

**ABATE of Tulsa
Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2023**

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The Mission Statement was recited by Larry Chek.

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President's Opening Remarks – James Clark

- James welcomed everyone to the New Year.
- I want to welcome some Guests and New Members: Women of the Wind - Sprout introduced: Chit, Bug, Thumper, Tazer, Enoch, and our Prospect; Richard introduced his guest, Matthew; and, James introduced new Members Steve and Kim Smith.
- We had a wonderful Toy Run as many of you know. All of the feedback I have gotten is nothing but positive. There are a lot of people in this room that made that happen through parking, and all the other chores that had to be done to make this Event successful. I can't thank you enough for it. From the funds of the Toy Run, we are giving \$250 each to DBA and BACA for their help.
- We have 2 new Officers tonight, Larry Chek as our Sgt of Arms and Leta as our Treasurer.
- I asked Garry Canaday, our State Legislative Affairs Officer to update us on our Bills for this Legislative Session.

Guest Speaker – Garry “2R” Canaday

- Garry started off thanking our Chapter for having our National Anthem played at the beginning of our meeting, and went onto tell us how he got to tour Fort McHenry, and learn its background. He went onto explain that Francis Scott Key was anchored offshore from Ft McHenry, where he was inspired to write a poem after he saw at “dawn's early light our flag was still there.” He then explained that the British all through the night bombarded the Fort, and had stated that after all their efforts through the night, the Americans were sure to surrender, and the tale tell sign would be that the American flag would no longer flying. The brave soldiers defended the fort with their lives, and Garry thanked all Veterans for going to war, and defending our country.
- James met with Senator Dahm, and Representatives May and Ford to discuss a shortened version of the Profiling Bill. Dahm had authored a Bill in previous years, but it was very long, and required Cleet Training of the Officers. After the meeting with James, Senator Dahm did present a shortened version for a Profiling Bill, but it still required a lot. His original SB83 required: 1) Each different department will come up with a policy that they will not profile people because of what they ride nor what they wear; 2) Each different department needs to review the policy, and train the officers to observe the policy; and 3) We require them to come up with some training, which can be taxing on small town departments. The burden added into this Bill was required Cleet training, and that each department was going to have to work with ABATE. His new Bill for this year, was still too similar to his old Bill. Rep May penned a Profiling Bill, but unfortunately, it too was similar to SB83. So, we asked him to take out the training (including Cleet), and working with us. We asked Rep May that the Bill require each station to come up with an Anti-Profiling Policy, and to audit that Policy.
- Last year, Representative Luttrell from Ponca City authored Bill HB1076 to Amend the Handlebar Height Restriction. It made it out of Committee, to the House Floor, but the House Floor had so many other Bills, it didn't get voted on. We have more friends this year, who are going to help us this year to get it passed. Someone asked what was legal for handlebar height? Garry answered, eye level.
- If you are interested in being a part of the Legislative Task Force, come see me after the meeting. It currently consists of James, Kim Mobley, Steve Stewart, our State Coordinator, and Me.
- Garry invited everyone to come to Legislative Day, which will be Wednesday, March 8. We will have updates on the Bills, which you will be given before visiting your Legislators. We hope you will ride your motorcycles. I will get a hotel, hopefully with a special rate. We will have a pizza party, and talk strategy for the next day. Rose suggested emailing, or calling your Legislators to give them a heads up you will be there that day to meet with them.
- Kim Mobley is our past Legislative Coordinator, who took over after John. In the last year, she moved to Louisiana, but is still working for us. To give you an idea of what she does: 1) the House has 1901 Bills and the Senate has 1117 Bills, and she has read all of them; 2) she watches every Committee Meeting via Closed Circuit TV; and, 3) she has sent me a list of Bills she thinks ABATE may want to deal with, which I have taken to the

Legislative Task Force. One of those Bills she found was requiring cars and light trucks to get Emissions Testing, which was authored by a Democrat. Thank God we have a Republican Legislature, so hopefully, it won't get out of Committee..

