

## Arlington ABATE meeting minutes

17 Feb 2019

Meeting held at VFW Post #6111

Meeting opened at 12:15 with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

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

25 members present. Membership reported 59 current members, 3 renewals and 1 new member.

New attending members were recognized.

Motion to accept previous meeting minutes as posted failed. Motion to accept previous meeting minutes as read passed by voice vote.

Treasurer reported that the move to a new bank was successful. All current bills are paid. New bank may have a program that members may access, details at next meeting. Report accepted by voice vote.

The State membership officer has stepped down and this will cause some delays for members getting permanent cards. State is working on it.

A new, chapter only tri-fold is almost ready. Continuing discussion about new member packets.

Products has ordered 51 dark grey T-shirts for the Biker's Ball. Several ads to be put on the shirts have been sold. If all T-shirts are sold, we can expect a small profit from the sales/advertising.

A possible new supplier for cozies has been found, but we need better artwork. Still looking for suppliers for patches.

Rick has e-mailed chapter members about 4 bills that he is following in Austin. The [legiscan.com](http://legiscan.com) link in the newsletter will help you to track bills.

Rick reported the Legislative Day was well attended, and that ABATE was well represented. State Representative Victoria Neave was not available. HB748 has a co-sponsor. The origin story of this bill was explained. Has not yet been assigned to a committee.

The Governor's Emergency Items have preference over all other legislation, so this bill may not go far.

The lane sharing bill has been introduced in both the House and the Senate.

We are approximately 1/3 of the way through this Session.

Nothing new to report at the Federal level.

No new activity to report at the State level. Doni asked for items to take to the next State meeting. Discussion regarding the current issues with the State Membership office included communications from the State offices for chapters to track their own members concluded with a decision, passed by voice vote, to delay sending membership fees to the State until chapter concerns have been resolved.

Chapter members are encouraged to attend the State Meeting to represent the chapter.

Security Officer (Dale Knabe) roughly outlined a recent accident he was involved in and how cell-phone use while driving contributed to that accident.

The chapter web-site is getting a lot of hits, which is common prior to events.

Biker's Ball tickets are selling well. Some extra tickets may be available at the door. Nick reported that 99 "beg letters" have been sent out. 2 "new to us" businesses have responded. Details about a few of the auction items that will be available were shared. We still need donations for the Baskets of Cheer. Ideas are needed for a "Big" prize. Discussion.

The supply needs for an event booth at other events were outlined.

Plaza Pub will be providing food for the Ball.

"Slow Down, Move Over" event had a great turnout. Some members were able to visit with State Representative Tony Tinderholt and Tarrant County Sheriff Bill Waybourn with encouraging results regarding our agenda.

13 July State Meeting and Swim Party details were discussed. Swim Party is scheduled to start around 2:00 p.m. State officers are invited to attend after their meeting. Will try to move State Meeting to VFW Post 6111.

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month. Fun Ride and Blessing of the Bikes immediately after the meeting. Discussion concerning how many "Blessing" stickers will be needed, the April Blue Bonnet Run and a possible safety presentation for the May meeting.

New business discussion was about the possibility of a chapter Christmas Party instead of a meeting. Tabled for further discussion.

Open floor discussion regarding accidental death/dismemberment insurance coverage available to chapter members. More information is available on the chapter website.

Personal notes relating to Laurie and Dave soon greeting their first grand-child.

Remembrances of Ronnie Jones and Charlie "Dad" Cummings.

Prayer request for Robert Koonce.

Kick stands up at 4:00 after the meeting for Harleys for the Homeless. Boxes are available to re-pack the donations so that they look better than bags. Lunch after the meeting.

Adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Minutes by Byrrd Gutierrez.