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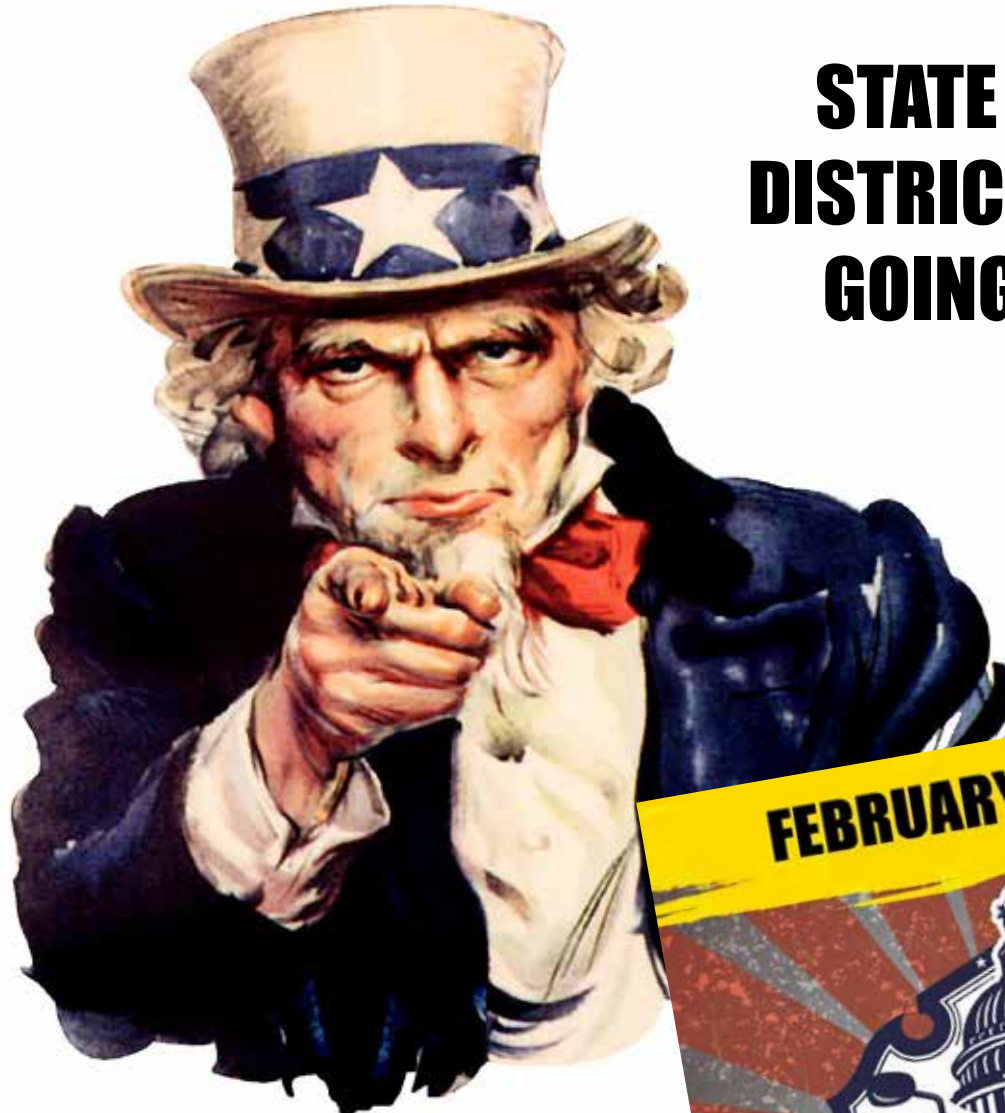
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November 9, 2019

O-Town

128 South Main Street

Ottawa, Kansas

MEETING STARTS AT NOON

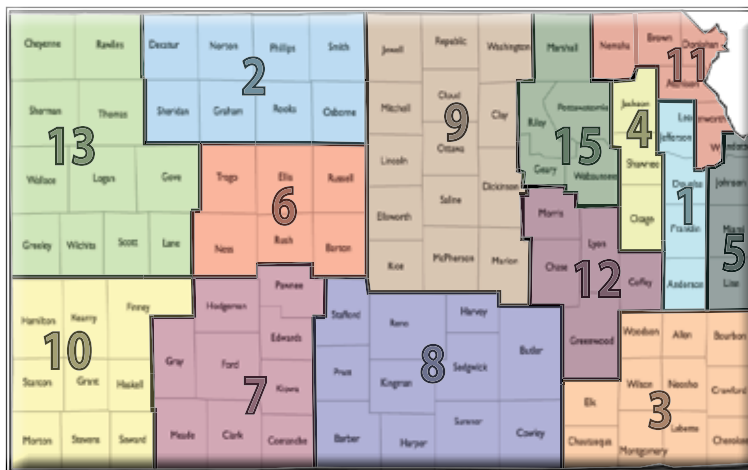
Agenda: MOMENT OF SILENCE;
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE; ROLL CALL;
SECRETARY REPORT; FINANCIAL
REPORT; LOBBYIST REPORT; MRF
REPORT; MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS
REPORT; PUBLIC RELATION REPORT;
MID-SOUTH MILE; CORPORATE
SECRETARY; NEWSLETTER REPORT;
WEB SITE REPORT; PRODUCT LINE
REPORT; OLD BUSINESS; NEW
BUSINESS; UPCOMING EVENTS

UPCOMING STATE MEETINGS:

Dec. 14 (Dist 5) Moose, Kansas City

EXCEPT FOR THE ANNUAL OCTOBER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, ALL
STATE MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO EVERYONE!