- Next on the State Level is the SMILE. Rob was going to talk about it, but I told him I would. SMILE stands for State Motorcyclists Improving Legislative Effectiveness, and is not exclusively for ABATE of Oklahoma Members, but is open to ALL Motorcyclists. It will be held the weekend before the Legislative Day, which is March 3 – 5. Pre-registration is now open, and is currently \$30, and \$35 after March 1. It is being held at the Will Rogers Airport Embassy Suites Hotel on Memorial, and rooms are \$109 per night. With your room you get a cook to serve breakfast, and a 2 hour open bar in the early evening. Eric Ross, who is a life Member of ABATE of Iowa, and their State MRF Rep, will be our Guest Speaker who will speak on Gaining and Retaining Members. Also, this year we are going to have Officers' Training, which we have never done before. On Saturday morning, we will have the State Board Meeting, and in the afternoon, we will have 3 breakout sessions. I am also trying to get Tiffany from AMA to come speak at one of our Sessions. In the evening, we have a banquet, followed by Awards, an auction, and our Centerpiece Competition between Chapters.

Treasurer's Report – Leta & mentor Cheryl

- Cheryl stated that detailed copies of her reports are available on the Officers table, then she read the December and January reports. James added that he recently spoke to Eskimo Joes about the shirts that were sold through the URL code, and they thought they sold 62 shirts. He then stated, we have not seen that revenue yet, so the shirt picture is not complete yet, but will be on next month's report. Cheryl asked if there were any questions. None. Motion to accept: Richard, seconded by Hippie. Passed.
- Copies of the Proposed 2023 Budget were passed out to those who did not pick one up. Cheryl explained what we were viewing: 1) the 2022 proposed budget items; 2) what was actually spent; and, 3) the proposed 2023 budget items. She asked everyone to review the proposed budget, then asked for any questions or suggestions. Garry advised us that the State needed more back patches, and they discovered the cost had gone up. Art suggested doubling the MRF Scholarship Fund to encourage more attendance of our Members. James suggested the Proposed Budget be revised, and brought back next month for a vote.

Secretary's Report – Paula “Rose”

- Rose stated that the Minutes were sent out by email, and copies are also available. She asked if there were any corrections or questions. None. Motion to accept: Randy, seconded by Hippie. Passed.

STATE & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Vice President – Garrett

- We had an Officers' Meeting, and tried to come up with ideas to help get us recognized, and as you know we do provide business cards to any Member who wants them to pass out. In trying to think outside the box, I suggested we use QR Codes to provide links to our multiple websites, Contacts, and Meetings. The cost is \$7.99 monthly, or if we pay yearly, it is at a 20% discount. We can have the business cards printed with the code, or you can carry it virtually on your phone. We want to show we are more than just about Meetings, a Toy Run, or a Grandparents' group. The Members were asked if they were interested in investing in this new technology, and there was an overwhelming: YES.

Membership – Lyndon Giles

- Lyndon started off thanking the Members for coming faithfully to the Meetings.
- At the beginning of December, we had 147 Members, and by the end of December we had 155 Members. According to the State for 2022, Tulsa's Retention Rate was 63%, and our Recruiting Rate was 26%, which needs work.
- If you want to check the status of your membership get with Lyndon following the meeting.
- James added that we are the second largest Chapter in the State, and we will hold off on ordering business cards for Members until we get the QR Code up and running, so it can be added to the new orders. He also thanked Lyndon for his valiant efforts as Tulsa's Membership Coordinator.

State Board Meeting – Rob

- The State Board Meeting was held Saturday January 14 in Stillwater at 12:02pm.
- The Meeting began with Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. All the Chapters were present, and all the Executive Board Members were all present except for Tammy Johnson, the Secretary. .
- Approval of November and December Minutes were waived due to the Minutes not being sent out by Tammy. Due to the Minutes not being sent out in a timely fashion, there was a discussion of vacating the position of Secretary for dereliction of duty. It was so voted, and nominations to fill this position and a vote be taken was tabled until Feb. Is anyone from Tulsa interested in being Secretary for the State Board?

