

Arlington ABATE chapter meeting minutes

15 Oct 2023

Meeting held at VFW Post 6111.

Meeting opened at 1210 with the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

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

Minutes accepted as posted.

Treasurer's report: Accepted as read. Bears have been paid for, with a little left over for seed money for next year.

Membership: 82 members, including 3 renewals. It is okay to accept a picture of a membership form sent to the membership officer by e-mail or by text message. Discussion concerning other forms of payment than Zelle, due to some issues with Zelle not accepting debit card payments under certain circumstances. What system is the state using? Pros and cons of using various apps to process membership payments, product purchases, etc. Laurie will try to get more information on these apps. After further discussion it was decided to just get more info about CashApp. A QR code could be added to membership forms, flyers, etc. that could link to this type of an app. Discussion regarding a dedicated chapter phone number for such a use.

Products: Still waiting on quotes for chapter patches. Rick showed a pocket style vinyl "Watch for Motorcycles" sign that fits over our current corrugated plastic signs. Will try to get pricing and availability.

Chapter Rep: The state doesn't want to change the current format of the state membership tri-folds. The next state meeting is 02 Dec in Denton. Doni will take our CashApp suggestion to the state.

Legislative: Legislative seminar to be scheduled with chapter input as to the best dates and locations. Give suggestions to Doni. Open state officer positions were listed, give any nominations to Doni.

Rick reported on proposed legislation regarding electric vehicles and the "Right to Repair" combustion engine vehicles. Forcing an end to the maintenance and repair of combustion engines to drive E.V. sales up. BMW North America has announced plans to stop all sales of internal combustion engines new or used.

Security: We're secure.

Old Business: 528 bears have been picked up for distribution to the fire stations. The vendor has asked if we would allow his videographer to record us delivering the bears. This would be for his marketing use, but we would also be able to use it. Discussion concerning how/where to allow this recording. The fire dept. has a new public information officer, and Bear Pup has been having difficulties getting in touch with this person. She will try to go to this person's office on Monday for advice/assistance with planning our delivery route. Anybody who has suggestions for planning this route should get in touch with Pup. Chapter officer nominations listed. We will vote at the Nov meeting. Gun raffle tickets are available. \$5 each, or 6 for \$20. Shelly has packets of 30 or individual tickets available. Winner will be drawn at the January meeting. The flyer is posted on the chapter web-site.

Web-site: Working on an archive page for prior meeting minutes and events pics. Send pics to the chapter e-mail address.

New business: Rick reported on the officer's meeting that was held 14 Oct. It might be possible to do a car/bike show in May with an after party, games or a chili cook-off. Other possibilities discussed. Member input/suggestions wanted. Discussion concerning history of certain events, fund raisers and possible future fund raisers. Bikers Giving Back will be 10 Feb for the Arlington Life Shelter. Discussion regarding possibly doing a small chapter event afterwards. We should try to get our chapter information table out to other events next year. The next chapter officer's meeting will be 21 Jan

before the chapter meeting. All members are invited to attend. Location to be determined. Discussion regarding the possibility of hosting a car/bike show in May, trophies, location, etc. The Law Tigers have been contacted about producing flyers for next year's events. We've been asked to send somebody to speak at a small motorcycle group's seminar at the One Love lounge next Sunday. Explain ABATE, the legislative process, etc. Get with Rick r Shelly to help.

Meeting closed @ 1320.

Minutes by Byrrd.