

Meeting Minutes

Date: Saturday, March 24, 2018

Location: VFW Post 2494 N 3375 Beltline Rd. Irving TX 75015

Hosted by: Arlington ABATE Chapter

Meeting Called to Order: 1:11 PM

Pledge/Moment Silence: Lead by Larry Smith

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

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

Executive Board Reports:

Coordinator (Bruce Guffee): Thanked all the individual chapter officers for attending the pre-meeting with Executive/Administrative officers.

Assistant Coordinator (Rober Crowdis): I am responsible for over seeing the state rally as well as the by-laws committee. I would like to let Terri Davison be the chair of the by-laws committee. I believe that she knows them better than most and she would be perfect for the position. She will be reporting back to me with all progress.

Secretary (Kirsten Scheideman): I have submitted the Jan 6th minutes to the state website <http://texasabate.com/>. News/minute tab.

Minutes will be e-mailed to the Executive/Administrative offices as well as the Board of Directors for corrections or additions by the first Friday after the state meeting. I hope that all corrections or additions can be completed by second Friday after the state meeting. Once all corrections/additions are made the minutes will be considered final. They will be posted to the website and emailed to all Executive/Administrative officers as well as the Board of Directors for distribution to the chapters.

Treasurer (Terri Davison): Printed packets of the treasurer's report were distributed to the Board of Directors and Executive/Administrative officer's present. Anyone Board of Director or member 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/>. Thanked all the chapter that have provided an asset list. Still need a list from the Denton Chapter. All asset list need to be reviewed for corrections and/or additions in Dec. of each year and submitted to State for the following January of each year. Thanked all chapter for remitting their sales tax reimbursements and chapter fees on time.

Reminder in Sept 2016 a motion was made to fine chapter's who were 3 months delinquent in turning in their financial reports. This fine will be enforced from this point forward.

Motion made by Larry Smith (Texoma): Accept a budget for 2019. Second by Bearpup (Arlington). Passed 4-0

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Golden Triangle has completed all the requirement to dissolve the chapter.

Speaker: Shannon Bennett, PR Marketing Specialist with American Income Life Insurance Co. (ABATE Insurance).

As an active member of Texas ABATE Confederation Inc., you have a no-cost \$3,000 Accidental Death & Dismemberment benefit. This benefit and others listed below are provided jointly through Texas ABATE Confederation Inc. and American Income Life Insurance Company.

American Income Life currently has over 120,000 motorcycle enthusiasts covered under AD&D policies at no cost. Since 1990, over \$6.5 million in life, health, and no-cost AD&D benefits have been paid to over 2,300 motorcycle enthusiasts and their families.

Please return the card enclosed so you may receive your certificate of coverage and name your beneficiary. If you do not name your beneficiary, the \$3,000 would be paid to your estate and may be taxable.

Those who return the card will also receive a Health Services Discount Card for you and your family at no cost that provides household discounts up to 60% on prescriptions, hearing care, vision care products, and chiropractic care. Optional discount dental is available.

You can also receive Child Safe Kits for your children and grandchildren at no cost. These kits help you gather vital data, photos and fingerprints for authorities in the event of an emergency.

The agent for this policy is Tim O'Conner 405-740-7469. You can also go to www.aillife.com/benefits/sgnty to complete a beneficiary card. There is also a link on the Arlington website as well. It is not required for an agent to visit your home unless you are looking for additional coverage.

She also stated that areevaluation on the policy will be done in June with a possible increase in the benefits. Notifications will be sent out if an increase is approved.

She confirmed that 2 policies have been paid out to two members of Arlington with one more to be paid out soon.

Administrative Board Reports:

Membership Report(Shellie White)See your Board of Director for membership report or contact Shellie.

Shellie will be mailing the insurance packet for the Texas ABATE AD&D insurance with your new/renewal membership cards. She will also be distributing renewal notification for the chapters.

