

Meeting Minutes

Date: Saturday, June 30, 2018

Location: VFW Post 2494 N. Beltline Grand Prairie TX. 75050

Hosted by: Arlington ABATE Chapter

Meeting Called to Order: 1:41pm

Pledge/Moment Silence:

Executive/Administrative officer's in attendance: Bruce Guffee (Coordinator), Rober Crowdis (Asst. Coordinator), Terri Davison (Treasurer), Kirsten Scheideman (Secretary), Shellie White (Membership), Skee Dodson (Legislative) Bear Pup (Newsletter).

Board of Director's in attendance: Bearpup by proxy (Arlington), Larry Smith (Texoma), Mandy Trapp (Lake Cities).

Executive Board Reports:

Coordinator (Bruce Guffee)

Assistant Coordinator (Rober Crowdis): Following the state meeting we will be having a rally meeting.

Secretary (Kirsten Scheideman):

Reminder chapters need to include what officers attend each meeting so that the state can verify that the chapter has the four (4) pro-temp officers positions filled

Treasurer (Terri Davison): Printed packets of the treasurer's report were distributed to the Board of Directors and Executive/Administrative officer's present. Any Board of Director or officer not present wishing to have a complete copy of the treasury report packet please contact your Board of Director or Terri. See the State website for e-mail contacts <http://texasabate.com/>. Membership turned in cash for new/renewed membership along with monthly financial reports for March thru May 2018.

Discussion about the website and domain name. Need to have Thumper review website cost.

Administrative Board Reports:

Membership Report (Shellie White)

See your Board of Director for membership report or contact

Shellie membership@texasabate.com.

State membership needs the assistance from all the chapter membership officers to submit a current membership list, so the state membership can compare both and fix any errors.

Need to work on getting good information on members, since 5 letters were returned due to bad addresses.

Shellie met with Scott Phillips with the insurance company. Our insurance amount will not be increased and will remain at \$3000. The insurance company has mailed me the packet information for the ABATE insurance. Should be getting any day.

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Terriforwarded renewal from Arlington to state.

Explanation on how the membership numbers will work for a family. A family only includes two persons. There will be a -1 and -2 after the member's ABATE number to show a family membership.

Update tri-fold to say couple and not family.

Arlington member's, membership check has not cleared and Rick Boland will get the members name and get it to Shellie.

Newsletter Report(*Bear Pup*): The newsletter will be forwarded to all Board of Directors via email to be distributed at their chapter meetings as well as posted on the state website <http://texasabate.com/> under the news/minutes tab

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*):

Products Report (*Connie Thompson*): Absent

AMSEP(*Rick Boland*): Have yard signs for sale at \$10.00

Board of Directors

Arlington:(*Bearpup*)

We will be having a letter writing campaign.

Discussion that Arlington is not comfortable with letting MC clubs to advertise events in our newsletter. Agreement was to only allow business ads only.

Bike Night is still open.

Sept. chapter get-away

Aug 19th appreciation cook out for the VFW

Denton:(*JoAnn York*) Absent

Lake Cities(*Mandy Trapp*)

Considering on doing a shotgun raffle.

Oct/Nov mini-camp out at Willow Park. Still a work in progress

Texoma:(*Larry Smith*)

Dads old Fashion rally was a good time

July 21 pepper cook off

Sept TBA Teddy bear ride

Oct 5,6,7 Real Fun Poker Run

Independents: Resigned

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Break 2:22pm

Old Business:

Chapter suggestions for fund raisers is still open.

Brooke Kidd consumeraffairs.com website. contacted Kirsten to put their informational website on our state website. Gives information on insurance company's that provide insurance to motorcyclists.

Motion made by Larry Smith to allow consumeraffairs.com to be list on our friends link on the state website. Seconded by Bearpup. 3-0 vote.

Host Legislative seminar (Robin Warfield) Dad asked Skee to get with Robin to get more info.

