

ABATE REGION 19 MEETING

December 9, 2020

We welcomed in the New Year with a new RC: Pete Kazelas!

LEGISLATIVE REPORT –Many of us got rather non-committal replies to the letters that we sent last month to our state Senators and to Lana Theis (Chair of Insurance and Banking Committee) to urge them to support SB0528. Their comment were “we are waiting for an analysis) and/or “You have a choice”. Vince Consiglio had contacted State Senator Jim Runestad and explained that motorcyclists do NOT have a choice. Jim now understands the importance of this bill.

SECRETARY’S REPORT was not submitted for Dec since it was a dinner meeting and I did not want the public to know how many calories we consumed.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Pete gave us an update. We won’t have enough funds to contribute at the upcoming State Seminar, but we will review it in Oct for the 2021 Seminar.

AMA/MRF: We voted to renew our MRF Sustaining membership to help them fight for us on a national level.

STATE SEMINAR: Bill and Sandy out together a really nice gift basket to raffle off. Legislative Officer for Region 19 is open. Please think about volunteering; don’t worry, we will help you!!

AWARENESS: Pete mentioned that awareness is not only important for increasing the safety of motorcyclists; it also is a draw for membership. Not everyone is interested in the legislative aspects of ABATE, but everyone is interested in safety. For this reasons we want to expand our scope during the year. We especially would like volunteers to spend just an hour or two in May during Motorcycle Awareness month.

Chip suggested getting a Look Twice Save a Life cling in a bumper-sticker size that we could put on our bikes. Pete will talk with Sally (State Products) at the Seminar.

DRIVER’S EDUCATION: We need to get active again like we were in the past, as this key program will help motorcyclists’s safety by making car drivers aware of us. Let us know if you are interested.

FUN/FUND-RAISING: we want to have more fun events that could also raise funds. Bowling came to mind (remember SPAM Bowl?). We would look at central Oakland County; Bill will look into Century Lanes, 300 Bowl is also a possibility.

Minutes by Vince P.