have other Guests: Outlaw Spur from COC, please stand (clapping); Frank and Barb Mathis (clapping); and Captain Stan May, state representative. Any other Members I have overlooked? Any other Guests?
- ❖ I have been working on the May 1<sup>st</sup> event, and it bombed, it just BOMBED. Dealing with the government on any level is at best catastrophic. I decided finally to give it up and try next year. I have contacted everyone who was going to be involved, so we will put it on the back burner.
- ❖ We have updated the PSAs for the State. Wavy Davy will be cutting a new PSA for Tulsa and the State for May, Motorcycle Safety Month.
- ❖ Earlier today Scott, Roger and I went to Eskimo Joe's to start the process of a new T-Shirt for the Toy Run. The kid we work with there is amazing, he is a Native American Artist. He said he gets excited every time we do one. We give him free reign.

Treasurer's Report – Cheryl Clark

- ❖ Cheryl pointed out that detailed copies of the Treasurer's Report are available on the Officers' table. The Treasurer's report was read aloud by Cheryl.
- ❖ Carol moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted, and it was seconded by Lyndon. A vote was taken, and the Treasurer's Report was accepted.

#### Secretary's Report – Rose

- ❖ Rose pointed out that the Minutes were sent out by email, and copies are available on the Officers' table. Rose mentioned that 5 emails bounced back, and Cheryl said she would get those for her. Rose then stated that she did receive an email from Roadrunner as to a correction of a name. Rose then asked if there were any other corrections that needed to be made?
- ❖ Roger moved that the Minutes be accepted, and it was seconded by Rita. A vote was taken, and the Secretary's Report was accepted.

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##### Ride Report – Scott Bunch

- ❖ There will be a call for a City-wide ride on May 1st, which will be advertised on the Radio. What we are modeling this after is what Harley Owners Group did several years ago, when they called for HOG Members from all over the world to go out and ride on what they called Million Mile Monday. The goal was to accumulate 1 million miles. The first year they accumulated over 3 million miles. We are going to try to do something similar, but we aren't shooting for a million miles. It will be advertised on the Radio to report your mileage back in, and we will see how well it went.
- ❖ On Saturday April 17th, we are going to take a ride down Rte 66 to Wellston. We are going to eat lunch at Butch's BBQ. We will meet here at the VFW, and Kickstands Up (KSU) at 9:30am. This ride will be posted.
- ❖ There will be a couple of rides in May, other than the City-wide Ride, towards the end of the month:
  - The first one is May 29th, which is a Saturday. We are going to ride over to Enid to the replica Vietnam Memorial Wall at the Woodring Airport. We did this last year, and the Chisholm Trail Chapter met us on the Turnpike at a Rest Stop, and afterwards they had a cookout for us. We will be meeting at the QT at the Gilcrease exit off 412. Kickstands Up (KSU) 9:30am.
  - The other one is Monday, Memorial Day. We will ride to the Ft Gibson National Cemetery. We are going to meet at the QT at Hwy 51 and 81st St in Broken Arrow. We will meet at 9am with Kickstands Up (KSU) at 9:30am. We are also going to visit the War Memorial Park where the USS Batfish is on display, but I am

not sure that is open yet. Recently they received a mast off of the USS Oklahoma, which was sunk at Pearl Harbor in 1941.

- ❖ Before the meeting began, I tried to get the word out that we now have a 50/50. Our ½ of the money will go to benefit the VFW here, and what you do with your ½ is entirely up to you.
- ❖ Scott also pointed out the Ride Box, and that there are slips of paper next to it to write Ride Suggestions on.
- ❖ James added that the Ride to the Memorial is pretty emotional and is open to all Bikers. Roadrunner has graciously agreed to play taps. He also suggested if you know anyone whose name is on the Wall, you might do a rubbing of their name on a piece of paper, just as he plans to do for a friend he had, whose name is on the Wall. Rita added that the War Memorial at the Enid Woodring Airport is not just for the Vietnam War Memorial, but for other wars also.