New member patches should be in soon. Patches will be issued to all new members from 2017 and forward. Anyone before that time please contact me and I will get you one. (Since the meeting Shellie has received the patches)

“E” will send a renewal notification letter she has drafted for the independents

Family membership will receive an indivial membership card.

Legislative Report: (Skee Dodson) Will be scheduling a proclamation with Pottsboro, the city provides an all year-round billboard promoting motorcycle awareness.

Remember May in Motorcycle Safety and Awareness month schedule your proclamations

Skee provided us with some accident statics for 2015-2016. 2016 highest in 10years. Rural area most likely for single vehicle crash, 97% clear weather, 59% daylight, 66% not at an

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intersection. Texas ranked 5th in country for impaired driving at 40%. For more information review this website <https://www.nhtsa.gov/press-releases/usdot-releases-2016-fatal-traffic-crash-data>

Federal Legislative report was distributed, 9 months left to work on these issues. Right now, our huge push is for HR 318 (26 co-sponsors), SR 154 (5 co-sponsors). Better chance to get HR 318 passed. We oppose HR1311. Contact your federal reps. The MRF website has a list of call to actions.

Sept-Oct we will start working on the state bills. Would like to pre-filed by Oct.

Need to continue to closely follow SB754 as rumor has it may be moving to the Texas Dept. Of Licensing and Registration. We need to make this happen. \$1.5 million from Share the Road dedicated fund is not being used.

We really need the participation of the Chapter legislative reps.

ABATE only MRO in Texas.

Skee is to provide each chapter with a letter of points of interest to present when receiving proclamations plus to provide to the media.

Break: Approximately 2pm-3pm

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/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.

Each chapter needs to work on submitting a news article.

Chapter need to look ahead when submitting info for the newsletter.

Appointed Officer Reports:

Security Report(*Larry Smith*): Secure

Products Report (*Connie Thompson*): Absent

AMSEP: (*Bearpup*) Arlington year-round signs are for sale. Seeking donations for a raffle.

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Arlington: (*Bearpup*) Harley Hugging Homeless went well. Biker Ball is tonight board members attending need to give Bearpup their name. April 15th Blue Bonnet Ride. See <http://texasabate.com/events> for more information. May 20th Blessing of the Bikes after the general meeting.

Denton: (*JoAnn York*) Absent

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Lake Cities(*Mandy Trapp*)Delegates for state rally Mandy,Lois and Rabbit.Delegate for by-laws Terri. We would like to host the State meeting on May 5th at the American legion in Lake Dallas.A donation was made to Habitat for Humanity Denton Co. for Biker’s Building Homes for Veterans. There is a ride on April 28, KSU 11 am Cycle Center of Denton.

Texoma:(*Larry Smith*)Delegates for state rally Renee, Larry, Robin, Kim and Bruce. Delegates for by-laws Larry Robin,Skee, George and Renee. Larry listed several events the chapter will be doing. The Heart to Heart benefit for Dino was a huge successful, there were several hundred people who attend with a 105 poker hands.

Independents: (“E”)

Overview

Texas ABATE Independents are a unique and creative group of serious motorcycle enthusiasts dedicated to ensuring motorcyclists rights, freedoms and privileges are secured in the great State of Texas.

Current Standing

The Independents of Texas ABATE goals are to raise motorcycle awareness to the community at large and increase active & committed membership participation.

Strategic Plan

The development of Independent strategic plan is under construction. The purpose of the plan is to illustrate how the Independents of Texas ABATE will support the 2018 State ABATE Plan.

Membership

To maintain “Good Standing” status memberships fee(s) must be current.

Welcome all NEW & RETURNING members!

Please contact your Chapter’s Board of Director or State ABATE Membership Officer: *Shellie White* at membership@texasabate.com if you have any concerns with your membership.