ABATE of Kansas District Map



A.B.A.T.E. of Kansas is divided into Districts by county. Each District header lists the encompassed counties for each respective District. To determine which District you are in, find your county name in the headers, and the number designates the containing District. Every active District of A.B.A.T.E. of Kansas has an elected District Representative.

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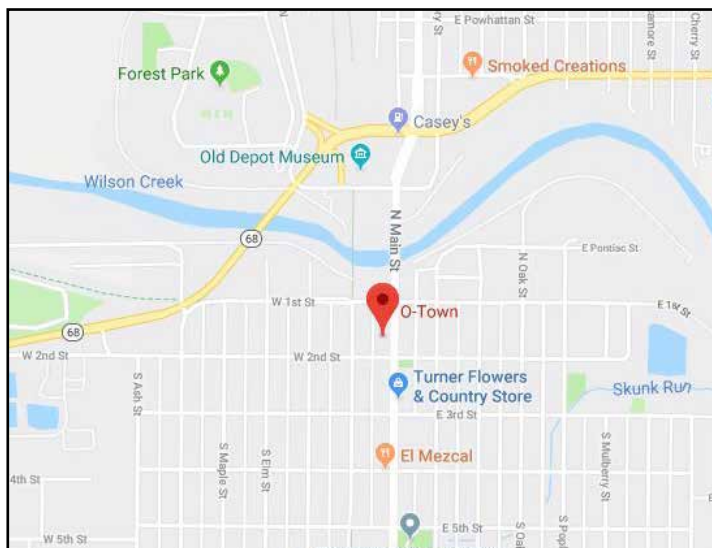
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State Meeting

The meeting called to order at 10:07 am.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Roll Call - All present except Districts 6 and 7. Lou Ann for Ringo and Dora for Rick (Rick arrived at 11:30 am).

Secretary report - Amber read the report. A correction was made to the motion from September meeting. Should have read Ron made a motion (seconded by Jack) that all nominees present themselves at the September meeting to the room and speak as to why they would be a good choice for the position they are running for if they choose. Motion made by Bill (seconded by Troy) to approve the minutes with the correction. Motion passed by a show of hands.

Financial Report - Brian went over the packet. All bills from the rally are paid including the line of credit. Brian thanked the Districts for re-submitting their 2018 financials. Thank you, Lori, for getting the taxes taken care of. It was discussed and decided that all financials need to be sent to the office so Lori could make copies and send them to the treasurer. Motion made by Neil (seconded by Jack) to approve the financial report. Motion passed by a show of hands.

Old Business- a discussion was had about the inventory of beverages at the rally. Motion made by Tony RR (seconded by Neil) to keep an inventory of the beverages being removed from the trailer at the rally. Motion passed with all board members voting yes.

New Business - elections will be at the Nov 9 meeting. It was decided to continue with Bikers Under the Dome this year. More details to come. Jon stated that the lobbyist's contract would expire on December 31st. After discussing our options, it was decided to have a volunteer lobbyist

and create an advocacy committee to help stay current on issues. Motion made by Ron (seconded by Tony R) to not have a paid lobbyist for one year. Thank you, Steve for all of your work as our lobbyist. Tammy and Tony met with Matt Bretz who is a lawyer that is interested in representing ABATE of Kansas and its members if needed. Motion made by Neil (seconded by Tony R) to move forward with Matt Bretz representing ABATE and its members. Motion passed with all board members voting yes. Matt will be invited to the February meeting to speak with the board. Every board member was given a copy of the Paradise Point User Permit Regulations so there would not be any confusion. Great Plains Pest Control offered to take care of the office in exchange for a one-year card size ad in the newsletter. It was approved by the board. The contract for the Toshiba printer will need to be renewed soon. After discussing our options, it was tabled until the November meeting so more information could be presented. Tammy suggested a new event to help benefit ABATE. It would be a porker run that would include a wide area of the state. Motion made by Tony R (seconded by JR) to have a committee to plan and start the details of a statewide run. Motion passed by a show of hands. Ed brought up holding a statewide motorcycle rodeo. The board approved Ed to get more details to bring to the November meeting.

Lunch 11:55 am-1247 pm. Thank you to District 9 for the hospitality.

Lori said that she has a company that may be interested in selling fireworks with ABATE this year. More details to come. It was asked if there was anything in the policies and procedures about a member running for a district board position if they were not a member of that district.

After looking through the policies and procedures motion made by Larry (seconded by Neil) to have the corporate secretary write a policy that states, to run for a district board position you must be a member in good standing in that district. Motion passed with all board members voting yes.

Labor Day Rally -Jon brought up that it has been suggested we raise the non-member entry price. The price would make any non-member a member of ABATE of Kansas. After a lot of discussion, a motion was made by Ron (seconded by JR) to raise the non-member entry fee. The new price would include entry into the rally and a year's membership to ABATE, if they choose to join. No couple's membership could be paid for during the rally. Motion passed with all board members voting yes except Districts 5,10,12, who voted no. District 15 abstained.

