

## ABATE REGION 19 MEETING

June 5, 2018

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

We started with the Pledge of Allegiance and went right into the legislative report

LEGISLATIVE REPORT – Vince Fabis gave us all the latest legislative news which included details on the insurance reform bills and also HB5699 which would prohibit an increase for collision and comprehensive coverage. The motorcycle handlebar height bill (changing max height from 15" to 30" passed both House and Senate and was signed by Gov. Snyder. Vince also covered the Freedom Rally which was held on the steps of the capitol in Lansing and has a good turnout with 15 guest speakers.

A lot of those who spoke are up for re-election this year, and we have to research them to see who supports our cause. We have to make sure that we support them this fall by putting up yard signs and supporting them in other ways. Remember, it is thanks to those elected officials that support our cause that we have the freedom of choice! It isn't going to happen on its own; only due to your efforts will we stay free.

No vote yet about the State Butterfly.

SECRETARY'S REPORT was approved as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT was approved as presented. Pete Kazelas gave us an update on our financial health.

AWARENESS: Pete set up an Awareness Corner several weekends at high-visibility spots to promote May as Motorcycle Awareness Month. It was a prime location on Woodward Ave. This was welcomed not only by motorcyclists but also a lot of car drivers expressed their support and gratitude. Thanks Pete for setting this up!

AMA/MRF – Vince also covered federal issues and how the MRF and AMA are looking out for us on the national level. Two main issues are Renewable Fuels Standards, that would change the allowable amount of ethanol in your gasoline from the current 10% to 15%. The other issue is motorcycle profiling, which is where we are targeted for a police stop simply because we are on a motorcycle.

RAFFLE TICKETS – are now available, see Pete.

FIELD MEET – June 8, 9, and 10 at the West Side RV campground in Rapid City

EVENTS: We decided to have an Observation Run Sunday August 12. Chip will design and lead the route. We'll leave from at CJ's Upper Deck at 10 AM sharp.

NO MEETING IN JULY! PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE!

Minutes by Vince

