

## Meeting Minutes

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**Date:** Saturday, November 17, 2018

**Location:** Sherman Elks Lodge #2280 1714 FM 1417 Sherman TX.

**Hosted by:** Texoma Chapter

**Meeting Called to Order:** 1:35

**Pledge/Moment Silence:** Lead by Larry Smith

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

**Board of Director's in attendance:** Bear Pup by proxy (Arlington), Larry Smith (Texoma), Terri Davison by proxy (Lake Cities) and Arlan Poer by proxy (Denton)

### Executive Board Reports:

**Coordinator (Bruce Guffee)**

**Assistant Coordinator (Rober Crowdis):** Thanked everyone for all their support with the state rally.

**Secretary (Kirsten Scheideman):** Asked if it was necessary for me to keep hard copies of minutes from individual chapter, state, etc. since I keep a digital copy. That I would record everything on a thumb drive to provide to any future secretary. Terri suggested that the secretary needs to keep a hard copy of the Articles/Bylaws.

**Treasurer (Terri Davison):** 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/>.  
Larry can turn in receipts for Sunset commission expenses via text.  
The articles of incorporation have changed as of Sept 29, 2018 and a proxy now count towards a quorum.  
Thanked Kim and all those that helped get the sponsors for the state rally t-shirts.  
Thanked everyone for all their support as this was her last report.

### Administrative Board Reports:

**Membership Report (Shellie White)**

See your Board of Director for membership report or contact Shellie. [membership@texasabate.com](mailto:membership@texasabate.com).

Last updated membership was sent to chapters membership Wednesday Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>.

Correct address for state membership is PO Box 3527 Sherman TX. 75091.

Ordered 100 ABATE patches for new members from Lone Star Leather.

Membership will work on members who are non-responsive. If no communication after a year move to an inactive list.

Lake Cities is noncompliant to the bylaws with membership and chapter officers.

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**Motion by Bearpup: Lake Cities has 180 days to correct noncompliance of membership and officers from the date letter is issued. Second by Larry Smith passed 4-0**

Secretary's note: Letter was dated Nov 27, 2018. Mailed registered letter Nov.28<sup>th</sup>.

### **Legislative Report:(Skee)**

MRF President Kirk "Hardtail" Willard received the Freedom Fighter award during his induction into the Sturgis Motorcycle Hall of Fame during the 78th Annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally.

E-15 stickers not on all E-15 pumps. Trump directs the EPA to allow year-round E15 sales; hoping the exportation of E-15 will count towards the EPA Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) compliance.

Preliminary 2017 GHSA (Governor's Highway Safety Association) shows Texas with a .08 decrease in fatalities (from 2016). 32 states had a reduction in fatalities. In Texas, nearly 27% of total fatalities are unendorsed riders, up from 2016.

Presently, TXDPS is responsible for administering the Basic Rider Course and the (SB-754) motorcycle safety fund. During the next legislative session in 2019 the Sunset Review Commission will present a bill to move this responsibility to another agency (TDLR). The Sunset Review Commission will suggest creating a 10-member "advisory board" to the new agency--which will be good. Not good is that only 2 members will be required to hold only an "M" endorsement.

### **Meeting of the Minds**

At the Meeting of the Minds, in Denver, Jeremy Gunderson from NHTSA stated that NHTSA "no longer finds it worthwhile to pursue helmet laws in states that do not want them". At the Meeting of the Minds, the MRF recognized Texas AS THE MOST LEGISLATIVE ACTIVE STATE IN 2018 (#1 nationally)!

Newly elected MRF Treasurer, Beth Frantz, is from Texas.

Russell Radke, at the MOTM, reminded us that 3 members wearing the same patch were considered gang members (by Leo's)-and they are not always 1% club members.

As of today, there are no pre-filed bills for the 2019 leg. session. We need to start working on requesting a meeting appointment with our reps for legislative day 2019. Hopefully, the same bills filed last session will be also be filed for the 86th session. The (85<sup>th</sup>) Senate Red Light bill was not as attractive as the House bill was (S.B. applied to all vehicles). We need a bill to get (Gov. vetoed) FY'19 motorcycle safety funds reinstated. Often, if bills are not pre-filed they will run out of time.

Texas is #2 in the nation for reported profiling incidents; even if you have already completed a profiling incident form please complete another one; we need to update the files for the upcoming session. Do this ASAP (MPP Survey 2018).

