

Texas ABATE Confederation, Inc.

State Meeting Minutes

Date: Saturday, January 6, 2018

Location: Mr. Porky's 8430 W. University Dr. Denton, TX 76207 Phone (940) 380-2945

Hosted by: Denton ABATE Chapter

Meeting Called to Order: 1:33 PM

Pledge/Moment Silence: Lead by Larry Smith

Officers in Attendance: Bruce Guffee (Coordinator), Terri Davison (Treasurer), Kirsten Scheideman (Secretary), Skee Dodson (Legislative), Shellie White (Membership), Bear Pup (Newsletter) and Connie Thompson (Products), Larry Smith (Security)

Board/Chapter Reps in Attendance: Doni Evans (Arlington), Joann York (Denton), and Larry Smith (Texoma).

Executive Board Reports:

Coordinator (Bruce Guffee): Thanked everyone for attending. Spoke about his history with ABATE and the positions that he has held. Discussed that we need to work on growing ABATE and getting more support from our members.

Assistant Coordinator (Rober Crowdis): Not present

Secretary (Kirsten Scheideman): My hope is that I can get the minutes out to the board of directors, executive board and administrative officers by the second Friday of the month for review and corrections. With all corrections completed by the third Friday of the month. As most chapters have their general meeting the third or fourth Sunday of the month, so the minutes can be presented at their meetings. Instead of everything being 2 or more months behind.

Motion made: Doni (Arlington); **Accept minutes that were printed and handed out to each chapter rep. at the beginning of the meeting.** Seconded by JoAnn (Denton). Discussion from Larry Smith (Texoma) wanting minutes to be read aloud at meetings. Vote 2-1 motion passed.

Treasurer (Terri Davison): Printed packets of the treasurer's report were distributed to the Chapter Reps and State officers present. Anyone Chapter Rep not present wishing to have a complete copy of the treasury report packet please contact your chapter rep or Terri.

We still need for the chapters to complete an asset list.

The 7' and 3 mini trees from the MID South Mile Basket were raffled off, Greg Pettit won the trees. He donated them to several people. We have sold enough items the MILE basket that from here forward and further items sold from the basket will be strictly profit.

All chapters need to get their financial reports completed as Jan sales taxes are coming due.

Skee to submit expenses from N-COM OK. 2017...

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As the state treasurer officer Terri Davison should be added to all chapter accounts.

Discussion: Products/newsletter need to submit a budget. Bear Pup (newsletter) since we are just doing a digital newsletter right now, she doesn't think she will need to submit a budget at this time.

Administrative Board Reports:

Membership Report (Shellie White): Contact your Chapter Rep for your individual membership numbers. I have been in touch with some people from around the Houston area looking to possibly starting a chapter. More info to come. Membership is in the process of opening a checking account with First United Bank, which is the same bank that holds our State checking account. As membership officers change we do not need to close the account but just change authorized signers. It is very important that we do not close this account.

Kirsten Scheideman and Shellie White will be added to the membership state account as authorized signers, David Dobyns and Mandy Trapp will be removed.

Legislative Report: (Skee Dodson)

MRF has purchased a CQ engage software, this software helps robo call for our call to actions to our specific reps/senators. They can also help us on a state level with specific issues directly related to Texas.

Please visit the MRF web site (MRF.org) and complete the Call to Actions they have listed if you have not already done so.

We need to start to get aggressive with the federal bills. Contact your reps/senators.

Our 2018 State ABATE goals were evaluated and are: 1) Stay aggressive with anti-profiling legislation in Texas; 2) stay aggressive with monitoring the 0501-safety fund account (84th) SB-754, and accountability for Gov. Veto (SB 1); and 3) It is vital that we increase our membership in 2018. A certain percent of our membership expires every month, and we need to take that into account.

We need an anti-profiling and Autocycle bill! We need to get bills pre-filed in 10 months. We need to contact our representatives and make them aware of Bikers inside the Beltway on May 15th, help set an appointment to visit with them on May 15th...

We need to keep monitoring SB754 spending.

I asked that we work hard on federal bills, especially H Res. 318 and S Resolution 154---both anti-profiling resolutions (resolutions, not bills). We will be busy on State legislation in 6 months; we only have 5 state meetings before Legislative Day '19 in Austin!

Get to know your Reps. /Senators at the state and federal level.

Break: 2:35 PM for 30 minutes

Newsletter Report (Bear Pup): The newsletter will be forwarded to all Board of Directors via email to be distributed at their chapter meetings. We will be accepting ads. Cost was not discussed.

Discussion about a prior ad bought by Richard Lester. This has been resolved. Thank you, Terri,

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Please send any newsletter articles or info to the following email news@texasabate.com to be submitted in the newsletter.

All newsletter reports must be submitted by the 20th of the month.

Appointed Officer Reports:

Security Report (Larry Smith): Secure

Products Report (Connie Thompson): We have 11, 2017 State Rally t-shirts, 8 patches, “E” has 7 2017 state rally t-shirts and 8 patches. I will be ordering 2 t-shirts for a 2017 state rally sponsor.

I could really use some ideas for new products items for 2018.

AMSEP: (Rick Boland): Still working on getting things going. The grant applied for in 2017 was not approved. Going to wait till 2019 to apply for another grant.