- The Financial Report balances: Checking \$26,204.70 and Savings 24,929.87. The 2023 Proposed Budget was distributed, and the Reps were asked to take them back to their Chapters for review and approval.
- At the end of 2022, ABATE of OK had 649 Members. This is an increase from 624 at the beginning of the year..
- In October, the discussion to increase Merchandise's Budget was tabled. A motion and second were made to increase the Budget to \$5,000, and designate it a separate, revolving fund to help grow the State's Merchandise.
- There was a Safety Report by Art that with the fluctuating extreme temperatures tires need to be checked more frequently. Watch out for potholes and wildlife on the roads, and reduce your speed in Construction Zones as there are many things that are many things dangerous to motorcycles.
- Share the Road: Steve went to the OHSO Meeting, and spoke to the Director about 2024's funding. Unfortunately, the Contact he had last fall quit communicating with him. Fortunately, he did learn about the Grant Request deadline at a late date, and was able to get in our Request by the deadline. He is supposed to hear back by January 17. Also, we have been fully reimbursed for what we have put in Claims for.
- The Heartland Chapter needs 8 – 10 Volunteers to help with Stops & Merchandise for the "Ride to Remember" event on Saturday, April 15.
- The River Run will be held at Eagle Bluff Resort. Weekend in July is still to be determined.
- The Biker Breakfast held before each State Board Meeting when it is held in Stillwater has for years graciously been prepared by 1 Chapter alone. It was decided this should be shared by ALL the Chapters, & the Reps were asked to Volunteer for a month their Chapter would bring or cook the Biker Breakfast, which Forman HD Dealer advertises. Rob informed us he volunteered our Chapter for the May meeting on Saturday May 13.
- Again, the same people take the Merchandise around to as many events as possible, and they are tired. Volunteers are needed to take the Merchandise to Events. I volunteered Larry and myself to take the Merchandise and sign up New Members at Rallies, but more help is needed.
- Art added that in 2022, the Board had voted to not have Meetings in 3 of the Summer months. For 2023, it was decided to hold Meetings every month, with the exceptions of December, where a Christmas party is held in lieu of a Meeting, and in July due to the River Run, where an informal meeting may take place.

MRF – Art

- Art informed us, for those new to our Meetings, that he is one of the assistant Reps to the Motorcycle Riders Foundation, which is a National level Motorcycle Rights group. They are similar to ABATE, but they do all of their work in Washington, DC.
- Last year, 2022 ended on a positive note, and most of it happened in December.
 - On Dec 16, Rep Tim Walberg out of Michigan & his 26 bi-partisan Congressmen, sent a letter to National Highway Traffic & Safety Administration inquiring: Why these autonomous vehicles are not seeing motorcycles? What can they do to fix that? What can we as Motorcycle Riders do to prevent getting killed by these vehicles that do not have drivers?
 - On Dec 22, Rep Susie Lee out of Nevada, who is part of the Appropriations Committee, was able to insert a paragraph in a 4,000 page Bill "*The Committee is concerned that National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) may be conducting activities that encourage states to adopt legislation, regulation, or other policies that unjustly profile motorcycle riders. The Committee directs NHTSA to report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on the extent to which the agency works with states on motorcycle passenger policies within 120 days of enactment of this Act.*" So, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has to respond to both Committees on Appropriations within 120 days, or lose their funding
 - On Dec 23, 6 years after the MRF started working on this issue, House Resolution 366, the Anti-Profilng Measure finally passed the House. It passed the Senate a couple of years ago.
- The best way for you to keep up with these issues, is to become an MRF Member. You are kept informed by email, and 6 times a year the American Biker Journal is sent to you. Also, you are covered with a \$4,000 Accidental and Dismemberment Policy. Membership is \$35 a year, and if you have a spouse or significant other, it is \$60, and each one of you is covered with a \$4,000 policy. This is in addition to the money you would get for being a Member of ABATE or DBA. If you want to become a Member, or want to check on when your Membership needs to be renewed, come see me after the Meeting.

