

On May 15, 2010 at 4:03 P.M. Coordinator Rita Brim called the meeting to order at Riverside Tavern in Lehigh, Iowa with 19 members and 1 guest present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a moment of silence for lost Brothers and Sisters.

Roll call of officers was done with all present but Asst Coordinator, Mindy Miller; Legislative, Teri Hermann; Share of the Road, Wayne Wierson; Sergeant of Arms, Laurie Platter.

Special Guest, Pete Leehey from Cedar Rapids was present and discussed the importance of proper motorcycle insurance coverage. He stressed the importance of looking over our policy to make sure of our coverage. Some policies do not cover riders. He is willing to review anybody's policy. His web site is lowabikerlawer.com.

Secretary, Kathy Elsberry read last month's minutes. Doug Elsberry motioned to pass as read, second by Joel Driscoll, passed.

Treasurer, Teresa Boyer presented the treasurer report. Don Batt motioned to pass as read, second by LuAnn Elsberry, passed.

Secretary, Kathy Elsberry read the Legislative report. ABATE of Iowa legislative committee has made a discussion to withhold funding to the MRF until their focus and direction have changed towards listening to their SMROS. Right of Way law continues to be worked on through a rules change that would require any one involved in a serious accident to make a court appearance. Legislative office would like to see more members do volunteer work for candidates. Check state web site for more details.

Rita Brim presented Share of the Road report for Wayne Wierson. Over 2200 students have seen Share –The- Road presentations. There were more than 340 people at the Motorcycle Safety Forum, with lots of ABATE members present. Wayne will be attending Best of the West conference on June 11-13, 2010. He was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation and a support pin as well as a life membership for all he has done for Share-The-Road.

Story County Road, Jim Adams was pleased with turnout at the Forum. Remember to turn your receipt into Teresa Boyer for reimbursement.

Tim Kuhn; membership officer reported we had 14 renewal and 6 new members bringing our membership to 230. We have 38 supporting businesses.

Events officer Ronette Bonnell informed us of several rides coming up. Bob Ohge will be putting these rides on our website or you may contact Rita Brim for information.

Bob Ohge, Webmaster stated he has added the overstock supplies to the website.

Coordinator, Rita Brim stated she has Freedom tickets and motorcycle raffle tickets available.

State is in need of a PR officer. Rita read the job description; if you are interested see her for more info.

Dawn McLeod suggested we get an ABATE banner to hang while we are having our meetings. Also, maybe put posters up at upcoming meeting places to help inform people who we are and what we stand for. If anybody has any ideas for posters or banners, please let Dawn know. If we have a vender selling at any of our events and he does not pay his sales tax, The IRS will come back on the District for the tax. Freedom Rally is looking for a cheap or free pick-up truck to use for Shuttling.

Blessing of the Bike was great. Special thanks to all the CMA for making it run so smoothly. Down Biker Ride had about 13 members present.

Only two city hall representatives were not present at the Awareness Ride. They have both contacted Rita with their proclamation and apology that something else did come up.

D-16 built a wooden pedestrian bridge at the Freedom Park and a second walking bridge is in construction. To help defray the costs for additional materials needed to complete the 2nd bridge, they are offering each District, Supporting Businesses, individual members or non members:

- \$100 donation towards the bridge, the name of the donar will be engraved on a Gold plaque and posted on a placard by the bridge.
- \$50 donation towards the bridge, the name of the donar will be engraved in Red, White, & Blue on a plaque posted on a placard by the bridge.

Please note, this is not intended for a fundraiser, therefore it has been determined that if more donations is received than is needed for the materials, the funds will be divided evenly between PAC, Riders Ed, Dimes for DC, Share the Road and other Freedom Park Improvements. We are needing people from all Districts to go around to sell these plaques. Please contact Rita, if you can. They will be having a Big Plaque made with names of the volunteers that help with this project.

Rodeo meeting will be held Thursday, May 20 6:30 P.M. at Tic Toc in Boone.

Bob Brim read information for candidate Bill Yewell for the Iowa House. It was suggested by Don Batt to contact him to come to our next meeting to talk to us. Also, maybe contact Donovan Olsen. Rita will do so.

Bob Brim motioned to adjourn meeting at 5:11 second by Nate Sampler, passed

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Elsberry D-25 secretary