Board of Directors

Arlington: (Doni Evan) Harley Hugging Homeless is February 17. Biker Ball, March 24. Meeting place for State meeting has not been determined yet. Submitted 2018 officer’s list and asset list.

Denton: (JoAnn York) 2018 officers were reported.

Lake Cities (Mandy Trapp) Not Present (In lieu of Lake Cities Chapter Rep being absent, Terri Davison turned in to the State Secretary a list of the Lake Cities 2018 Chapter Officers (including name, title, phone number and email addresses and a copy of Lake Cities December 2017 Chapter Minutes. Terri Davison also turned in to the State Treasurer a Lake Cities asset list.)

Texoma: (Larry Smith) 2018 officers reported. Submitted 2018 officers list and Aug to Nov. minutes.

Independents: (“E”) Report Sent via email

Overview

Texas ABATE Independents are a unique and creative group of serious motorcycle enthusiasts dedicated to ensuring motorcyclist’s rights, freedoms and privileges are secured in the great State of Texas. • Independent Representative, E

Current Standing

The Independents of Texas ABATE goals are to raise motorcycle awareness to the community at large and increase active & committed membership participation. Membership - Summary • Welcome all NEW members! (Steve Scheideman, Kristen Shivers, Jude Schexnyder, Julie Nordskog, and John Andrews) • Approximately 20 members in good standing out of 51 as of last membership inventory received, Oct 2017. **Does not include 4 potential new memberships from the Austin/Central Texas area** • Recruitment/Retention: Jan 2018 mass notification to all existing Independent members and expired memberships

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Outreach Activities – Summary (past and upcoming events) • Harvest Classic European & Vintage Motorcycle Rally, Oct 21-22, 2017, Luckenbach, TX. Independents secured a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to collaborate with Harvest Classic 501©3 non-profit org. Independents received free admission and exhibitor booth (est. value of \$450) to participate; registration topped at 2,200 people to expose and educate folks about Texas ABATE. This year the event raised \$90,000 dollars for Any Baby Can, non-profit org, recipient of funds to aid children and families of children stricken with cancer.

- Texas Motorcycle Safety Coalition – awaiting 2018 calendar of events
 - Identifying 2018 calendar events to participate; recommendations are welcome
- Independent Report – Texas ABATE 2

Finances – Summary • Independents are operating on donations and more importantly In-Kind services from sister Texas ABATE Chapters, Texas Dept. of Transportation (TX DOT), Look Learn Live, and other government and non-profit organizations.

Accolades

Many thanks to everyone that made this all possible, especially: Lake City Chapter for the outreach materials Terri Davison, Lake Cities Rober Crowdis, Independent Steve Scheideman, Independent Jude Schexnyder, Independent

Thank you

Old Business: State Meeting; Arlington July, Denton September, Texoma Nov. (?).

New Business: Dad: Would like for all 2018 Chapter officers to come to the March state meeting for on officer's seminar at 12:00 PM.

Need to establish a By-laws committee, to review the current by-laws as some discrepancies have been mentioned, to see if we need to update the by-laws. Tanks from the Denton Chapter volunteered to participate.

2018 MID South MILE basket will be coordinated by the Arlington Chapter.

2018 State Rally will be in Bells at Dad's Farm where we will be having our 2018 state rally. We will be establishing a rally committee; every chapter needs to have a representative on the committee. The committee will be determining the date for the rally.

Bikers inside the Beltway is May 15, 2018. Skee and Tina will be attending. For those that would like to join them, it will be a minimum of a 6-day trip. Anyone interested please get with Skee to plan the ride.

Open Floor: Skee: Discussion about East Texas not being in compliance with the by-laws about number of active membership. Motion made by Doni (Arlington): **East Texas chapter must have a membership of fifteen (15) current members as well as the following chapter positions filled, Coordinator, Asst. Coordinator, Treasury/Membership and Chapter Rep by March 24, 2018 State meeting or the Chapter will be required to dissolve.** Seconded by JoAnn (Denton). Motion passed 3-0. Kirsten will be drafting a letter of notification.

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Chapter fees for 2017 will be due soon. Payment is based on current and expired members for 2017. Payments need to be mailed to the treasury (Terri) at PO Box 416, Lake Dallas, 75065. Terri will be the contact person to submit items to Thumper for the website. Discussion by George Guffee that maybe we should have someone who is a more active member to help with the website.

Brian introduced the 2 new members that "Z" (Leprechaun/Denton) signed up. Dave and Emily Bear Pup: Arlington has purchased all year-round yard signs if you would like to purchase one contact the Arlington Chapter. All proceeds will go to AMSEP.

Terri: Discussion that at the state meeting we sell 50/50 tickets and all proceeds go for 2019 Legislative day. Motion JoAnn (Denton): **50/50 tickets will be sold at the 2018 State Meeting all proceeds will go to pay for 2019 Legislative Day expenses.** Seconded Doni. Motion passed 3-0. 3 MILE basket items were sold at the meeting with cash paid for one and 2 IOU's.

50/50 tickets sold Doni (Arlington) won.

Tanks: April 21, hoping to get a music fest going to support Special Olympics' at the Denton Fair Grounds. This is still in the working stage.

Adjournment: 4:33 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

Kirsten Scheideman

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Revisions made by: Skee, Terri and Bear Pup as of 01/19/2018

Revisions made by: E Rodriguez, Kirsten as of 01/20/2018

Revisions made by: Kirsten 04/03/2018