Lester ad invoice for 2019 at \$450.00. Bearpup (newsletter) to contact him

Sept state meeting will be on the 8th at 2:00 pm at Dads house. All chapters agree that they will be present so we can close the nominations for the 2019 state positions.

New Business:

By-laws committee update: Each chapter was provided a memorandum dated June 30, 2018 with the suggested changes to the Articles of Incorporation which begins a 90-day review period by each individual chapters. Sept.28 2018 will be the last day to submit any recommended changes in writing for the Articles of Incorporation to the by-laws review committee.

Rally committee update: Flyers are complete. We have several vendors secured. There will be 4 bike games. The cost for t-shirt sponsors is 1/2" \$25.00, 3/4" \$50 for one line and \$200 for a sleeve. Suggested budget for the rally is \$1800.00

Motion made by Larry Smith to set the budget for the 2018 State rally will be \$1800. 00..

Seconded by Mandy. 3-0 vote

Need volunteers to help work the gate.

Nominations for 2019 state positions

Assistant Coordinator: OPEN

Treasury: OPEN

Newsletter: Bearpup nominated by Kirsten and accepted June 30, 2018

Membership: Shellie White nominated by Larry Smith and accepted June 30, 2018

Legislative Report: (Skee Dodson)

Look Learn Live: Texas has had an increase of 10% in impaired riding for the years 2015/2016. We have to work on the getting this information to the independent riders. All individuals need to be more responsible when riding.

Donation for parking/presentation 2019 Legislative day-TABLED

Build up membership by chapter: Tarrant Co. is the second largest county for registered motorcycles in our state. Only 24 were ABATE members. All existing chapters need to work on recruiting new members or we should consider starting new chapters.

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Discussion: Advantages of joining ABATE. Insurance, local business discounts. Shellie suggested doing a membership drive. Skee for every 1000 registered bikes only 1 is an ABATE member. We need to improve on this.

We need to get more info out about ABATE.

Biker Inside the Beltway report: spoke with 18 different reps. Skee's appointment with Michael Burgess was during the motorcycle caucus seminar. Skee and Tina presented Congressman Burgess with a certificate of appreciation for being our champion of motorcycle rights in Texas. Texas is number 2 in reporting motorcycle profiling. We need to contact our reps about HR318 to see if we can get this moved to the floor for a vote. This resolution has picked up 6 new co-sponsors in the last 3 months. A pre-written letter was passed out to the Board of Directors to forward to your federal rep. We really need to push this resolution. HR #318

HR5855 is a bill to revise the labeling requirements for fuel pumps. Please contact your federal rep that we are in favor of this. AMA has a call to action on their website.

Sunset Commission report: There was 31 witnesses to speak to this commission and only one advocate about the #501 fund was Skee (ABATE). I think this fund should be left with the DPS but they need to be more transparent. Senator Watson is a huge supporter of watching these funds. We need to finish up at the federal level and move to the state level.

We need to be prefiling our state bills by Nov/Dec.

Open Floor:

Arlington will be having their bikers giving back ride to the homeless shelter. Remember the MILE basket theme is Take it on the Road. We have purchased a tour pack, we need items to fill it.

The month of May Steve, Terri, Rober and Kirsten did an awareness booth at the Argyle ISD High School. We had several local businesses donate items to give away. We truly appreciate all the donations. We hope that we can plan something again for next year.

Rober: Go fund me page for donations for 2019 legislative day. State will wait till after State rally to consider a donation.

Dad: discussion about giving free t-shirt to \$50 sponsors.

Original November 2017 motion made by Larry Smith to provide a free t-shirt to all \$50 sponsors was amended by Larry Smith that we not give a free rally t-shirt to any sponsors.

Mandy second. 3-0 vote

Need for all the chapters to work on getting t-shirt sponsors for the state rally shirt

Motion by Larry Smith to reimburse Kirsten \$49.80 for gas to Austin to pick up share the road signs. Second Bearpup 3-0 vote.

Adjournment: missed

Respectfully submitted,

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State Secretary

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Revisions provided by:

Terri 7/30

Skee 7/30

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