

## Meeting Minutes

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**Date:** Saturday, Nov 2 2019

**Location:** Mr. Porky's Denton TX

**Hosted by:** Denton Chapter

**Meeting Called to Order:** 1:11PM

**Pledge/Moment Silence:** Bruce Guffee

**Executive/Administrative officers in attendance:** Bruce Guffee (Coordinator) Kirsten Scheideman (Secretary), Steve Scheideman (Treasurer), Skee Dodson (Legislative), and Kim Guffee (Products).

**Board of Director's in attendance:** Doni Evans (Arlington), Gary Lilly (Texoma by proxy) Terri Davison (Lake Cities) and David Dennis (Denton by proxy).

### Executive Board Reports:

#### **Coordinator (Bruce Guffee):**

With board approval Bruce appointed Dino Viles to the Assistant Coordinator position to complete the 2019-2020 term.

**Assistant Coordinator (Dino Viles):** I have held several state and chapter officer's positions. I would like to work on better communication and participation between the chapters.

#### **Secretary (Kirsten Scheideman):**

Minutes were submitted to the state website Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>.

Chapters need to turn in their minutes to state, Texoma, Arlington, Lake Cities, Denton.

The state secretary should have an editable digital copy of the state flyer for state records.

#### **Treasurer (Steve Scheideman):**

Any Board of Director or officer not present wishing to have a complete copy of the treasury report packet please contact your chapter Board of Director or the treasurer. See the State website for e-mail contacts <http://texasabate.com/>.

Thanked Kim for all her work on getting sponsors for the t-shirts. As the t-shirt sponsors is what carried the 2019 state rally. We had a 32% increase in attendance from 2018-2019.

We made a 47% profit increase from 2018-2019 and a 72% increase in profit from 2017-2019.

All financial reports are due by the 10<sup>th</sup> of Dec.

### Administrative Board Reports:

#### **Membership Report**

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

Our membership has increased in 2019.

We will be doing an article in the news letter addressing our new members who have joined.

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

Goal: Double our general ABATE membership by next legislative in 2021.

Reserve a booth for the 2020 Lone Star Rally and sign up new members, this rally is one of the 10<sup>th</sup> largest rallies in the nation.

ABATE should work on adding new chapters; we only have 5 counties covered.

National level: Fatalities nationwide have dropped 5% per NHTSA; Texas motorcycle fatalities for 2018 is the lowest in a decade – a whopping 15% decrease from 2018.

### 2019 Texas 86<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session

SB616 will move our 501 funds. It will take about 2 years for progression to take place.

We need advocates for the advisory committee. It's a 9-member committee.

Texas ABATE needs to be a part of the proposed grant system.

#### Discussion:

Dino: What does it take to get grants?

Robin Warfield: Have to change transportation code too get grants.

Skee: SB616 changes the code.

HB1755: Makes titling an assembled vehicle in Texas legal, but may not include combining a VW motor with a motorcycle trike frame.

HB466: Governor passed legislation to make brass knuckles (clubs, etc.) legal in Texas.

An amendment to HB 1545 now allows take home sales of craft beer.

COC&I name change only: We are now members of the Texas “Council of Clubs and Independents (previously Confederation...)”.

Investigation into the \$4 to \$6 million of misappropriated funds from the 0501-safety fund is still ongoing; our next step is to involve legislators.

Please complete the COC&I profiling report if you feel you have been profiled. MPP profiling survey ends on Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> (forms are on COC&I, ABATE Leg. Issues, MPP websites). Let's meet our 5-yr goal.

### Texas 87<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session - 2021

We only have 6 state meetings left until the 2021 session.

Texas ABATE voted to pursue similar legislative issues, next session (2021), as we did last session:

Malfunctioning Red Light

Lane Sharing

Motorcycle Profiling

Definition of a motorcycle

We discussed other issues to pursue, such as “Kill a biker – go to jail”, but voted to stay focused on same previous legislative issues stated.

