

Arlington ABATE chapter meeting minutes

17 Sep 2023

Meeting held at VFW Post 6111.

Meeting opened at 1210 with the Pledge of Allegiance and invocation.

Officers present: Rick Boland, Shelly, Troy, Doni, Amy Jo, Laurie (by phone) and Byrrd Gutierrez.

Rick announced that Doni won the "Least Loudest Bike" award at the state rally. 167 people through the gate, no final numbers available, yet.

Minutes accepted as read.

Treasurer's report: All bills paid, including bills for new products. The gun for the raffle has been purchased. Accepted as read.

Membership: 82 members. No breakdown as officer is out of town.

Products: Chapter frisbees are in, example shown. The cost for chapter patches were broken down. Waiting for a quote from another vendor.

Chapter Rep: The next state meeting is 07 October in Arlington at this VFW Post. Suggested changes to the state membership tri-fold were reviewed and discussed. The annual general membership meeting was held at the state rally. Skee will be stepping down as state legislative officer. Rick will be representing Texas ABATE at the Meeting of the Minds.

Legislative: U.S. HR1435 "Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act" was passed by the House on 14 Sep, to be sent to the Senate (S.2090). Needs Senate support.

Rick reported that an article that was written by one of the Speakers who will be at the Meeting of the Minds regarding apathy in politics has been published in the state newsletter.

Security: We're secure.

Website: Issues with the host server are being resolved. Question and discussion regarding whether the chapter has a Square account, as that may affect our ability to sell products/memberships on-line.

Old Business: Bear Pup needs any outstanding Adopt-A-Bear money that hasn't been turned in yet by the end of the week, so that the bears can be purchased and packed-out by Halloween. We are still short of the cost break point. Last year the chapter voted to donate \$200.00 to the bear fund. Motion to donate \$200.00 to the bear fund passed by voice vote. Bears to be delivered to the fire stations on 19 Nov, after the chapter meeting. Bears will be delivered to stations 6, 7, and 9. Locations of these stations detailed. We are waiting for the fire dept. to suggest the best delivery route/schedule for us. Discussion regarding materials/time requirements for vacuum sealing the bears.

Tickets for the gun raffle will be available at the next meeting. Winner to be drawn at chapter Christmas party. Gun details given. The Fun Run has been cancelled. Officer's meeting to be held at noon 14 Oct at VFW Post. Agenda items were discussed.

New business: Robin's Ride 04 Nov, going to VFW Post 10374. Meet here at 1130, KSU at noon. Final details at the next meeting.

Nominations for chapter officers opened. Positions and nominees listed. Nominations close and members vote at the Nov meeting.

American Patriot Vanguard presented Rick with a shirt from their last event that he was unable to attend.

Meeting closed @ 1250.

Minutes by Byrrd.