

Arlington ABATE meeting minutes

14 April 2019

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

Officers present: Rick Boland, Nick Taddonio, Doni Evans, Michelle Taddonio, Laurie Streeb and Byrrd Gutierrez.

32 members and visitors.

Arlington City Council District 8 candidate Robert Harris spoke to the chapter about his platform and local issues he would plan to address if elected.

Motion to accept minutes as posted on the chapter web site accepted by voice vote.

Biker's Ball final tally after all bills/receipts were totaled showed a profit.

Michelle has chapter patches, Nay-Nay has state patches. Discussion concerning T-shirts colors and possible use of a new idea for the back of the shirts.

There is a new Committee in Austin that writes the Bills for the Legislature. The red-light bill looks to be the only piece of legislation we're watching that might pass. Discussion regarding how the new Committee works.

Red light cameras will probably not be banned this session, as the chairman of the committee hearing it wants them to stay in use.

Federal definition of a "motorcycle" is being discussed.

The mandatory helmet bill has not been assigned to a committee and is most likely dead.

The State meeting is in May, get with Doni if you have anything that needs to be addressed there. Discussions with the life insurance company about overly aggressive agents are ongoing.

We have 61 current members. Nay-Nay needs good contact information for some of the recently expired members.

The Fun-Run flyer will be posted on the chapter web site and Facebook page. 400 unique hits last month. Need member submitted articles and Bluebonnet Run pics by 20 May for publication.

Fun-Run and Blessing of the Bikes after the 18 May meeting.

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month.

Discussion regarding having a chapter Christmas Party instead of a December meeting. 07 December proposed as a tentative date.

Discussion regarding the 13 July swim party planned for after the July state meeting.

Crawfish boil for the Mid-South M.I.L.E. 27 April in Shreveport, LA.

Details and schedule for the Mid-South M.I.L.E. available at [midsouthmile.org](http://midsouthmile.org).

Texoma chapter is in charge of the ABATE basket for the MSM. No theme, yet.

Ride to D/FW National Cemetery for Nay-Nay's parents' memorial service and internment 26 April.

Meeting closed at 1250 with kickstands up for the Bluebonnet Run scheduled for 1:00

Minutes by Byrrd