

ABATE DISTRICT 25 01/16/10 MEETING MINUTES

On Saturday January 16, 2010 Coordinator Rita Brim called the meeting to order at 4:00 at Deano's In Ames, Iowa with 28 members 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 officer Teri Herman, Share of the Road Wayne Wierson, both excused.

Secretary, Kathy Elsberry read last month's report. Bob Brim pointed out that Delores Hunter is really Doris Hunter, sorry for the error. With that amendment Bob Brim then motioned the minutes be passed with Steve Smalley second and passed.

Treasurer, Teresa Boyer went over the treasurer report. Ginger Weiber motioned to pass as reported with Michele Harris second and passed.

Asst. Coordinator, Mindy Miller covered the Legislative information. Reporting the State Office has signed up a Communication and Marketing Company named Simry to help with a quick way for call-to-actions getting out to all members. There would be some small cost to the District if we choose this use. Discussion on this was tabled as Coordinator; Rita Brim will be having future training on this and will report back to us at that time.

Lobby trip to Washington DC will be help in March. Dimes for DC has raised about a third of the money and is asking for the aid of Districts for the rest. It was discussed and motioned by Steve Platter that for the next two month meetings we collect in donations for Down Biker will be donated to Dimes for DC. Motion was second by Bob Brim and passed.

Lobby Day will be held February 25 in the Rotunda of the State Capital in Des Moines. You may preregister on the ABATE web site. Also, let Rita know if planning on attending.

AMA announced the US Consumer Product Safety Commission has voted to delay the ban on child size off road vehicles until 2011. Until this time dealerships may continue to sell these items, but they may not be up to safety code.

A bill was passed stressing the age restriction for motorcycle passengers. If they are not designed properly for passengers and/or operated by people of proper age, penalties will be applicable

Motorcycle Safety Forum will be held, April 30 at the Sherman Center in Ames. There is a \$10.00 registration fee. If interested contact 414-294-6222.

Share of the Road was reported by Coordinator, Rita Brim. There are 4 two wheel trauma classes scheduled with 2 more openings if any District is interested. Wayne, is in New York today doing a Share of the Road presentation, he has nine more scheduled with American Concrete. In the year 2009 Share of the Road was presented to 11,300 students. All paper work for the American Motorcycle Grand has been completed and hope to hear results by March. Once again, Wayne congratulations on your election to MRF.

Assistance Coordinator, Mindy Miller had no report.

Story County rep, Jim Adams pointed out that as we get new members we need to all make them feel welcome. As when we get new business we need to visit them.

Membership, Tim Kuhn reported we have one new business, Allen Kockler in Nevada making our total business membership 58. Our membership is at 286, as five members renewed.

Newsletter editor, Denise Dykstra resigned from this office. Lori Werkmeister has stepped up for this office. She would like to have a newsletter complete for April, so if you have anything you want published in the newsletter please inform her by March 1.

Events coordinators, Brenda Carney and Ronette Adams reminded everybody of next week's event, the Holiday Party at John Logue's. It is BYOB and pot luck. Ron George is willing to make chili for this event. Steve Platter motioned and Bob Brim second that the District reimburse Ron for fees to make the chili. Motioned passed.

On February 6 we have a pool tournament at Shenanigans and a Shuffle board tournament at the Adobe on February 20. It was motioned by Steve Platter and second by Bob Ohge that the money for these two events be donated to Dimes for DC. Motion passed.

Sergeant of Arms, Laurie Platter had no report.

Coordinator, Rita Brim reported the Battle of the Bands will be held at Freedom Park on May 29, 2010. Any bands interested may attend. If you know any from our District, please inform them.

Iowa Steam for 2010 will be held in Marshalltown November 12 thru 14.

There is a position open in state office for Trustee anybody interested let Rita know and they need to attend the March state meeting.

District 16 is designing a walk bridge for Freedom Rally. Bricks may be purchased for this at the cost of \$50.00 and \$100.00. For more information contact Rita.

The State Coordinator is asking District input with the upkeep and maybe building of housing unit for the park caretaker. Rita will get more specific information as to what all wanted and report next month.

Bob Ohge has stepped up to help with our Web Site.

There is a meeting at Twister Lounge at 1:30 tomorrow for Mick's Bike event on July 30 and 31.

District shirt was presented to Jim Adams. We'll be taking orders at the Holiday party.

It was motioned by Ginger Weiber and second by Michele Harris, passed to adjourn the meeting at 4:55.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Elsberry, D-25 Secretary