#### State Meeting Report – Art Ryan

- ❖ Art said he would defer to Richard, who was going to give the State Board Meeting Report, so he could finalize his Spur Achievement.
- ❖ Richard said he is not a public speaker, and that many things were discussed at the Meeting held in Enid. One thing I did come out with is the Meeting of the Minds was cancelled. There were 2 hotels available, and there were going to be some gatherings. The other thing was you couldn't get in the Washington Capital to talk to your Senators, so it is cancelled also. I am sure there will be another one. It was a very informational meeting, there were a lot of things discussed. James asked if he would encourage other Members to attend the State Board Meeting. Richard said it was the 2nd one he attended, and there is a lot of important information for any biker to receive.
- ❖ Art just wanted to make some corrections on what Richard stated:
  - Meeting of the Minds is not cancelled, and will take place in Atlanta, Georgia.
  - However, ABATE of Oklahoma was planning a group trip to Bikers in the Beltway, and that has been cancelled due to all the craziness that has taken place in DC lately.
- ❖ ABATE of Oklahoma's primary function is legislation, and according to my last report we have 2 bills still in play is HB1043, which is about Handlebars, and Senate Bill 561, which is getting the 2 tags for your regular and specialized renewed at the same time. We will let our distinguished Speakers give us an update when they speak.
- ❖ Also, for those of you who plan to attend State Meetings, there is a change in the Bylaws, and effective immediately, April, May and July meetings are cancelled. We will not have meetings those months for the simple reason that too many Chapters have too many

Events going on and in order for everyone to do what they needed to do, they decided to cancel the meetings.

- ❖ I've been asked to express things that took place at the SMILE Event, the John Pierce Memorial SMILE. If you didn't go, you missed out on a good time #1, and we had a lot of information as we had out of State individuals who put on Presentations. We had nothing but high praise from those individuals by the way. And, you also missed the Tulsa Chapter receiving some Awards. Here are the Awards and the Recipients:
  - Magic Member Award: Richard and Roger
  - ABATE of Oklahoma Awards for their dedication to Court Watch: Rita & Frenchy
  - Judge's Choice Award: Tulsa Chapter for our Centerpiece fetching the highest bid
  - Paul Revere Award: Rita
  - Art thought he was done with the Awards, but Rita reminded us there was another Award the Tulsa Chapter received. It was the ABATE of Oklahoma President's Award: James. She said Tulsa went from the "Do Nothing" Chapter to the "Do Everything" Chapter under James' leadership. She added that Tulsa was the only Chapter that attended the Meeting of the Minds last year, with 11 of its Members attending.
  - Spur Awards (brought up later in the meeting): Roger and James
- ❖ The River Run is coming up in July, the 3rd weekend. It is a great fundraiser, and is an all inclusive float trip. It is a get together with food, campout or you can bunk, and float trip. Enjoy the camaraderie and come out.
- ❖ The State sent out an email about 2 Poker Run Rides in which you can win \$500 for each Poker Run. Check your emails, it is self explanatory.
- ❖ Someone asked Art about news on the Bill for Hands Free. Art said it didn't go anywhere.
- ❖ James added: Many of you remember our departed friend John Pierce, the SMILE was dedicated to him this last year. John was a former President of the Tulsa Chapter. John came up with his own way of rewarding someone who had done something exceptional for the Chapter, who had gone above and beyond. That was the Magic Member Award. We awarded 2 of them to Roger and Richard at the SMILE. There were 3 people who didn't show up who were supposed to get them. So, as I call your names, will you please stand up: Doug, Scott and Lyndon. The 5 recipients of the Magic Member Award had their pictures taken.

#### Share the Road Report – Art Ryan

- ❖ The Program has been kind of dormant with all the Covid stuff. It has recently started opening up. We currently have 2 Events in April:

- April 5th at Blanchard High School, where we will be showing all these high school kids what they can do to not run over us.
- April 10th is the Ride to Remember. Share the Road was invited to provide 2 poker stop locations. If you want to help out, get in touch with Kim Moberly. If you are interested, come to me after the meeting, and I will give you her phone number.

#### Membership Report – Lyndon Giles

- ❖ We had 114 Members as of February 1st. At the end of February, we jumped up to 124. At the Rte 66 Spring Event last Saturday, we gained 6 new Members, plus 1 Renewal. That puts us at 130 Members. Hopefully we will keep going until we beat out NW69.
- ❖ If you want to see the Status of your Membership, get with me after the Meeting.

#### Downed Bikers Report – Harry Elrod

- ❖ On behalf of the Tulsa Chapter Downed Bikers, we would like to give you this appreciation certificate for your donation to us.
- ❖ The April Benefit has been cancelled due to the Beneficiary deciding they didn't want one. Instead, we will do a dinner to benefit the American Legion. Details of this Event will be decided in a few days, and posted on our website and in app.
- ❖ May 1st is the 10th Memorial Day Ride. It will begin at the Carousel, go through the Ft Gibson National Cemetery and end at the Jamesville "Y".
- ❖ Art reminded us of the DBA Foothills Chapter's Event this Saturday the Bigfoot Stomp. It will be at the Elks Lodge in Tahlequah. Let's go have fun guys. James reminded us there are flyers on the Officers' table.