Maintenance -Kevin suggested getting wood chips next year instead of straw in case of mud. Thank you to everyone that helped.

Security - Rick said it went well and thanked everyone that volunteered. Thank you to Standard Tire and Auto for helping pull people out of the mud.

Stage security - Byron said it went well but could have used more help. Thank you to everyone that helped.

Entertainment - Byron said it seemed like people enjoyed the shows. Battle of the bands went well even with the last-minute changes needed due to the rain and mud. Thank you to everyone that participated.

Vendors -Tammy said it went well even with having to do some moving due to the rain. A discussion was had about prices for the vendors when it comes to showers and ice. Details will be in their contracts.

Products - Bill is working on new ideas for next year.

Sheriff /EMT/Fire - Jon asked if we were going to make our yearly

donation to them. After discussing, motion made by Tony R.R. (seconded by Larry) to donate a predetermined amount to the fire department, EMT'S, sheriff department, and the CMA. The motion was passed with a show of hands.

Beverage garden - District 1-went well. We will be looking into the possibility of purchasing a trailer for the drinks. District 4- went well. Monday clean up help is needed. No one showed up to help. Main stage-had a lot of help this year. Thank you to everyone that volunteered. The new setup worked well

Bike show/games--Tony said it went well. Thank you to everyone that helped and participated.

Showers- more help is needed. Other than that, it went well. Thank you to the volunteers.

Front gate - issues with people not showing up for the times they signed up to help. Brian is contacting the CMA about possibly running the gate next year. There was also a problem with people not putting the tags on their ATV's/campers. It was suggested to put someone on the second gate to verify tags or the person would have to return to the main gate to pay. It was also suggested to raise the price for entry of ATV's/campers. We will discuss at a later meeting. A discussion was had about the shuttle bus and why they needed so many passes if they did not have enough drivers to run both shuttles. We will discuss more in March.

Clean up - need more help with this.

Pre-registration - Sheri will set up the online part but will need someone else to run it at the gate next year. Lori asked for permission to talk with Bushfire for next year.

MRF - Bill asked about the annual donation to the MRF. It was decided that it could not be done at this time. The 1/3 split from the beverage sales at the main stage beverage garden is pending. Waiting on expenses to be taken out.





Mid-South MILE - Sis asked what the limit for the basket auction would be. Motion made by Jack (seconded by JR) to allow Jon a predetermined amount to spend on the auction basket. The motion did not pass. Districts 1,2,3,4, Sgt at Arms, Member at Large and secretary voted yes, District 15 abstained. Districts 5,8,9,10,12,13 and vice president voted no. Motion made by Tony R (seconded by Ron V) to allow Jon a predetermined amount to spend on the auction basket. The motion did not pass. Districts 5,8,12, Vice President, and Member at large voted no. District 15 abstained. Districts 1,2,3,4,9,10,13, secretary, treasurer, and Sgt at arms voted no. Motion made by Ron V. (seconded by JR) to allow Jon a predetermined amount to spend on the auction basket. Motion passed

with all board members voting yes except District 2. District 8,12, and 15 abstained.

Newsletter - Tammy asked how long the ad has to be on the back page of the newsletter. Lori will investigate it.

Website - JR asked and it was approved that District website links could be put on the state website page.

Products - buy them.

Lori thanked all the District reps, treasurers, and anyone else that helped get past financials into the office in the last 2 weeks.

Upcoming events

Drawing - Sis. Thank you, Sis, for donating it to the MILE.

Meeting adjourned at 3:43 pm.

HELP WANTED - Volunteer Lobbyist

A.B.A.T.E. of KANSAS, Inc., is accepting resumes for the position of Lobbyist.

Position duties include but are not limited to procuring a license to conduct lobbying activities in the State of Kansas as required by the Secretary of State; provide a written monthly report to the Executive Board and Corporate Secretary for their review and approval; submit a written report of activities to the Newsletter Editor each month by the submission deadline for publication in the ABATE Official Newsletter; attend State meetings at the request of the President &/or Corporate Secretary; answers to the Board of Directors in all matters; maintains open communication with the President, Corporate Secretary, and Assistant Lobbyist; provide pertinent legislative information on any matters that affect ABATE of Kansas, Inc.; maintains regular contact with legislative offices.

Resumes must be postmarked by December 1, 2019 or they will not be accepted.

Interviews will be conducted at January meeting.

The outside of the envelope must have the word "APPLICATION" written on it.

Mail Resume to: A.B.A.T.E. of Kansas, Inc., P.O. Box 102, Perry, KS 66073-0102

Attention District Reps and Treasurers!

Please send your treasurer reports to the following:
office@abateks.org

Thank you, Brian Van Dyke, Treasurer ABATE of Kansas

2019 STATE BALLOT

Membership number is required for member verification.
Number will be removed before vote is tallied.

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ELECTION DATE: NOVEMBER 9, 2019





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Board of Directors

★ **VICE-PRESIDENT** ★



Byron Harden

Fellow ABATE members, my name is Byron Harden and I am seeking re-election to the office of Vice President. Riding a motorcycle has been a passion of mine for most of my life and fighting for the rights of my fellow bikers has been a passion for many years as an active member of ABATE of Kansas.