#### Discussion;

Robin Warfield believes a helmet bill will come up again next session.

Rick: we need better clarification of the definition of a motorcycle.

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Robin Warfield verbiage on the definition of a motorcycle is different in 3 areas of the transportation code.

Meeting of the MINDS (MRF) revealed that Texas needs another 135 people to complete a profiling report to reach our Texas goal of reported incidents for the 5-yr survey period. Texas is #2 in the United States for reported motorcycle profiling.

### **Break 2:16 pm**

#### **Resume**

**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 submit newsletter articles or info to the following email [news@texasabate.com](mailto:news@texasabate.com) by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.

Via text: Sorry I was not able to make the meeting as I am ill. Please submit article for the newsletter by November 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Appointed Officer Reports:**

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

#### **Products Report (*Kim Guffee*):**

At this time, it is necessary for me to step down from all positions.

All money for koozies has been collected except for Denton.

#### **AMSEP (*Rick Boland*):**

We are working hard on trying to move forward. Jude will be working with us.

#### **Board of Directors**

**Arlington:(*Doni Evans*)**

Chapter would like to purchase smaller circular ABATE back patch to sell to members only.

**Denton:(*David Dennis by proxy*)**

Denton has the hottest rider's group.

Approximately 1000 motorcyclist in Denton are not aware about ABATE.

#### **Lake Cities(*Terri Davison*)**

The drawing for the shot gun will be drawn on Dec 8<sup>th</sup> 2019.

Nov 16<sup>th</sup> Rider Biker supply in Lewisville will be having a re-grand opening. We will be doing a membership drive table.

All officers will remain the same, except with addition to ride coordinator will be Geoff/Jessica.

We have been increasing our membership monthly.

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Chapter will be the lead on the MID South MILE state basket.

**Texoma:(Garry Lilly by proxy)**

Freedom Run is Nov 16<sup>th</sup>

Here for observation to learn how things work.

The chapter will not be having a Dec. meeting.

As of date the location for the Christmas party is still open.

**Old Business:**

State Officer positions up for election and nominations

Coordinator: Bruce Guffee

Secretary: Robin Warfield

Legislative: Skee Dodson

**MOTION: ACCEPT NOMINATIONS AS IS. PASSED 4-0**

Kirsten Scheideman will be the independent representative for 2020

**New Business:**

2020 MID South Mile

MILE committee will be meeting Feb. 23, 2020 to review the motel accommodations in Fort Worth.

Lunch, Hospitality Room and TX State products will be the responsibility of Texas ABATE.

We need to provide a hospitality room for Friday/Saturday, lunch for Sat average about 200+ people. Hospitality will be the major cost. We need to look into sponsors to help offset cost.

Products

Kirsten Scheideman represented why the state should move the meeting dates to the even months of the year.

**MOTION: LAKE CITIES TO MOVE STATE MEETING TO EVEN MONTHS OF THE YEAR. SECOND BY DENTON PASSED 4-0**

**Open Floor:**

Skee discussed that he missed the Facebook officers page. Robin Warfield will reestablish page.

Kirsten discussion that we should have more people as admins for the state website and Facebook.

Skee: we need a mission statement. Robin Warfield referred to article 2 of the by-laws that states our mission statement and was updated Jan 1 2019.

Revisited Arlington Chapter purchasing smaller State ABATE back patch

Discussion state owns the patch. Arlington needs to get cost for the patch as well as state and bring back to Feb 2020 meeting.

David Dennis Denton member won the 50/50 and donated it all back.

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Skee recommended voting yes for propositions 4,5, and 10. Normally I don't vote yes but I agree with these.

Kirsten addressed that the Nite-Life magazine owner should not have to pay to enter our state rally due to his donation of publishing our event in his magazine at no cost. This was agreed upon.

### **Adjournment;**

Respectfully submitted,  
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