#### Guest Speakers – Spur, 1st Chair of COC and OK Representative Stan May

James asked Spur if there was anything going on with COC he wanted to share with us?

- ❖ I would like to share about Unity. COC and ABATE need to work together. Lyndon made a comment, and Spur responded, that Lyndon knows the background because he has been around awhile, but the Legislators, I think don't see the 2 ABATEs as getting along, so why should they support anything we bring to them? I don't even know what started it, but can't we get over it? James added "That is what we are aiming to do." Spur continued that the COC is proposing a "Legislative Task Force". It will be made up of a body of 12-14 people who would not be from the same Chapter, and work together throughout the State. They would have separate Meetings, to determine our Legislative Agendas, and strategies to accomplish our goals. That way when we do go to the Legislature, we have a unified agenda. James added that we are working on a Unified Arrangement with the COC.

- ❖ I have Senate Bill 845 authored by Senator Dahm of Broken Arrow related to motorcycle profiling. Spur gave us an example of being profiled in the last few weeks. James asked our other guest OK Representative Stan May what he thought of motorcycle profiling from a Legislator's point of view. He informed us he also rode, wears a patch as a Member of the International Association of Firefighters, and has been pulled over because of it in every state he has ridden in. Sometimes you get pulled over because you are on a bike, sometimes because of the patch, but yes, there is profiling. James asked the Representative if he thought we could ever legitimately pass an anti-profiling bill in Oklahoma? Rep May said they could blame the reason they are pulling you over on 100 different reasons: speeding, driving recklessly, etc. James informed Rep May that the MRF is trying to get a National Anti-Profiling Bill passed. Spur then read a passage from the proposed SB 845. Unfortunately, someone said this Bill was not heard by the Public Safety Committee in time to be addressed in its Bills this year. Rep May said it may be heard next year, as we are only in the first year of the 2 year Legislative Year. Someone asked: "Should there be a National Day for Motorcyclists to ride to their State and National Capitals to promote Motorcycle Anti-Profiling Bills?" Spur agreed with this idea, but added it is not just about going on that day to support this Bill, it is about contacting your Legislators, and inviting them out to eat or just meet, and promising to support them, but we need support of our Bills, we need your help. .

James asked OK Representative Stan May what he suggested our approach should be to help pass an Anti-Profiling Bill:

- ❖ Rep. May stated it can't be a once a year thing. Get with your Representative and Senator and send them a letter or email. He advised us a letter is easier to ignore, but an email is tougher to ignore, and is in the system forever. Spur suggested COC could make up a Generic Letter to send to our Legislators. Rep. May added that when he gets an email like that, he wants it to be an attachment to a personal email, where the Constituent gives his address (showing they are in his district), I ride \_\_\_\_, and I would like to see this changed. Never give the Legislator reason to throw it away (threats).
- ❖ Iris Bryant asked to speak. She commented about how this discussion reminds her of being in the Oil & Gas business, and there were a lot of problems with the pipelines that run underground. My Momma taught me a long time ago that the squeaky wheel gets the grease. No disrespect to our Legislative Representative here, but to me writing a letter in is a letter that gets pushed aside. But the letter Spur suggested...if we as a Community of Bikers in Oklahoma - it doesn't matter what you have on your back - we all ride because we love to ride - that's the bottom line...so if we need to get together as a group. Look at Black Lives Matter, they all got together and organized. If we can get together and organize across the State of Oklahoma, we've got the media, and we've got a message. That will bring attention to who we are, and what we do. Let's make this a group effort, and not a Chapter at a time or one letter at a time. It needs to be a BIG thing, and I don't know what that Big thing is, maybe it is an all State Ride.

- ❖ James apologized for not properly introducing Representative Stan May earlier but let us know he rides, and his family rides. He then asked Rep. May (or as James called him Captain May because he is a retired Fire Dept. Captain) if he had any final thoughts on this topic. Rep. May said they have great points = that big motorcycle ride, that presence is there. But again, did I watch the news that day, or was I stuck reading Legislation downstairs? So, email your Senator and Representative prior to the Event and as a follow up after it, an introduction of yourself as a Constituent, and add as an attachment the general letter composed to explain the reason for the State Biker Event. If we see enough of these same types of emails come in, they will be designated to a specific file.
- ❖ Someone from DBA asked to speak and stated he and his wife have been involved in the local precinct level for a number of years. If you want to have an affect on Legislators in Oklahoma City, and Washington DC get involved in your local political party. When it comes to election time, volunteer. You will be remembered for putting out their signs. It will give you the opportunity to get face to face with them.
- ❖ Rep. May had one more thing he wanted to impress upon us. When ABATE or any other group wants to come down to the Capital give him a call, or someone so he/they can make sure it is scheduled on a decent day. The year before last, ABATE came to the Capital on a Thursday, and by 10am we were all headed back to our homes. So, there were not many Representatives and Senators left for you to speak with. I will give you my Assistant's number so she can check the Capitals schedule for you, Monday through Wednesday.

