

## Arlington ABATE chapter meeting minutes

21 Jan 2024

Meeting held at VFW Post 6111.

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

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

Minutes accepted as posted.

Treasurer's report: Accepted as read. All bills are current.

Membership: 80 members., 7 bad addresses.

Products: No report available Looking at ordering T-shirts and coozies. Looking into a different design for chapter T-shirts, possibly with a QR code that would link to the chapter social media. These will not replace the traditional chapter logo shirts, just a chance to offer something a little different. Send design ideas to Rick.

Chapter Rep: Next state meeting will be 03 February at Las Palmas restaurant in Mansfield. The state doesn't have any recommendation for a cash handling app. What information is in the current chapter QR code? Marina G. will help to make any necessary changes to remove anybody's personal information that many be there.

Legislative: Paul Landers from COC&I has joined ABATE as an Independent and will represent us with MRF. California plan to ban internal combustion engines by 2035 discussed. Ohio will not allow state agencies to ban ICEs. Discussion concerning ways to work with other organizations and clubs.

IMAC after market parts and service industry trade group is asking MRF members to identify small independent shops that might be interested in joining that group. The MRF web site has a link to that group. MRF web site legislative tab will open a state by state drop down box for tracking state legislative activities. Rick mentioned problems with the wording of an attempt to update the definition of a motorcycle. Rick told us about a recent meeting he had with a candidate from his district who is running for a seat in the Texas House of Representatives.

Security: We're secure.

Web site: No update available.

Old Business: Discussion regarding the video posted on Facebook from the teddy bear delivery, how it looked and sounded. Bear Pup reported that the PIO from Arlington Fire Department was very happy with our donations. More discussion regarding how the video was presented by the videographer. Bear Pup would like to approach the company Food Saver about the possibility of getting a price break on a heavier duty vacuum sealer. Discussion regarding various approaches that might be tried. Long shot, but worth a try. More discussion regarding how to leverage the video for our own publicity. The video is posted on the City of Arlington web site.

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

New business: The officer's meeting that was held prior to today's meeting was discussed. The February run for the Arlington Life Shelter has been cancelled, but the July run is on track. Possibly changing the Biker's Ball to a Fun Run type event was discussed. Possibly ask the VFW Post if they would like to cook & sell burgers, dogs type food for the after party. \$20 per vehicle? Details to be finalized. Special T-shirt for the event? Tentative date of 18 May. Try to do a garage sale in August, possibly do something like a cornhole tournament. Chili cook-off in October? Another blue bonnet run was discussed but we need to check with the blue bonnets before we try to set a date.

Members are encouraged to attend the next state meeting.

Motion to cover hotel room cost for Rick to attend the S.M.I.L.E. event in Ok City 08 – 10 March approved by voice vote (State Motorcyclists Improving Legislative Effectiveness). Bikers in the Beltway will be 20, 21 May this year.

Last chance to get gun raffle tickets. Discussion concerning different types of guns that could be raffled in the future.

Celebration of Life for Lenny to be held 22 Jun at 1:00. Start at Sparrows to fund-raise for colo-rectal cancer and then move on to Stumpys.

Gun raffle drawing winner announced.

The March chili cook-off sponsorship fee has been paid.

Meeting closed at 1315.

Minutes by Byrrd.