MID South Mile –Great fun was had by all that went, and the sessions were informative. The Texas basket brought in the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest winning bid--\$850 (LA basket went for over \$1,500)! All baskets were sold much too cheap. Next year the 2019 Mid-south MILE will be held in Shreveport Louisiana—Louisiana's 1st time hosting the event.

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Break 3:05 Resume Meeting?

**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](mailto:news@texasabate.com) to be submitted in the newsletter. All newsletter reports must be submitted by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.

Some members would like a paper copy mailed that do not have internet, may need a budget.

Will be putting out a questionnaire.

An invoice was sent to Richard Lester for the 2019 ad in the newsletter for \$450.00.

**Appointed Officer Reports:**

**Security Report(*Larry Smith*):** secure

**Products Report (*Connie Thompson*):**

**AMSEP(*Rick Boland*)**

**Board of Directors**

**Arlington:(*Bearpup by proxy*)**

Bikers Giving back will be November Sun 18<sup>th</sup>.

Arlington ABATE donated 50 bears to the chapter the bears are custom made with Arlington logo on them. Purchased through Plush-in-a-Rush of Dallas.

We had a Fun Run with 5 local bars who all donated items per bar for event raffle. There were 42 bikes. 7 new members joined. All raffle proceeds went to Arlington ABATE.

Bike Night is still open.

The letter campaign sent out 20 letters with no response. 3 follow up emails were also sent with no response.

**Denton:(*Arlan Poer by proxy*)**

Dec 15<sup>th</sup> Christmas party at Porky's. 8430 W University Denton. 7pm, pot luck. See

<http://texasabate.com/> event tab.

Elmer legislative officer.

**Lake Cities(*Terri Davison by proxy*)**

Chapter is struggling with membership and officers.

Lake cities is not able to host a state meeting at this time.

Discussion: Skee we need to work on helping keep chapters going. State officers attend chapter meetings.

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**Texoma:(*Larry Smith*)**

Oct. Real Fun Poker Run was a success

Nov. Freedom Run helped contribute to our chapter legislative day fund.

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Dec 2 Help our chapter support the Dennison Toy Run. Registration starts at 10am. As well as a breakfast at ProCustom.

Dec 8<sup>th</sup> Christmas party 1700 Austin Dennison TX. BYOB Chinese gift exchange.

### Independents (Donna Pierce)

#### Old Business:

Donation was made by Texoma for legislative day 2019 of \$200.00. Texoma made a challenge to state to match donation.

**Motion by Terri (Lake Cities) for state to donate \$500.00 to legislative day 2019. Second Arlan (Denton) 3 in favor 1 abstain.**

Ernest to help Terri with address to mail check.

Arlington raffle fund raiser, winner will be drawn at the general meeting, Dec 16<sup>th</sup>.

Bearpup suggested chapters should partner with a local organization.

**Motion Larry (Texoma) to table fundraiser for state. Second by Terri (Lake Cities) 4-0 in favor.**

New Articles of Incorporation went into effect Sept 29<sup>th</sup>

Note major changes to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws: were chapter member may be a proxy and count towards a quorum.

Review periods are now 60 days instead on 90 days. Review of bylaws and corrections are due by Dec 26, 2018

Dissolution of the Corporation is the responsibility of the last remaining Executive Officer.

Effective 2019 there will be only one (1) State checking account handled by the State Treasurer for all fund including membership monies.

A finalized hard copy on the Articles/ Bylaws will be provided to each board of director at the Jan 5<sup>th</sup> state meeting.

The 2019 new state board members and independent rep are;

Assistant Coord. George Guffee

Membership; Shellie White

Newsletter: Bearpup

Treasury: Steve Scheideman appointed by Dad

Independent Rep: Donna Pierce

#### New Business:

Host 2019 State Meetings

Denton

January 5<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm Porky's

November: TBA

Arlington

March (Anticipated date 23<sup>rd</sup>)

July: TBA

Texoma

May: TBA

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September 7<sup>th</sup>. Time TBA/State rally

Texoma will be the host for the 2019 MID South MILE basket

### **Open Floor:**

Kirsten will look into a block of rooms for motel reservation for Legislative Day 2019

MRF membership down please join if you are not a member.

Suggestion to update trifold to include District instead of county.

There is a link in the newsletter to help find our state reps.

Basket winner was Jotex from the Elks Lodge. \$111.00 was raised for 2019 Legislative Day.

Rober thanked everyone for attending meeting.

### **Adjournment;**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**State Secretary**

**Kirsten Scheideman**

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### **Revisions provided by:**

Bearpup

Terri Davison

Skee Dodson