James presented Rep. May with a Plaque and Toy Run T-shirt to thank him for being a Guest Speaker for ABATE of Tulsa.

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##### Safety Report – Roger Bryant

- ❖ None given this month.

##### Court Watch – Frenchy

- ❖ On March 31st at 9am at the Oklahoma County Courthouse for Johnny Dickerson: Leaving the Scene of an Accident with Personal Injury.
- ❖ On April 16th at 9:30am at the Tulsa County Courthouse for Karen Gillespie aka Lindsay. Manslaughter, First Degree - Automobile. Please be there.
- ❖ Rita added that anytime there is a Court Watch outside of Tulsa, my van goes. So, if you don't want to ride, you can ride with me. Just get in touch with me.
- ❖ Rose asked if there was a website for Court Watch to get updates on upcoming cases. Frenchy responded there is no website, but he and Rita have copies of the upcoming cases, and it also includes cases that have been resolved.



Raffle & 50/50 Drawing

Roadrunner – \$25 QT gift card

Garrett Marshall – White River Fish Market certificate

Larry – 50/50 Winner - \$43

Carol moved to adjourn, and it was seconded by Diane.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:19pm

Respectfully submitted,

Paula “Rose” Matteuzzi

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James asked Larry to recite our Mission statement:

***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

- James asked if there were guests or new members. None
- Reminder: we will provide ABATE business cards to any member who requests them.
- This Chapter is growing and that's exciting. Our officers are here to serve you – our members. Let us know if you have ideas or suggestions.
- The Toy Run t-shirt for this year has been designed. A copy was passed around.
- James also passed a copy of another design that we might want to consider for a future fundraiser.
- The May 1st Event at LaFortune Park was cancelled, but we are running PSAs in OK and AR as a part of Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in May.
- We have been contacted by a representative from the "Adopt a Highway" office. Is there interest in ABATE of Tulsa participating in this program? The members responded yes and James said he will ask the representative to come to a meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Cheryl Clark

- Cheryl pointed out that detailed copies of the Treasurer's Report are available on the Officers' table. The Treasurer's report was read aloud by Cheryl. Motion to accept: Lyndon, seconded by Radar. Passed.

Secretary's Report – Rose

- Minutes were sent out by email and copies are available on the table. Any corrections? Motion to accept: Radar, seconded by Art. Passed.

STATE & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ride Report – Scott Bunch

- The ride to Butcher's BBQ down in Wellston was cancelled due to weather.
- On May 1st we are encouraging all motorcyclists to get out and ride – nothing organized – just get out there.
- May 29th is the ride to the Viet Nam Wall in Enid. Last year the Chisholm Trail 412 Chapter met us at a Turnpike Rest Stop, and we rode to the Wall together. Afterwards they hosted a cookout for us.
- On Memorial Day we will ride to the Fort Gibson National Cemetery.

- Scott requested and has received a Route 66 Passport from the State of Oklahoma. There are various stops on Route 66 where you get your passport stamped. They break the state into 3 different sections: Eastern, Central and Western. When you finish each section, you get a prize. You can find the link online at TravelOK.com and follow the link. There is a limit of one per household.

#### State Meeting Report – Art Ryan

- As previously shared, the April, May and July State Meetings are cancelled so there is no report coming from that.
- Reminder of different things. We have 2 State-wide Events taking place, and you will find flyers on your tables:
  - The River Run taking is July 16th, 17th and 18th. It is a great time if you have never been. There is camping, float trips, and food is included. Rose mentioned that it was decided at the last state meeting that you can pay \$20 for Saturday only if you don't want to float the river. Art agreed that was decided and is also true if you wanted to show up a night early on Thursday night, but encouraged us to try to make the whole weekend for the camaraderie. Remember to register as soon as possible so they will know how much food to prepare.
  - The 2nd thing is the Freedom Fighter Rally on September 17th, 18th and 19th, held at the Route 66 Rally Grounds in Depew. It is another great opportunity to mingle with all the other Chapters.
  - Also, coming up the following weekend is the Meeting of the Minds. It is a Motorcycle Riders Foundation event and is being held in Atlanta. If you have never been to a Meeting of the Minds, he strongly urges you to go. There is so much information that comes along not only during the breakout sessions, but in the bars, the hallways, and the hospitality room. The information is phenomenal, and it is a good time on top of that.
- As we talk about getting new members, remember that ABATE of OK has a program called the Young Members Program. It is a free year of Membership for those 18 - 30 years old. If you have kids or grandkids in this age range who might be ready to join.
- We also have the SPUR Award Program, in which you do certain things to get it. Several of our Members have it already, and many of our Members have already done most of the work to get one, but just need to fill out the paperwork.

