

ABATE State Board Meeting
May 2, 2015
Sherman, Texas

The meeting opened at 1:15pm with David Dobyms presiding.

Pledge and moment of silence was observed.

All chapter reps were present.

Plaques were presented to the members that went to Austin to testify for SB754. Those members were Andy Stoodly, David Bryant, Skee Dodson and Larry Marshall.

David (Trainwreck) Bryant's report was about the COC and Independent Riders meeting in Hondo on April 10-12. A lot of discussion there about when people volunteer, they should follow through. Also, went to the TMSC meeting at Texas A&M on the 15th. It was believed that not much of our legislation will pass. COC&I and Christian Unity Conference also talked about doing what we say we are going to do.

Need better attendance at committee meetings to show the representatives that we are serious.

Secretary report read and approved as printed in newsletter.

Treasurers report read and approved.

The membership report was read and approved.

We need to work harder on memberships.

Though we have no products officer, we have State T's for \$10.

Newsletter officer, Joanne York, is working on the newsletter. Deadline is June 1st.

Legislative report is as follows: The only two possible bills we have in Austin right now are SB439 on the definition of a motorcycle and SB754 about the Safety Funds being returned to the place they belong so they can be used as intended. SB383 about road usage and space given to unprotected users and HB3862, which mirrors SB754, are the only other possible bills. There are some bills at the Federal level to watch. Those are a bill concerning what some are calling an auto cycle and S685 for classification clarification.

Break 2:20 - 3:00.

Chapter reports as follows:

Arlington reports that they are planning another Scorchers in July or August. They got 1 new member off their WEB-site.

Denton reports May 16th will have a lunch Meet "N" Greet at Mr. Porky's from 12 - 4 PM. Lunch provided for \$1.00, or ride in on you bike or non parishable food item. June 5 - 7th is the NOT ROT at Scruffy's. \$10 admission, \$15 for two. \$5 vendor fee. July 26th is Whirly in Plano this year. Going good with proclamations.

Golden Triangle reports that they haven't had a quorum all year, but things are looking up. Had 4 visitors in March and 3 in April. Had a member volunteer for treasurer. The new meeting date and time are okay will almost everyone. Golden Triangle will host the State board meeting in July or Aug. and have an awareness ride through the area. The Blessing of the Bikes had over 300 in attendance. Kevin Fontenot is doing well and back at work.

Lake Cities reports That their 1st Annual Fun Run was March 28th and they raised \$300. Thinking of a Winery Run. Went to German Fest in Munster. Having a Meet and Greet June 26 -28th at Willow

Park in Lake Dallas. Free lunch Saturday. Bring all other foods and beverages you need for the rest of the time.

NET chapter reports On May 17th meeting at Don and Connie's. June 14th, Meeting and ride to Gator Farm. July 11th, Christmas in July at the Kids Shelter and meeting at Dave and Christi's. Aug. 8th meeting and ride to Glen Rose, Sept. 12th is a Hospice benefit.

Texoma chapter reports as a membership incentive, to let old members enter a drawing for a free 1 yr. membership. Real Fun Run Oct. 2 - 4th. Mid South MILE Oct. 16 - 18th in Dallas. Motorcycle is month of May. Talked about an ABATE ride. Blood drive May 16th and May 24th a Membership Run.

Old Business: Discussion about the Independent members of ABATE not responding to voting in an independent representative for themselves. It will be posted in the three newsletters that one is needed. If no response, it will be decided then how to handle this.

New Business: The meeting at Golden Triangle will be Aug. 1st. Where will be announced. Open at that meeting for nominations for the following offices:

Coordinator, Secretary, Legislative and Treasurer. Denton will host the Sept. meeting on Sept. 5, place to be determined. Oct 31, the meeting will be at Dave and Christi's in Kaufman where we will vote in the new officers. Yard signs are available for Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month. Emory Spears was in attendance requesting probationary period for a new chapter in Tyler. It shall be called East Texas Chapter. Motion made to accept chapter in Tyler for probationary period. They have already met a lot of the criteria. 2nd, discussion, passed.

Open Floor: Denton will have a booth at Corinth Harley-Davidson on July 18th and Aug. 22nd. Come show your support. AMA has an independent rep in Ft. Worth. His name is Tom Mosely. AMA was discussed. Skee has a letter form MRF to see if we are sending any people to the Bikers Inside the Beltway in D. C. is Thursday, May 14, 2015.

Possible new chapter in Hondo.

COC State Rally in Aug. in Ben Wheeler. Next year the rally will be in Gladewater, Texas.

Respectfully yours, Robin Butts