

(The) Texas ABATE Confederation, Inc.
State Board Meeting
January 4, 2014
Host, Texoma
Sherman, Texas

State Officers:

Coordinator: David Dobyys, present
Assist. Coordinator: Connie Thompson, present
Secretary: Robin Butts, present
Treasurer: Robin Warfield, present
Membership: Connie Thompson, present
Legislative: Skee Dodson, present
Security: Joe Wolfe, present
Products: None.
Newsletter: Kaye Elliott, present

Board Members:

Arlington: Andy Stooddy, present
Denton: Connie Thompson, present (proxy)
Golden Triangle: David Bryant, present (proxy)
NET: Christi Dobyys, present
Texoma: Kaye Elliott, present

Meeting open: 1:10PM. Pledge and moment of silence.

Opening remarks: Welcome to all and thank for attending. Again, we must all be aware of what is happening around us politically.

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept as printed. 2nd, passed.

Treasurer's Report: We need to renew with the MRF. Need to close membership account for Connie and open a new one for Lori. Need financial reports from all chapters this week to be ready for taxes.

Membership Report: There are 330 current members at this time in the whole state. 69 have expired between Sept. and Dec. 2013. Please contact these people and try to renew. Lori Cathey takes over after tis meeting. The address for membership will be P.O. Box 1231, Quinlan, TX 75474. Denton made a motion for the board to give a lifetime membership to our lost brother, Jesse Elliott. 2nd, passed. Denton made a motion that Tanks, a thirty year ABATE member, be awarded a lifetime membership. 2nd, discussion, passed. Charter fees are due. Denton's fees were waived this year because they won the membership contest. Read and approved.

Legislative Report: Please keep in mind that we need to become more involved in our legislative procedures. Our Legislative Day is only 1 year away in January of 2015. We really need to start to think about what we would like to see happen between now and then. Everyone needs to get to know their representatives and Senators now. Mid-term elections are coming up in March. Get registered and pay attention to the issues to make an informed decision. Road block bills could be an issue, but probably does not have enough support to pass.

AMSEP report: The Incorporation papers are ready. There will be a meeting at The Hog Shop in Haltom City this Saturday at 1PM if anyone would like to attend. Then we will proceed with the application for the 501c3.

Security: We are secure.

Newsletter: The latest newsletter has been posted on line. The deadline for the next one is Jan. 28th, 2014. Need things sent Word for photos or J-peg. Send flyers if you want them in the newsletter. Bi-monthly costs are \$125 for business card per year and \$450 for ½ a page.

Products: None.

Chapter Reports:

Arlington: Arlington brought the stickers to post to show. They can have any logo put on them and smaller sizes. The cost for the large one is \$8. Our Biker Ball is March 1 at Diamond Jim's. We will also host the next state meeting there at 1PM that same day. We manned a booth at the swap meet in Arlington on Dec. 29th. It's Arlington's turn for the MILE basket this year.

Denton: Officers in Denton are the same. March 7th will be a Freeze Your Ass Off free campout at Decatur. Denton's meetings will be held on the 4th Sunday of each month at 1PM back at Mr. Porky's on 380. We hope to make good changes in 2014. The NOT ROT will be June 6-8 in Decatur.

Golden Triangle: Last meeting was in Nov. Officer changes are Kevin to assist. Coord. and membership. Ron Krus as treasurer, Margaret as historian and Mike Turner as secretary.

NET: Raised \$1000 on our annual Run for Hospice. Had a chapter Thanksgiving dinner the Sat. after. Planning a letter writing campaign at meetings. Moved meetings back to 2nd Sunday of month. Gift cards for the Kaufman kids home at Christmas. Very interested in the AMSEP.

Texoma: Jesse B-day Bash will be April 26. Working on getting 1417 fixed where Jesse was hit. Looks like a center turn lane may be added. Officers are Dino Viles, coordinator, Assist., Robin Maceviciuos, Secretary, Jeannette. Bike Night next Thurs., Jan. 16th at the Elks Club. Will have a calendar. If anyone wants dates on it, have to have by this Fri.

Break 2:15 – 2:45 Lunch from Texoma.

Old Business: The 2014 budget is posted on-line. The new by-laws: First, Articles of Inc.: Article I, Motion to accept as is. 2nd, passed. Definitions, Motion to accept with changes. 2nd, passed. Article II, Objectives. Motion to accept with changes. 2nd, passed. Article III, motion to accept with changes. 2nd, discussion, passed. Articles IV, V and VI, Motions to accept as is. 2nd, passed. Article VII, motion to accept with changes. 2nd, discussion, passed.

By-laws: Article I. Motion to accept as is. 2nd, passed.
Article II. Motion to accept with changes, 2nd, discussion, passed.
Article III. Motion to accept with changes. 2nd, discussion, passed.
Article IV. Motion to accept with changes. 2nd, discussion, passed.
Article V. Motion to accept with changes. 2nd, discussion, passed.
Article VI. Motion to accept as is. 2nd passed.

This finished Guide Book will be in the next newsletter.

Please continue to send Web-site information to thumper@texasabate.com.

The ABATE State Rally will be in Decatur Sept. 5-7.

New Business: Work on resolutions as they may be presented in March at election time. REGISTER TO VOTE!!!! We need officer training classes. Please come up with suggestions. We now have new trifolds. Would like to set up another TALES Program in the Golden Triangle area, probable in July when we are there for the State board meeting.

Open Forum: Texoma put out a challenge to get the most registered voters in your chapter than any other chapter. Connie's B-day party is today here. The car club, TNT, ran a biker off the road into the cheese grater barriers and killed him, in the Ft. Worth area.

Motion to adjourn. 2nd, passed, closed 4:30pm.

Respectfully submitted, Robin Butts