Share the Road – Art

- Share the Road is on hold due to lack of volunteers and funding.
- Garry added we are looking into adding Sponsors, and we may lean on the Chapters to help us out with funds for this year.

Court Watch – Art

- For those of you who don't know, Court Watch is a Team, and consists of everyone who is in here. We show up to Court Cases in which the Motorcyclist has been severely injured or killed and charges were filed. We don't go to create issues. We are non-aggressive, non-verbal, and non-evasive. We are just present. We go in support of

the victim. We show up, sit in court nice and quiet, respectful, and hope the judicial system sees us as supporting the victim, and issues out just punishment for the crimes that are committed.

- Cases coming up:
 - 2/2 @ 9am, CF-2021-1367, State vs Cerna, Oklahoma County CH, OKC
 - 2/10 @ 9am, CF-2022-3465, State vs Fite, Oklahoma County CH, OKC
 - 2/14 @ 9am, CF-2022-4319, State vs Trammell, Oklahoma County CH, OKC
 - 2/22 @ 8:30 am, CF-2022-717, Cleveland County CH, Norman
 - 3/9 @ 9am, CF-2022-4045, State vs Cabral, Oklahoma County CH, OKC
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- Garry strongly suggested if you decide to go to double check to make sure that neither the time nor the date has been changed, as it frequently has in the past. Be vigilant, and don't get discouraged if changes do occur.

Downed Bikers – David Loganbill

- Monday 2/6 is our next Meeting starts at 7pm @ the American Legion Post on 8th St.
- Our next Benefit is Saturday Feb 11 @ Crawpappy's at 51st and Harvard. The Beneficiary is Kamden Wilson. Registration is 4 - 6pm.

NEW BUSINESS – James

- James presented to Hippie a check for \$250 for BACA's help with the Toy Run.
- James then announced there are 5 - L and 5 - XL Toy Run T-shirts that are for Sale after the meeting.
- In November, Law Tigers shut down in OK. Well, they are back. When asked for more details as to why, James stated they got a new attorney who is more pro-active.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mouse reported that Leisure Park Elementary School where we had the Toy pick-up, Jennifer, who is in charge of the PTA relayed that the teachers and the students loved when we came to pick up the toys. They are looking forward to teaming up with us again next year. And, when it is time for us to pick-up the toys, they will make sure Channel 23 doesn't get lost this time.
- Art asked for a status update of the Tulsa Chapter T-shirts. Garrett responded that he was working on getting some quotes from local t-shirt companies, with the small logo on the front, and larger one on the back, possibly with reflective color on the back. He also is looking into a Dry Fit option, because he hates cotton.
- Garry wanted to invite everyone on Saturday Feb 25 to NW69's 26th Annual Chili Cookoff, which will be in Woodward, Saturday Feb 25 10am – 5pm.

Raffle & 50/50 Drawing

James Miller – \$25 QT gift card

Prospect for WitW – White River Fish Market certificate

Stretch – 50/50 raffle: \$74/\$73, Recipient/VFW

Motion to adjourn: Randy, seconded by Hippie. Adjourned at 8:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula "Rose" Matteuzzi

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President's Opening Remarks – James Clark