I am currently the Vice President of ABATE of Kansas. I have also served on the state level as Member at Large and as an Alternate board member for six years and with District 4 as Historian and Assistant District Representative. I have been a member of the MRF for fourteen years. I am also a member of ABATE of Indiana & the AMA.

I, along with my wife Lori, have taken a leading role in spearheading the Battle of the Bands at the Labor Day Rally. I'm proud of the positive feedback this event has received.

In addition, I have been in charge of the Labor Day Rally entertainment and the entertainment sponsorship program, for both the main stage & Battle of the Bands the past four years.

I have pushed for ABATE of Kansas Inc. to become a 501(c)3 in order for several reasons including making contributions to ABATE tax deductible. This recommendation was approved at the August 2019 state meeting.

This year I helped implement a new process to streamline the membership application process and reduce processing time.

I have had the honor of representing Kansas at the Mid-South MILE for many years and look forward to attending this year's MILE in Louisiana. Through the MILE I have gained a great deal of knowledge on the national fight for bikers' rights. The Mid-South MILE has provided me with both a nationwide and even worldwide perspective on the ongoing battle to protect the rights of bikers.

My goal is to continue to do what is best for ABATE and its members while supporting the MRF anyway I can. ABATE is a statewide organization and every member has their own unique viewpoint. My goal is to take an open-minded approach and listen to your unique views. I make my decisions

based upon facts, not hearsay. One of my top goals if re-elected is to work with others to continue improving the Labor Day Rally. Additionally, I believe ABATE needs to keep working to improve its communications with those outside our organization. I firmly believe that for ABATE to thrive, we all must participate. If we intend to be successful in preserving motorcycling for future generations, we must keep our voice strong by actively recruiting new and younger members and continuously moving our organization forward.

It's been an honor to serve as your Vice President the last four years. I ask you for your vote in the upcoming election and as always feel free to come to me with your opinions on where ABATE should be headed.

~Byron

Active member of ABATE of Kansas, Inc. for over 20 years and a Life Member for 15 of those years. Member of District 15 since joining this organization. In the past, I held the district board positions of assistant representative and sergeant-at-arms. Active participant in their meetings, rides, and events as well as State events. Each year I help with Labor Day Rally site preparation and during the Rally have worked at the Front Gate as a road guard and as a member of the ABATE security force. Employed at Ft. Riley in Housing's maintenance department. Position includes conducting business with city and county officials.



Tony Roberts

Qualifications and background for the State Vice President position include 22 years' experience as a firefighter and EMT and 10 years' experience in law enforcement. As a firefighter, an EMT, and in law enforcement, a calm demeanor and ability to listen under pressure is necessary to manage emergency and volatile situations.

The main duties for the Vice President include presiding over meetings in the absence of the President; performing liaison duties between the corporate officers and committees; ensuring the function and performance of committees; and managing other duties as called for. He/she is a voting member during the monthly Board of Director's meetings.

Times are changing. We, as ABATE members, should be moving toward the future for the betterment of the organization. Change is difficult but necessary if we are to continue to be a viable organization that protects the rights of all motorcyclists and enthusiasts. We need to get younger members involved. We are the mentors for the next generation of officers. We can begin the journey – one step at a time – to ensure the future of ABATE. To progress there should be teamwork, not chaos, to do what is best for the organization. The time for change is now; take the first step.

Would appreciate your vote in November for the State Vice President position.

~Tony Roberts





TREASURER

Hello, my name is Dora Guenther. I am a lifetime member of ABATE of Kansas and I have been your Assistant State Treasurer for the last 2 years. I am seeking the position of Treasurer on the ABATE State Board.

I have been a member for over 14 years. Some of those years, like many, inactive due to work. Once I could become more active, I put my all into promoting awareness of ABATE of Kansas by setting up booths in various locations promoting ABATE of Kansas Inc.

I have served at the district level as Vice-Rep and current Secretary. I am also an officer alternate on your state board, so I have the experience on the job in question. I am currently enrolled in a couple of courses in bookkeeping and payroll since early 2019.

I try as a member and a rider yes; I ride but have not for years due to physical limitations. I try to attend all state meetings to keep informed with what we are doing as an organization. I am an American Legion Aux Member in Perry, KS; a lifetime Aux Member of the Meriden VFW. I am not active with them as I prefer to make ABATE of Kansas my priority. This organization was founded on volunteer work and I try to volunteer in as many things as possible. You see me working the rally, I try to attend other district events to support them if possible.

I believe in what we stand for "You Ride You Decide" and to keep that going we must stick together, and all get involved. It is easy to lose some of our rights and even harder to get them back, that is why I remain as active as possible. We have entered a new era and with the new, so we must as an organization change and improve the way we do things, we can no longer go by the good ole boy system, our group is too diverse. Not too long ago the record for most women riding in one event was set right here in Kansas. I feel ABATE of Kansas can do something that great as an organization. I feel that every opinion whether it be the same as mine or different needs to be heard - someone out there might have that one great idea. I think if we don't want to make changes, things will go on without us. With your help and your vote, I want to keep our organization as alive and up to date with today's world.

