

ABATE DISTRICT 25 02/20/10 MEETING MINUTES

On Saturday February 20, 2010 at 4:05 Coordinator, Rita Brim called the meeting to order at Adobe Lounge in Boone, Iowa with 23 members and 2 guest present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a moment of silence for lost Brothers and Sisters.

All board members were present except Legislative, Teri Herman; Share of the Road, Wayne Wierson; and Events Ronnette Bonnell; all excused.

Secretary, Kathy Elsberry, read last month's report. Membership officer, Tim Kuhn made a correction of 46 supporting business, not 58. With this amendment, Kathy Weber motion to pass as read with Luann Elsberry second, motion passed.

Treasure, Teresa Boyer went over the treasure report. Bob Brim motion to pass as read, Steve Platter second, motion passed.

Membership, Tim Kuhn reported we had 18 renewals bringing our total membership to 284 and we lost 2 businesses reducing us to 44 supporting businesses.

Asst Coordinator, Mindy Miller went over the Legislative information. She brought to our attention information on several bills. The ethanol bill, which we should opposed, as it a mandate that makes it very hard to get regular gas for older motorcycles. This bill is trying to get retailers to sell ethanol gas over regular, making them having to add an extra pump for regular gas.

A bill has been introduced to allow motorcycles to attach a stabilizing rear wheel, which we are in favor of. This would allow rider to use the outriggers and would not change the definition of a motorcycle.

There are four bills concerning four wheel vehicles to be the definition of a motorcycle and would allow them to run on non-interstate highways. We are opposed to this as they are not equipped to drive on highways.

Coordinator, Rita Brim read us an email from Wayne Wierson stating he is resigning from Share of the Road as he is moving to Idaho this summer. His resignation is in May, if you would like this position or know anybody that would, please let Rita know. Good luck to Wayne and you will be missed.

Asst Coordinator, Mindy Miller had no report.

Story Co Rep, Jim Adams reminded us of the Safety Forum coming up. It is a great event, please try to attend. We will have a booth there with information concerning our District.

Special guest, Jody Cain representing MRF and Dimes for DC was present to tell us donations are going great. Next year they would like each district to donate one event to Dimes for DC. If each district comes up with \$200 per year wouldn't have to shake the cans. She explained their events. Also, went over importance of Lobby Day. Bob Brim motions, Todd Kennedy second to present a check to Dimes for DC in the amount of \$200.00, motion passed.

Newsletter, Lori Werkmeister, will be moving to Oklahoma City so will have to resign. It was decided and agreed on by Webmaster, Bob Ohge to make a newsletter page on our website. (www.abateiowa.org/districts/d25). If you do not have access to the website please contact Rita and other arrangements will be made for you to submit your articles.

Brenda Carney, events co-chair reminded us of the shuffle board event following meeting and next meeting will be at Who's Lounge in Madrid followed by bowling at Tiger Bowl in Madrid.

Sergeant of Arms, Laurie Platter had no report.

Webmaster, Bob Ohge reported anything you want on website let him know

Coordinator, Rita Brim passed an inventory book of the districts merchandise; if you want anything let her know.

There are several positions opening at the State level: Trustee, Share of the Road and Inventory. If you are interested let Rita know as she has job descriptions for all.

There is a need of volunteers to help in the Vending Area at the Freedom Rally. Rita, has information if you are interested.

District 5 representative, Mike will be attending our April meeting to discuss insurance facts. Lobby Day is Feb. 25 need a strong attendance.

Holiday party and pool tournaments both had great attendance.

At the holiday party it was voted to have a small rodeo verse the large one. After some discussion it as decided to have it June 12 at Adam's Cycles in Nevada.

Steve Platter mentioned there may be an interest in us helping at the Iowa Ride with a rodeo. He will get more information and keep us posted.

Bob Brim reminded us of Mick's Event in July. Mick will be hosting a burn off contest and is looking for donations for the trophy. It was motioned by Bob, seconded by Todd Kennedy and passed to present Mick with the money to cover the trophy.

Special guest, Rider Education, Mike Stone shared with us the maintenance for the bikes for education will be April 3 at Algona-anybody who wants to help is welcome. Also, if we have any ideas in this area where a riding class can be done, let him know. Ogden High School as brought up and he will check it out.

With all business covered, Kathy Weber motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:07, Dennis Weber seconded, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Elsberry D-25 Secretary