- James greeted everyone.
- Larry Check for personal reasons has decided to step down as Sgt of Arms, so Scott was kind enough to step in as our SA this evening. We will take nominations for SA towards the end of the meeting.
- Our Chapter had some Members who received Awards at the Daryl Starbird's Bike Show: Nelson, Terry Smith and Garrett. Congratulations! Terry suggested we have a booth next year at this event, and I think that is a great idea.
- May 27th will be our 5th ride to the Woodring Wall of Honor. I have spoken to the Highway Patrol to set up Escorts like they did last year. Art suggested sending invites to the area VFWs, American Legions, and Veteran's homes to make it a larger ride.
- Mrs Clark has been on the phone with the Robo Call company, and asked her to share what is new. Cheryl explained that "We upgraded our service to now include Text Messages and E-mails without any additional charge. You will receive the emails automatically, but in order to continue receiving Texts from 'CallingPost' you have to respond 'OK', or you won't receive any more Texts from us."
- James pointed to a new device that displays pictures of our Chapter, and suggested if we want to include any of our pics to get with Larry Chek.
- I am going to steal a little of Art's thunder by suggesting if you haven't joined the MRF, that you do so. The MRF does nationally what we do here, protect our rights to ride.
- The Toy Run was a great success this year in large part due to the people in this organization who worked it. I took the liberty of having a special patch made with the 2022 logo & a gold star that I want to give to these people: Richard Beall, Rob, Leta, Larry Chek, Terry Smith, Scott Bunch, Radar, John Trotter, Hippie, Harry Elrod, James Miller, George Bailey, Rick Cassidy, Paul Brinker, Jerry McNew, Rob Johnson, Art, and Rose.
- I want to welcome some Guests and New Members: Women of the Wind - Cornbread, Revelly, Hooch, and Edwina; and James introduced Chris Blackford, who also won a trophy at the Bike Show, and is a friend of Terry.

Treasurer's Report – Leta & Mentor Cheryl

- Leta stated that detailed copies of her report are available on the Officers table, then she read the February report. She asked if there were any questions. Rose asked why the Popl fee was a different amount than what we had been told, and it was explained it was a fee to generate the QR Code, and that next month we will see the annual fee we had agreed to pay. Motion to accept: Randy, seconded by Roger. Passed.
- Cheryl reported that copies of the Proposed 2023 Budget were passed out, & changes were made as suggested last month. She then asked if there were any questions or suggestions. Frenchy asked why the Promotional Materials line item is only for \$250? Cheryl answered we did not spend anything last year, and it was raised by \$50 this year. James suggested we go with that amount, and should we need to increase it during 2023, we will take a vote of the Members to increase it. Art asked how beneficial is our ad in the Oklahoma Biker Magazine? James answered that is not an easy thing to measure, but we are the only MRO advertising in it, and it keeps us & our Events in front of other bikers across the State. There was some discussion of this, with Rick suggesting an article be put in it about our efforts to get the City of Tulsa to make and put up the "Watch for Motorcycles" signs in our area. James thought that was a good idea to put in the next article. Roger didn't agree with the increase in MRF scholarships, due to the lack of reports given by participants upon their return. James answered we still have a report on the September MRF Event, that still has to be given. Cheryl replied that more Members are showing interest in attending these Events. Art said he had one more item he wanted to propose for the Budget, which is that the State Rep get a gas allowance of \$150 for every meeting they attend, and should the Rep not be able to make it to a meeting, the Substitute would get the gas allowance. Art also added that other Chapters are already doing this, so we wouldn't be setting a new precedent. James proposed we have further discussion of this (gas receipt or mileage reimbursement) at another meeting, at which time we can make an amendment to the

Budget. That was the end of the discussion. Motion to accept: Larry, seconded by Randy. Passed, with 1 opposed.

Secretary's Report – Paula “Rose”

- Rose stated that the Minutes were sent out by email, and copies are also available. She asked if there were any corrections or questions. None. Motion to accept: Hippie, seconded by Lyndon. Passed.

STATE & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Vice President – Garrett

- We had a discussion at the last meeting about getting a QR Code for the Chapter, and today we received our Card with the QR Code. Next, we will develop our QR Code Platform starting this weekend.
- I did get prices for Merchandise. I received pricing for a 50 shirt order with options for: cotton & dri-fit; white and colored shirts; the front of the shirt to have a small colored logo on top left side; and, on the back a large logo in full color or white. James then asked if we had hats, who is interested in buying one? Those interested raised their hands. Garrett then asked what style hat is the consensus so we can get pricing. He then proposed he will get pricing for black caps in 2 styles: baseball & flatbill snapback. Richard expressed an interest in a beanie with the logo. Garrett explained for now we are looking at bulk sales to get a better price quote, but later he can get pricing for individual sales.