Respectfully,
Dora Guenther



Dora Guenther

My name is Steve Kucharik, and I am a candidate for the state treasurer position. I have served as the Treasurer of District 13 for many, ten, I think, years. I take my job as treasurer seriously, and I hope I have earned the trust of the members of 13. I have enjoyed filling the treasurer position. I am also the treasurer for the Biker Down Fund, a charitable group dedicated to providing funds for bikers and their families in the event of an accident or serious health issue requiring transport. Biker Down provides funds in the very short term for family members who need funds to stay with the injured biker. I am currently, and very proudly, a Life Member of ABATE.

I have been a retired teacher for the past year. During my career, I taught at schools in Nebraska and Kansas. I spend 20 years of my career teaching at Scott Community High School. I also taught at Garden City Community College for 16 years. I was the lead negotiator for both teacher associations. Currently, I am serving as a member of the USD 466 Board of Education. During the summers, I have worked on farms, adjusted crop hail damage, and taught summer school. Now, I sell hardware for ACE Hardware in Scott City on a part-time basis.

I am sure people are asking why I would like to be the treasurer. Several reasons come to mind, one of which is to address an issue that surfaces from time-to-time: members from the western part of the state can do more. I heard comment at the last state meeting, and I am trying to answer that call. I have the time to travel, and I am willing to travel to serve ABATE. Treasurer is one position that can be performed remotely.

My second reason is because I would like to serve ABATE on a larger basis. Sure, District 13 has done some wonderful things over the last ten years. I think I can offer another view in serving the state.

Obviously, finances are always a concern. How can we grow the funds that we have to successfully lobby the Kansas Legislature?

First, we have to hold on to what we have. We have to work to cut expenses, and we have to work to retain and grow our membership. The rally is an absolute blast, and the members on the east side do a wonderful job with the rally. Second, we must come up with ways in which to improve what we have.

How can we get more people to attend? Can we develop sponsorships to help defray the costs of the rally? What steps must we take to grow the rally?

Thanks for providing me an opportunity to serve Kansas ABATE.
~Steve



Steve Kucharik





Lobbyist Report

Wow, just when you think the events in Washington have peaked, something else comes up. In this case, it is the impeachment inquiry in the House due to allegations of President Trump asking the president of Ukraine to investigate Joe and Hunter Biden in trade for funding for their military. Who knows where this will go, but it is not good for the country regardless of anyone's party affiliation. There will be another Democrat debate in mid-October, with 12 candidates, which is down from the 20 plus early on.

In Kansas political races things are shaking up these days. Stay tuned and attend any town hall meetings you can to get to know the candidates. Interim committees and councils are meeting more frequently as we get closer to the end of the year, as the legislature gears up for the 2020 session. Aside from those committee meetings, things are pretty quiet at the State Capitol. Committee appointments generally don't happen until late November or December, so while we anticipate that there won't be many changes,

one never knows. While quiet now, we need to encourage our members to register to vote if they've not already done so.

The State Motorcycle Task Force Committee met on September 4th at the Kansas Traffic Safety Resource Office, and we reviewed many reports with crash data, mostly national data. There have been 21 motorcycle fatalities so far this year in Kansas, although reporting is not current. Most crashes are single vehicle, and many are alcohol involved. We also agreed to continue the \$50 rebates for folks who take rider education classes again in the next fiscal year, assuming KDOT approves it.

I have also been appointed to a new Driver Education Advisory Committee as the lone representative from the motorcycling community. The initial orientation meeting was at the Department of Education building on September 30th. It was an interesting meeting, with members involved in commercial driving schools and public school driver education programs. Michele Chavez

from DMV and Robyn Meinholdt from KSDE were there, with Robyn facilitating the meeting. After introductions, we started by establishing a mission statement and some basic policies. We then looked at a 2012 audit and the recommendations in that report for establishing standards that have been set up in many states. There was one commercial driving school member who really pushed back during this discussion, thinking that this would drive up his costs, even though the whole thing was only in a discussion phase with nothing being set in stone. Interestingly, those standard recommendations have absolutely nothing to do with motorcycle rider education. It will be interesting to see how this plays out. It was agreed to have quarterly meetings at the Department of Education in the Landon Building.

Be sure to discuss possible legislative topics at your District meetings and of course at the State Board meeting for their approval for us to pursue them. I'm thinking the hands free driving bill would be good to

resurrect as it passed the House last year but was never on the Senate calendar.

Also, I have emailed the State Constituent Services about potential dates for Bikers Under the Dome. I asked for either February 11th or 18th in the same location on the 2nd-floor rotunda. I will let you know when it is confirmed.

As always, I encourage our members to join the AMA and the MRF to have information on the current state of affairs in Washington, as well as state news. You can also get on their websites to sign up for email notifications.

Also, if you have personal contacts with your elected officials and can help connect me with them it would be appreciated. Personal relationships go a long way in pretty much every endeavor, be it work, personal, or legislative in nature.

Respectfully,

Steve Christenberry, Lobbyist
ABATE of Kansas

DISTRICT



Anderson, Douglas, Franklin and Jefferson

district1.abateks.org

District Rep Bill Saric
785-207-7993



District 1 ABATE meeting took place on October 6, 2019. Bill S opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Bill S is going to state meeting on October 12, 2019 and suggests that we need an agenda.

Pam W says our state meeting is at O-Town Bar & Grill, 128 South Main, Ottawa, KS on November 9, 2019.

Richard B believes we need a separate cooler for our beverages

and that it should be centrally located. Jason F said he would see if he could find us a trailer for our beverages.

