

May 14th 2018 Meeting

Meeting Minutes for April were accepted.

R.C. report

Reported on the April BoD meeting. Received a report on the most dangerous intersections in Michigan, most seem to be east of Region 9, with the exception of one one Clinton county at Grand River and S. Airport Rd. I have a sign-up sheet to volunteer at the field meet.

Treasurer report

Read and accepted.

Products Report

We have nothing new.

Road captain report

We decided to meet at the Capitol at 11:30 for the Freedom Rally on June 5th.

It was decided that we would not set up a table at the June 2sd Awareness Ride at Local 652 UAW hall. I do plan to attend If any other ABATE members would like to join me please wear your ABATE attire.

Legislative report

The GHSA , Governor's Highway Safety Association, meet to report that motorcycle deaths were down 5.6 %, but that motorcycle deaths are over represented as a proportion of traffic deaths. They site alcohol and drug impairment, distraction, and the way this report is worded it looks to me that it is blaming the motorcyclist for the distraction, and age.

They want to continue the downward deaths and want to achieve 0 traffic deaths by 2050. What is solution to achieve 0 motorcycle deaths? Ignition interlocks and UNIVERSAL HELMET LAWS. The report doesn't take into consideration other factors, like weather, training, awareness, and other factors.

Old business

We have to move the Raffle tickets, Patty wants them returned earlier this year.

Meeting closed

6/11/18 meeting minutes from may read and accepted.

R.C. report

About 50 to 75 attended the Awareness ride on June 2sd.

The last I heard there were 150 pre-sold tickets turned in at the field meet, I believe many more than were there.

Treasure report

Report given and accepted.

Products report

3 more Look Twice signs sold.

Road Captains report

No region rides are planned.

Legislative report

Abate backed bills that are now law are rider training tuition increase from \$25 to \$50, if you take approved riders training and pass you don't have to take the state written test, Increase in plate fee for motorcycle safety and awareness. Other legislation ABATE is working on is handlebar height HB4480/ SB568, Motorcycle parade/ procession HB4919, HB4466 and HB5049 Cell phone distracted driving, HB4997 ATV riders helmet use choice. Your help is needed; contact your state legislators to support these bills.

The MRF would like riders to log in their site and sign the petition to back H.RES. 318 to stop motorcycle profiling activity. Other issues MRF is involved in are self-driving cars, ethanol, and the Motorcycle Advisory Council. For news on these issues and more from the Hill, check the MRF website.

Old business

We have to get the raffle tickets sold and back to Patty.

New business

We decided to put a table at the Awareness ride being held at Full Throttle Motorsports on June 16th at 11am.

Meeting closed.

Ride safe, ride free

Nick