Marketing – Summary

To increase community awareness and raise membership, ABATE Independents will market to communities both internally and externally. These steps, as appropriate, may include, but are not limited to the following:

A. Vendor Exhibitor (Education/Outreach Activities) – Summary upcoming events. See website<http://texasabate.com/> events tap for list of events

B. Advertising

The Independents will identify sources for free advertisement platforms, i.e. newspapers, blogs, journals, etc.....

C. Member Involvement.

Recruitment/Engagement: March 2018 mass electronic & postage notification to all Independent members and expired memberships.

Social Media. The Independents have created, maintain and began sharing postings on two (2) major social media sites. These include Facebook and Instagram. In 2017, the Independent’s social media accounts began sharing information, increasing the audience. Looking forward, members will be encouraged to share the same information on their personal social media accounts, special interest groups, and other social media outlets, adding to the growing audience to raise community awareness and increase potential members.

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D. Case-by-Case Review

In addition to the strategies outlined above, Independents will seek to identify and any specific recruitment ideas that may be helpful.

Finance– Summary

Texas ABATE Independents are operating on donations, volunteers, and more importantly “In-Kind” services from sister Texas ABATE Chapters, Texas Women Riders, Booster Club, Texas Dept. of Transportation (TxDOT), Look Learn Live, and other government, community and non-profit organizations. Independents seeks to explore and expand to include: Donations Corporate/Individual or Sponsorships Corporate/Individual

Old Business: State Meeting; Lake Cities May 5th Legion post 88 Lake Dallas, Arlington July 7th VFW post 2494, Denton September open first Sat Labor Day weekend., Texoma Nov 3rd Legion, Dennison.

East Texas chapter has dissolved.

By-Law review committee chapter delegate’s.

Arlington: Nick and Andy

Denton: Dan (Tanks) Wall

Independent: Steve Scheideman

Lake Cities: Terri Davison

Texoma:Larry, Robin, Skee, George and Renee

State rally committee chapter delegate’s.

Arlington:

Denton: (Absent)

Independent: Rober

Lake Cities:Mandy, Lois and Rabbit

Texoma:Renee, Larry, Robin, Kim and Bruce

No theme yet for the MID South Mile basket. Need all chapters to donate items. Kirsten and Steve made a personal donation.

Skee and Tina will be attending Bikers Inside the Beltway. Please contact your federal representatives to schedule a meeting. All meeting need to be scheduled in advance no more drop ins. Really need to try and schedule 6-10 meetings. Please let me know whom you have made an appointment with.

MRF funding come from there membership. MRF is seeking 4 sponsors at \$75.00 to help pay for parking.

Motion: Bearpup: Texas ABATE will pay a total of \$225.00 (3 parking spaces) for prep-session meeting parking spaces. Passed 4-0

New Business:

The Texas State ABATE general meeting will be held at the state rally, date and time to be announced.

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Need to schedule and executive/administration meeting. Kirsten will be working on this.

Fund raiser for state not discussed.

Don't forget to schedule proclamations for your chapter. Skee is to help provide topics to discuss at the council meeting.

Open Floor:Skee brought up the cost for legislative day in Austin, suggested that Texas ABATE help pay for some cost for the parking as well as the presentation on the steps. Skee will look into what contributions are needed and whom to pay it to.

We will be adding a classified section to the news letter for ABATE members only as well as a link to the state website for items we still have from the 2017 (this is still in the works. I have to update pics and inventory)

Skee says we really need to work on increasing membership. Work on building up chapters per county/chapter.

Bearpup; Arlington is working on trying to do a Bike night. More info to come. She suggested that we need to give members a reason to join as Arlington has business that give ABATE members a store discount. She will get us a list of places or post them in the newsletter.

The guest that Rober brought to the meeting choose to join our organization via Lake Cites chapter. Welcome Gary "Elvis" Moon

Skee will be attending the Look Learn Live meeting March 29th.

50/50 won by Larry Smith

Adjournment:5:31 pm

Respectfully submitted,

State Secretary

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Revision provided by

Terri Davison 4/5/2018

Bearpup 4/9/2018