

ABATE State Board Meeting
November 8, 2014
Kaufman, Texas

The meeting opened at 1:10pm with David Dobyngs presiding .

Pledge and moment of silence was observed. All chapter reps were present.

Secretary report read and approved.

Treasurers report read and approved.

The membership report was read and approved.

Products were discussed.

A short AMSEP report was given.

Security assures us we are secure.

Newsletter deadline will be the 1st of each month after the board (e.g. after the November meeting, the deadline will be the 1st of December).

Legislative report is as follows:

- Discussed highway bills coming up. In TN, if you are from a helmet free state, you do not have to wear a helmet.
- Other bills are a dead red bill, which means after a certain length of time or so many cycles, a motorcycle can go through a red light if safe.
- The Safety fund of Texas to be dissolved or something like that to start a new one that will be used only for motorcycle safety.
- At the Federal level, E-15 fuel appears to be back on the table.
- The black box issue will be looked at.
- The CDC wants mandatory helmet laws. Keep an eye out for this.
- Motorcycle check points are being looked at. Possible law to prevent Federal funding for these.
- Obama's Grow America Act will include a mandatory helmet law. A suggestion was made to write the new congressmen and women welcoming them to the congress.
- An idea brought out by the MILE was to offer 1 yr. free memberships to new riders through bike shops and/or training programs. Required to

com to at least 1 meeting. Take back to chapters and discuss.

- Legislative Day will be January 26th, 2015 in Austin. Get ready to attend.

The Assistant Coordinator's report is in Denton's Rep report.

Chapter reports as follows:

- Arlington reports that two members went to Whirly Ball with Denton and had a blast. Our meeting place and time will change in Jan. due to D&J's losing their lease. We will be meeting at Diamond Jim's @ 12 noon on the 3rd Sunday of every month.
- Denton reports that they had their Teddy Bear Run and Whirly Ball. On Nov. 11 will be the Denton Toy Run. Christmas party will be Dec. 20th with the place yet to be determined.
- Golden Triangle reports that they had their Freedom Run two weeks ago. /at the last meeting they had no quorum to could not conduct business.
- Lake Cities reports Dec. 6th will be the Christmas party at the Legion in Lake Dallas. It will be a pot luck supper. The Halloween Party was 10-25.

Made \$145 at the garage sale. Planning more camp outs next year. All will be welcome.

- NET chapter reports their event schedule as follows: Nov. 29th will be our Thanksgiving at Shooter and Robin's. Dec. 6th will be Santa Cops for the Kids Shelter in Kaufman, our meeting and then Christmas Party. Dec. 20th will be Pop's ride. The 21st COC meeting in Tyler. Jan. 26, 2015 is Legislative Day.
- Texoma chapter reports Dec. 6th is the Christmas Party, the 7th is the Toy Run beginning at Red River Auto Plex in Denison and ending at the Legion in Sherman. Texas Riders Freedom run is Nov. 26th at Elks Lodge. We are raising money for the bus to Austin in Jan.

Old Business: Voting for officers whose terms are up. They are Assist. Coordinator, Treasurer, Security and Newsletter. Treasurer and Security have no contest, therefore Robin Warfield and Joe Wolfe are those officers. We need to vote for Assistant coordinator and Newsletter. The candidates for Assist. Coordinator are Connie Thompson from Denton, Rudy Hutter from Texoma and David Bryant from Golden Triangle. The winner is David Bryant from Golden Triangle. The candidates for Newsletter are Kaye Elloitt from Texoma and Joanne York from

Denton. The winner is Joanne York from Denton. Lori Cathy from Net who is our membership officer has to step down because of illness in her family. Thankfully, Brenda Rosenbaum from Denton has graciously stepped up to replace Lori.

New Business: Independents will need to select someone to represent them at the State because of changes in the By-laws. The Secretary will draft a letter explaining this when she gets the list of Independent members.

Open Floor: It was suggested that every meeting not only begin with the pledge, but a reading of our mission statement to remind us all why we do this. We need to concentrate on Motorcycle freedom of choice and stay connected with the MRF as they are ABATE's voice in D.C. Next state meeting Jan. 10th hosted by Lake Cities and will be at the Legion at 1pm.

Motion to adjourn, passed, closed 4PM,

Respectfully yours. Robin Butts