Road Captain – Scott

- Due to the weather there hasn't been any planned rides. He told us of a Civil War re-enactment out by Yale that is done every other year in the even years in February, and we should consider it for next year. Art added that in Grove on March 5th, they will be re-enacting the Civil War Battle of Pryor Creek.
- He then reminded us that 50/50 tickets were still available, and the pot was up to \$148 at this time.

State Board Meeting – Art

- Financially, we are in pretty fair shape with a balance of \$25,894.95 in checking, and \$24,929.87 in the Savings. The Merchandise Budget was raised from \$3,500 to \$5,000, and made it a revolving account. We might want to consider a revolving account for our Merchandise Account as well.
- Also, they moved the \$500 Members Only Poker Run Budget to the Spring Fling Family Camping Trip. The Heartland Chapter needs 8 – 10 Volunteers to help with Stops & Merchandise for the “Ride to Remember” event on Saturday, April 15.
- Legislative Day is March 8th on the 2nd Floor of the Capitol Rotunda at 8am. Please attend if you can. There will be for sale this shirt (Art held up a fluorescent yellow shirt) which will be the uniform of the day. Park in the South Parking Lot. Art asked James to enlighten us as to the status of the Handlebar and Anti-Profiling Bills. James reminded us of the meeting he had with 2 House Representatives and 1 Senator he met with in November. Rep May gave me a call yesterday that it had come out of Committee, and was getting ready to go to the Floor. He called me this evening, and asked me who he should send the Bill to on the Senate side? James suggested Senator Dahm. James said this is why it is important for us to go down and support those who are helping us get these Bills passed. He also reminded us that the 2 Representatives, May and Ford are Members of this Chapter. Art added that our Anti-Profiling Bill comes on the heels of the December passing of House Resolution 366, which is the DC Anti-Profiling Bill, which passed after 6 years of effort.
- The Gus Johnson Memorial River Run will be held July 14th – 16th at Eagle Bluff Resort in Tahlequah. You will be able to register online. I am not sure of the price, but it will include lodging, food, and the float down the river. It is mostly a chance to socialize with the other Chapters. Most important, this is our Legislative fundraiser.
- The 16th Annual Ride to Remember is coming up April 14th – 15th. The Heartland Chapter is asking for 8 – 10 volunteers to help at the Stops, and an additional 8 – 10 volunteers to help at the end. There will be 2 Memorials visited in this ride. This Ride commemorates those who died in the OKC Bombing in 1995, and to show appreciation for the first responders.
- Nominations were opened in January, and continued in February for a new State Secretary. Connie Mayberry from the Lakes Chapter stepped up to accept that position.

Membership – Lyndon Giles

- The State reports there are 663 Members Statewide.
- For February after Tulsa Members expired out, renewed, and new ones joined, we have a total of 160 Members.
- Get with me after the meeting if you are not getting our Monthly emails with the Minutes, so I can check the email address we have for you, or you want to check the status of your Membership.

MRF – Art

- After 3 years of being closed, the Capitol complex is now open to the Public.

- The MRF has the Bikers in the Beltway coming up May 15th – 16th. You can register for it online, which is free, it just gives the MRF an idea of how many info packs to put together for you to take to your Legislators. Make sure to make appointments to meet with them.
- The MRF is looking for “Young Activist” Candidates. That is someone 30 years old or younger who have been politically active on the State level. There are applications online.
- As I mentioned earlier, House Resolution 366 has passed, so now the MRF is focusing on Autonomous Vehicles. As we have all heard on the news lately, Tesla has recalled 362,000 electric vehicles, because they are failing to recognize lawful stops, people, and motorcycles. In California, there are 10,000+ trucks that are operating without drivers, and the CA MRF State Rep has approached the CA Legislators to require driverless vehicles to apply for permits from the DMV to operate.
- In September is the Meeting of the Minds, which is an opportunity for you to meet with people from around the country: ABATers, Freedom Fighters, MROs. Together they set the itinerary and the priority list of what is going to happen in DC the following year. This year it will be held in Harrisburg, PA September 21st – 24th, and if enough of us want to attend, I suggest we get a van or bus to take us up there. I will be there regardless.
- If you want to become a Member of the MRF, or want to check on when your Membership needs to be renewed, come see me after the Meeting.