Richard B suggested a huge Battle of the Bands for entertainment at the Main Stage to build up revenue.

Secretary Report – Not available, read in newsletter.

Treasurer Report – Roger F gave the financials. Transferring to Richard B. A motion was made to accept the report by

Nova H, and seconded by Richard B.

Old Business – Roger F wants pallets taken off trailer. Richard B says to mention to state that the biggest thing that hurt the rally was doing away with guests.

No District 1 Cabin Fever event this year, tabled by Bill S.

Gun Raffle – will be held

when all tickets are turned in by next meeting in November.

New Business – Richard B wants to know about our beverage garden.

We have a motion to adjourn by Pam W and seconded by Kevin M.

Next District Meeting will be November 3 at VFW, 1 pm.

**Many Thanks to
Standard Tire
& Automotive
Perry, Kansas**
*for winch services
at this year's
Labor Day Rally!*





DISTRICT



Decatur, Graham, Norton, Osborne,
Phillips, Rooks, Sheridan, Smith

District Rep Larry Kibbee
785-623-0420



The October 13 meeting was called to order by Larry Kibbee, District Rep., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our fallen brothers and sisters. There were five members in attendance. Lou Ann Kibbee presented the Secretary Report. Gary moved to approve as read, Rick seconded, motion passed. Gary presented the Financial Report. Rick moved to approve the report, Jeff seconded, motion passed. Larry presented the State Meeting Report. There was a discussion.

Old Business: Gary brought the leftover shirts from the Porker Run if anyone wants one. Larry picked up three boxes of Be Aware yard signs while at the State meeting if anyone needs some to give away. Larry also has bumper stickers if you need them.

New Business: Casino Night- We are waiting to hear confir-

mation from the Sand Trap for January. We had some discussion about ideas for the live auction items.

New Events: We discussed ways to increase our membership as well as get more members involved. Suggestions for events such as a haunted house, chili feed, soup contest, BBQ contest were made as possibilities. We will talk more about some of these. We could use these events like fundraisers and ways to get ABATE out in the public more.

Election: Balloting was completed. The election results are Larry Kibbee for District Rep; Terry Gitchel as Treasurer; and Lauren "Bear" Weinert as Assistant Secretary.

The November 10 meeting will be at the Rodeway Inn Lounge in Phillipsburg. Rick moved to adjourn, Gary seconded, adjourned.

We want to see your smiling faces!

Send us pictures of members attending events in your district.
No event flyers, please.
Email to: newsletter@abateks.org



NOVEMBER ADVANCE NEWS

District 1 - Meetings are 1st Sunday start at 1 pm
11/3- VFW post 10815-612 East Palmer, Meriden, KS

District 2 - Meetings are the 2nd Sunday, start at 4 pm
11/10 -Rodeway Inn Lounge, 130 East Hwy 36, Phillipsburg, KS

District 3 - Meetings are 1st Sunday, 1 pm
11/3- American Legion Post 138, 1607 US Hwy 75, Caney, KS

District 4 - Meetings are the 2nd Sunday, 1 pm
11/10 -Papan's Landing , 619 NW Paramore, Topeka, KS

District 5 - Meetings are the 1st Saturday, Noon
11/2 -The Redeye, 6102 State Ave, Kansas City, KS

District 6
District Meeting-TBA- Contact Becca Hardman 785-259-9557

District 7
District Meeting- TBA-Contact Doc Pritchett 620-339-5814

District 8 - Meetings are the 2nd Sunday, 1:30 pm
11/3 - Wichita Toy Run, Wichita, KS
11/9 - Cowley County Toy Run, Winfield, KS
11/10- District Meeting, Wichita, KS
11/24 - Reno County Toy Run, Hutchinson, KS

District 9 - Meetings are 2nd Sunday, 1 pm
11/2 - Marion County Toy Run, Hillsboro, KS - Noon
11/10 - EMS Building, 107 Starr, Miltonvale, KS

District 10 - Meetings are 1st Sunday 2 pm
11/3 -VFW 1101 W Mary St, Garden City, KS

District 11 - Meetings are first Sunday, Times vary
11/3 - VFW, 107 n 4th, Wathena, KS , 1 pm

District 12 - Meetings are 2nd Sunday start at 2 pm
11/10 -VFW , 932 Graphic Arts Rd, Emporia, KS

District 13 - Meetings are second Sunday, 2 pm
11/10- Grinnell Grocery, Grinnell, KS

District 15 - Meetings are the 2nd Sunday, start at noon
11/9 Alma Manor Party
11/10- District Meeting-Election & Food Drive Cock-N-Bull Tavern,
240 Stagg Hill Rd, Manhattan, KS

State Meetings
11/9- Meeting & Election-O-Town Bar & Grill- 128 S Main St Ottawa, KS, Noon





BALLOT DISTRICT 3

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MEMBERSHIP # _____

REPRESENTATIVE:

JR Watts _____

WRITE-IN: _____

TREASURER:

Linda Stayton _____

WRITE-IN: _____

SECRETARY:

Windy Adams _____

WRITE-IN: _____

SARGENT AT ARMS:

Joe Jenkins (Dawg) _____

WRITE-IN: _____

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ELECTION DATE: DECEMBER 8, 2019



Allen, Bourbon, Chautauqua, Cherokee, Crawford,
Elk, Labette, Montgomery, Neosho, Wilson and Woodson
district3.abateks.org
District Rep Jr. Watts
806-217-1160



The Abate District #3 meeting was held Sunday, October 6 at 1 pm. The meeting at American Legion Post 64 in Pittsburg, Kansas. 26 members attended the meeting.

