

Arlington ABATE chapter meeting minutes

19 Nov 2023

Meeting held at VFW Post 6111.

Meeting opened at 1220 with the Pledge of Allegiance and invocation.

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

Minutes accepted as posted.

Treasurer's report: Accepted as read. We are off to a good start with seed money for next year's bears. Still looking into getting CashApp or something similar.

Membership: 81 members.

Products: No report available.

Chapter Rep: How much information needs to go to the state about CashApp plan? We'll wait until we have more information about how well it works for us. The next state meeting will be 02 December in Denton. Robin Warfield has been nominated for the position of state Legislative Officer. We still need nominations for state Secretary and Products officer.

Legislative: There is nothing on the table during this special Legislative session that directly affects motorcyclists. MRF Call to Action regarding California trying to ban the sale of vehicles with internal combustion engines. HR1435 and SB2090 Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases are under consideration in D.C. HR1435 has passed in the House. Nebraska is requiring a Motorcycle Safety Card to ride without a helmet. A Meeting of the Minds panel Discussed attempts to stop the government from blocking the sale of parts and services needed to keep internal combustion engines running. The European Union will begin issuing digital driver's licenses in 2024. Anti-lock braking systems for all new motorcycles is being considered at the federal level. There is a lot of opposition to this and an optional cut-out switch is being considered.

Security: We're secure.

Old Business: The bears are ready to go and the fire stations know that we're coming. The general route was outlined and the videographer will interview Rick and/or Shelly and the fire department Public Information Officer. Thanks to the members who "busted ass" to get the bears sealed and vacuum packed. We will be delivering 3 boxes of bears to each fire station. We still need items for the raffle basket. Gun raffle tickets are still available.

Nominations for chapter officers are closed. All current officers are running unopposed and were re-elected by acclamation. Bikers Giving Back for the Arlington Life Shelter will be 10 February. Officers meeting will be held just before the chapter meeting on 21 January. All members are welcome to attend.

New business: Christmas party will be held here at 6:00 on 09 December. The white elephant gift exchange is capped at \$25.00. The chapter will provide sandwich fixings, members are encouraged to bring sides.

Open floor: We will be kickstands up at 1:30 for the bear deliveries.

Web-site: Web site is up and getting hits.

Meeting closed at 1310.

Minutes by Byrrd.