#### Share the Road Report – Art Ryan

- Last year was pretty much a bum deal for Share the Road. However, this year has already started to kick off and be busy. We have had 4 different events take place and we currently have several other events coming up: in Durant in June for the Bus Drivers; in OKC in July for the Police Traffic Safety Summit; an event in Watonga on the 8th of May; on that same date is the 5-State Poker Run in Guymon; and, the Burgers and BBQ in El Reno. In addition to those, every 2 weeks we have the CDL School at Central Tech in Drumright.

#### Membership Report – Lyndon Giles

- We had 124 Members at the beginning of March (these figures are a month in the arrears). We have added 7 new members and two who have expired out. He has called those about renewing their memberships. We currently have 131 Members.
- If you want to check the status of your membership, get with him after the meeting.
- James thanked Lyndon for his work keeping up with our membership numbers and for following up with those whose membership have expired.

### Downed Bikers Report – David Loganbill

- May 1st is the 10th Memorial Day Ride and there are flyers on the tables. It will begin at the Carousel, go through the Ft Gibson National Cemetery and end at the Jamesville “Y”.
- June 12th is the next benefit ride and the next meeting for Tulsa DBA is Monday, May 3rd.
- Art shared that the DBA Foothills Chapter will be having a black shirt event on June 5th.

### Safety Report – Roger Bryant

- His presentation was on Truck/Trailer Turbulence. Before you pass a truck make sure the driver can see you and that you have plenty of room to pass. If you are on the downhill, they are going to lay on that throttle. You want to try to pass them on the uphill. Someone suggested if you catch their turbulence, to lay down on the gas tank, that will help minimize the resistance. Different types of trucks (box cars, flatbeds, dump trucks, mixers) have varying degrees of turbulence.
- Roger passed around a helpful document “Important Information for Passing Semi-Trucks”, which shows *Blind Spots* and *Air Turbulence* to watch for when you are passing a Semi. (This is an excellent lesson, so I will attach this document to the Minutes)

### Court Watch – Rita Talbott

- We are watching the Courts, but they also know who we are and why we are there.
- On March 31st, Frenchy and Rita went to the Oklahoma County Courthouse for Johnny Dickerson (Leaving the Scene of an Accident with Personal Injury). Her plea was Guilty on all charges. We are waiting on sentencing and we will be there for that.
- On April 16th, Frenchy, Doug, Lyndon, Art, Roadrunner and Rita were at the Tulsa County Courthouse for Karen Gillespie aka Lindsay (Manslaughter, First Degree - Automobile, Failure to Yield While Making a Left Turn, No Drivers License, and Driving Under Suspension). This was an arraignment. She told the Judge she needed more time because she dismissed her Attorney and needed to get a new one. The Judge gave her until June 1st to get an Attorney or fill out the Pauper’s Form to get a Court appointed Attorney.
- Rita pointed out that in the current Oklahoma Biker magazine, page 36 you will find Court Watch. They did a good job giving the dates of the upcoming trials, except for the last one, which is June 1st. A very important case coming up is the one in Tillman County July 8<sup>th</sup> and is the original Case that got Court Watch started. Rite plans to be there.
- If you have any questions about Court Watch, give Frenchy or Rita a call. Quentin “Q” Dunn from the Heartland Chapter is the ABATE Coordinator of Court Watch.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Bylaws Review – Roger Bryant

I was charged with the task of going through the Bylaws. Thanks to Hippie, Jill, and Michelle for helping me with this task.

- Larry passed out the proposed bylaws revisions and the current bylaws.
- Roger went over item by item, the 9 items the Bylaw Committee proposed be changed.
- Members gave their input as each item was read.
- James stated the proposed changes will be used by the committee to revise our bylaws and present at our next meeting.

### Raffle & 50/50 Drawing

Radar – \$25 QT gift card

Paul Brinker – El Rancho Grande \$25 certificate

David Loganbill – 50/50 Winner - \$43.50 (same amount will be donated to the VFW)

Motion to adjourn: Randy Knox, seconded by Hippie. adjourned at 8:20pm

Respectfully submitted,

Paula “Rose” Matteuzzi