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our fallen brothers and sisters.

Acting District Rep. JR Watts called the meeting to order and introduced the new acting Secretary Windy Adams.

JR Watts read the secretary's report. The motion to accept the minutes was made by Tim S. and seconded by Russell B.

The financial report read by Sherry Beard. The yearly State financial report has been turned into State. The checking account has been updated with new signatures. Motion to accept given by Leonard and seconded by Russell B.

State report read by JR Watts. State is asking District to donate items for a biker bar theme basket and anyone who can donate an item needs to have it dropped off at Dawg's shop in Chanute by Friday. The motion to accept was given by Sandra B. and second by Jynelle M.

Old business: The Downed Brother donation fund and rally funds were discussed. Motion made to set up separate savings accounts by Jason. Denny and Russell B. seconded. Raising money for the rally was also discussed and we will further discuss it in the next meeting. Shower benches for the fairgrounds are built and, in the trailer, plaques will be here next week. The yearly membership has been paid for Brian and Jess Blackmore. Thank you again for making the benches. Steve C. is going to organize three members to do inventory on the trailer

this coming week. It was also discussed the trailer needs a lot of work and it will also be noted. Motion to accept was given by Russell B and seconded by Jessie G.

TV drawing for scholarship fund was discussed. Tandy is making the tickets and will have them. TV will be given away at the Hog Waddle. Wendy Adams will start working on the route for Hog Waddle.

Setting up a rally committee was discussed, and Sandra brought list. The group decided on at least 12 committee members to be responsible for each item on the list. A vote was made to accept the committee structure discussed and passed. We will discuss volunteers next month.

The Toy Run t-shirts design was approved and passed. Michael B had called Independence Reporter and Good News for pricing on ad for the toy run. The ad is to be run the 20-29. Motion carried to pay for a 3X5 ad in the independence Reporter. Michael B is going to call the Good News again to change it from an ad to an article, as articles are free. Sandra contacting Independence Chamber of for write-up. JR is going to submit article for radio in Coffeyville.

New Business: 2 new members today. Toy Run: We will meet at the park at 11 am in the oval. We can flag up for this and flags do go in the front of the line. District #3 also needs to get the Abate flag ordered. Also discussed Windy Adams purchasing gift card from Walmart to raffle off for donation to the food bank. Pre-orders for t-shirts will be ready. JR made motion to make a flyer with same design as T-shirt for the Toy Run, Windy Adams seconded.

District #3 election: Nomina-





tions for District Secretary was the only nomination needed this month Sherry B. nominated Windy Adams for Secretary and Windy accepted.

Fundraising: Raising money monthly was discussed. A turkey shoot was brought up as a fundraiser. Bill Caldwell has said he could get everything donated. It was discussed to hold the January meeting in Caney January 4 at noon, then follow with the turkey shoot at 2 pm. Jason Denny motioned to accept, Tracy Estes seconded.

Review of the District #3 Policies and Procedures: B1 / bylaws-Section 1 of officers, add "of the membership". Motion to accept the change was given by Tim S. and seconded by Linda S. Also added

wording of "No board members of the same household can be on a checking account". Motion to accept change was given by Jason Denny and seconded by Dustin.

It was also discussed that we need to add Sergeant of Arms and Member-at-Large in officer's list.

Social media was discussed at our meeting. District rep is working on getting a "members only" page set up.

Joe motioned to adjourn, everyone seconded. Everyone ride safe during all these toy runs.

The November meeting will be held on November 3. at the American Legion in Caney at 1 pm (Inter-section of Highway's 75 and 166).

taken care of.

Old Business: Bike Show: We only had 15 bikes in the show, but the silent auction went well and the sense from folks was that it was a good event. We appreciate Mack McClendon, Rainbow Dragon Mobile DJ, for bringing his equipment and playing music, and also entering his Spyder in the show (and winning the trike class)!

RFTW: Frank received a plaque from the RFTW Board of Directors for 28 years of support by ABATE of Kansas. He presented it to Jack with thanks for the District's support.

New Business: Toys for Tots: Steve has emailed Ronnie Connell at TPD and Jamie Tuttle with the Marines about this year's event, but has not heard back from them yet. He also has contacted the 37th Street Walmart Assistant Manager about being able to start there and then leave to go to Post 400. The event will be December 1st this year and will be our 35th ride.

Christmas Party: Gayle told Jack

that she would be willing to host it. December 7th, or the 14th. That is the State Board meeting in KC, but it will be over in plenty of time for participants to get back to Topeka. Jack will talk to Gayle about the dates.

Bowlathon: January 19th is the third Sunday of the month if we follow previous year's schedules. Jack will give them a call to remind them about it.

2020 District Calendar: Steve will put one together and send out for everyone to review. Upcoming events: Hibernation Party at Paradise Point is October 18-20.