Court Watch – Frenchy

- Cerna was supposed to be today, but it was postponed for a month from today, March 23rd at 9am at the OK County Courthouse. This is a Bench Jury Trial.
- Frenchy pointed out a paper on the Officers’ Table, which gave dates for the Active Court Watch cases, and asked everyone to use their phones to take pictures of the dates.
- James added that we will send out ROBO calls to remind us of these dates.
- Art pointed out that even though this is an ABATE initiated program, it is not ABATE exclusive, so if you are DBA, CMA, BACA, etc, please attend these Court Cases that you can.
- Summary of Cases coming up:
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Share the Road – Art

- Steve, our State Coordinator has been in contact with the State regarding our Grant for 2024. In the meantime, there will inevitably be Share the Road program requests, which we will need volunteers for. This year, we do not have the Grant money to pay an hourly wage nor mileage, but we are hoping to lean on the Chapters to help us out with funds for mileage for those volunteers.

Safety – Roger

- The majority of motorcycle accidents, just over 70% occur in intersections, and most are riders who are making left turns. It may be cars going around cars, but whatever the cause might be, riders are getting hit in the intersection.
- Another number that is sad in 2020, 5,268 bikers were killed, and 27% of those were under the influence of alcohol.
- Make eye contact when you are in the intersection. It may appear the person is engaged with you, but they could be looking past you. Don’t have to be the first one in the intersection, whatever you do, let someone else go and be hit.
- Art asked to add to this. He stated that there have been 2 motorcyclists killed in the same area due to potholes. James asked if everyone knew the number to call to report potholes, and said 311. He said everyone needs to call, and keep calling that number until that stretch of road is fixed. Frenchy added that in West Tulsa he has been using purple spray paint around the pothole to highlight it, and 5 of them have been filled.

Downed Bikers – Jeff Brock

- Meetings are the first Monday of the month, and starts at 7pm @ the American Legion Post on 8th St.
- Our next Benefit is a Black Shirt Event Saturday March 11 @ Carousel Lounge.
- May 6th the first Saturday of May is the Annual Memorial Ride which starts in Tulsa, goes to the National Cemetery at Ft Gibson, and ends at the Janesville Y. The ride is a remembrance of our Soldiers, and motorcyclists who have died due to vehicle accidents.

Bandidos – Sean

- This Saturday is our monthly Ribeye Steak Night at the Clubhouse at 6pm. The meat is never frozen, and hand cut. Everyone is welcome.

BACA – Hippie

- Our general meeting is this Sunday at the Moose Lodge at 2pm.

CMA – Andy

- Saturday April 22nd at 5pm is a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser for the Run for the Son at the Lord's Refuge Church.

NEW BUSINESS – James

- James asked that Mrs Clark to write down the nominations for Sgt at Arms. Larry nominated James "By God" Miller, and asked if he would accept the nomination. James accepted the nomination. Frenchy nominated Scott Bunch.
- Art asked to make an announcement: Those who would like to support your veterans, this Post has a newly formed VFW Riders Group, and the qualifications are minimal: it doesn't require any money; you don't have to be a Veteran; nor do you have to be a Member of the VFW. You just have to attend 3 events a year. The only money you will spend are the patches you will want to purchase once you join. Please support the Veterans.

Raffle & 50/50 Drawing

Hooch – \$25 QT gift card

Lyndon – White River Fish Market certificate

Andy – 50/50 raffle: \$74 / \$74, Recipient / VFW

Motion to adjourn: Hippie, seconded by Randy. Adjourned at 8:16pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula "Rose" Matteuzzi