

ABATE DISTRICT 25 11/23/09 MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Coordinator Rita Brim at 4:00 P.M. at The Take Down Bar in Slater, Iowa. With 22 members present the Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a moment of silence for lost brothers and sisters. Roll call was taken with all members present except: Treasure Teresa Boyer and Membership Wanda Ott.

Secretary, Kathy Elsberry read last month's report. Rita Brim made one amendment to the minute-also providing donations to Biking for Tikes was Dutch Oven Bakery. With this amendment Steve Platter made a motion to accept with Bob Brim seconded and motion passed.

Treasury report was given by Mindy Miller. Tim Kuhn made a motion to accept as read, seconded by Bob Brim and passed.

Legislative officer Teri Herman reported she had attended STEAM and was very excited about the event. Thinks a great event and everybody should plan on attending next year. She also, reported that right now the helmet law is forcing on people under the age of 18. We should still fight against this law as if it passes it is just one step closer to mandatory helmet law for all. Also, the National Health Law may be on the floor by the end of the year. Please keep in contact with your local congressman to stand for our rights.

Share of the Road, Wayne Wierson, stated that he has been invited to go to New York in January to present Share of the Road. He also has several Share of the Road presentations for American Concrete. Reminder he is on the ballot for board of elections for MRF (Motor Rider Foundation) a national organization. Wayne also explained a little history of Share of the Road.

Asst Coordinator, Mindy Miller present and thanked Steve Platter for making us a flag stand. She informed us that there will be a new page in our Freeway Flyer to summarize some of the bills coming up so we are all aware of them and their importance.

Rita Brim reported that we had 7 business renewals bringing our supporting businesses to 43. We did not have any membership renewals so our membership stands at 284 members. It is important for us all to try to get members. Remember next month we will be awarding the person who has visited the most supporting business with a t-shirt.

Story County Rep, Jim Adams read a thank you note he received from Kathy Martin for the shirts donated to Tom's benefit. Tom, the owner of Don and Body was recently in an accident and Jim presented ABATE t-shirts to his benefit Newsletter, Denise Dykstra just reminded us if we have any items, pictures, stories, etc for the newsletter make sure to get the information to her.

Events officers Ronnette Adams passed out Freeway Flyers. Raffle ticket books have been ordered and should arrive soon. A signup sheet was passed for those interested in selling them. January 9 there is a swap meet at Norris Asphalt in Ottumwa. February 6 District 5 in Cedar Rapids will be hosting a Holiday Party. Upcoming events for our district: December 12 meet at the Adobe Lounge in Boone at 4:00 to road trip to several businesses to pick up Biking for Tykes canisters with the last stop being in Otho for supper. December 19 next meeting at Twister Lounge in Pilot Mound, with a Grinch gift exchange; Brenda Carney went over the rules for this event. She also reported this is different than the holiday party which will be held on January 23 at John Logue's.

Sergeant of Arms, Laurie Platter had no report.

Coordinator Rita Brim had positive comments on STEAM and also stated she would like to see more of our District attend next year. There is a need for Rider Education Coaches if anybody is interested let her know. She handed out a calendar for next year's events. She reminded us of the importance of the calling tree and checking our email daily to keep up on all announcements. Heartland Steam in April 23-25. It does cover all the surrounding states. If anybody is interested let her know. Halloween party was a good turnout.

Angie Reis is having some problems with the Web site. It was motion by Tim Kuhn and seconded by Steve Platter to contact Bob VanderVoeck to see if he can assist us in the matter. The motion was passed. Teri Herman volunteered to contact him.

Discussion of the rodeo was tabled until next month's meeting.

Mike Mesenbrink, Biking for Tykes member reminded us of the canister pickup on December 12. Shops for the Cop canisters have been turned in. If anybody know of anybody who needs assistance please report their name to a committee member of the board by December 10.

Pins were passed out to members who earned honors for Pack donations.

It was motioned to adjourn the meeting by Tim Kuhn at 5:40, seconded by Jody Dykstra and passed.

Respectfully,
Kathy Elsberry
District 25