2019 Mid-South MILE in Shreveport, Louisiana: Oct 25-27, 2019

Next Board Meeting November 6th, Papan's Landing

Next State Board meeting: November 9, 2019, O-Town in Ottawa

Next District Meeting: November 10, 2019, Papan's Landing

Adjourn: After determining that there was no other business the meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.



DISTRICT
4

Jackson, Osage and Shawnee

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District Rep Jack Frost

785-383-4836



Jack called the meeting to order at 1:20 pm. There were 7 members and one guest present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and we had a moment of recognition for lost brothers and sisters, veterans, and active-duty military and first responders. We also recognized Dennis Kabriel, who died this morning at Midland Care.

Secretary's Report: The September 8 D4 report is in the newsletter. Frank moved to waive, Debbie seconded. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Karen was not here today, as she and RC were supporting the family of Dennis Kabriel, so no report today.

State Report: The State Board meeting was yesterday at the McPherson VFW. The Board voted to discontinue contracting with someone for the Lobbyist position. Jack reported that the Board will request applications for a voluntary Lobbyist. One of our members who was present asked if ABATE of Kansas' role will only be the Labor

Day rally. Jack added that members were encouraged to contact their legislators with any concerns. There was also discussion about the requirements to run for a board position, i.e., being a member in good standing of an ABATE district. As usual, there was discussion about the LDR, including concerns about folks with ATVs tearing up the fields, and apparently losing money on the showers.

SMART Report: This weekend is our last class for the year. We had another 3-wheel class scheduled for next weekend but canceled it as we only had one person signed up. We'll get the class totals for the year and report them as soon as we get the numbers compiled.

MRF/AMA Report: Please read Coop's report in the newsletter.

Lobbyist Report: It is in the newsletter, so please read it there.

ABATE D4 Products: We still need a product person. Bruce has interest, but he's also having some health issues that he needs to get

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MEMBERSHIP # _____

ASSISTANT DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE:

DEBBIE HARDEN _____

WRITE-IN: _____

SECRETARY:

Mary Stracke _____

WRITE-IN: _____

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District Rep Tony Rawls-Riley
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DISTRICT



Barton, Ellis, Ness, Rush,
Russell, Trego

District Rep Becca Hardman
785-259-9557



District 6 held their Setpember meeting Sunday, September 22, 2019 at 4 pm at the Horse-shoe Bar and Grill.

The meeting was called to order by Rep Becca Hardman.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a moment of silence for fallen Brothers and Sisters.

There are no minutes for last month due to not having a meeting.

There is also no reading of the secretary report due to no meeting as well.

Treasurer report read by Bob Hardman. There are a couple of things needing to be deposited and the issue that was ran into with an account was found to be financial institution issue. This was resolved. Motion to accept the financial report was motioned by Jody Hagan, seconded by Brenton Hagan, accepted by all.

Old Business: There is no old Business

New Business: A position resignation was recanted. We are planning to hold another Soup Supper as a fundraiser for Run for the Wall. There was a discussion to have the soup supper on December 10. We will discuss this more at next month's meeting. There was mention about a donation for Run for the wall by

Rusty out in Oakley.

There was mention of District 13's end of year party in Oakley. Thunder on the High Plains. Possibility of going to help in Great Bend or attending the toy run down there. Discussion on the Be Aware signs getting repainted again due to looking weathered will be discussed in the spring.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bob Hardman, seconded by Brenton Hagan, all in favor.

District 6 October meeting will be on October 12 in Rush Center at Mike Chlumsky's. The business meeting will take place when everyone is present followed by the weekend's activities.

District 6 held their October meeting on Saturday, October 12 at 4:30 pm at Mike Chlumsky's.

The meeting was called to order by Rep Becca Hardman.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a moment of silence for our fallen brothers and sisters.

All were in favor to forgo Secretary report for last month.

Treasurer's report read by Becca Hardman. There were no changes. All were in favor.

Old Business: The Soup Sup-





per will be held December 7 at the VFW in Ellis with plenty of advertising giving it a boost. The Soup Supper is a Free Will donation this Year. We will have six soups along with desserts. Greg Mickelson motioned, Julie Schmidt seconded, all in favor. There was discussion about a donation for Run for The Wall from Rusty in Oakley. There was discussion of The October

19 toy run. We decided to donate to help with this cause. All were in favor.

New Business: There was mention to get people together to make an appearance in Scott City for a fallen brother that occurred in another country.

Greg Mickelson motioned to adjourn, Julie Schmidt seconded, all were in favor.



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Gray, Hodgeman, Kiowa, Meade, Pawnee

District Rep Doc Pritchett
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BALLOT DISTRICT 8

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Member # _____

ASSISTANT DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE:

Brian Van Dyke _____

Write In _____

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Milton Collins _____

Write-In: _____

RENO CO. REP:

Tammy Ward Railsback _____

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ELECTION DATE: December 8, 2019

Motorcycle-Deer Crash Stats (1991-2012)

1991-2012 Total
Motorcyclists Deer Crash Deaths
57
6% of total rider deaths during those years

2013 Total
Motorcyclists Deer Crash Deaths
7
13% of total rider deaths to-date in 2013

Fatalities resulting from a collision with a deer are an emerging trend within the last decade. During 2002-2012, 40 motorcyclists have been killed in a crash with a deer, nearly five times more than the 10 deaths between 1991-2001. 2013 is on pace to be the deadliest year with rider deer crashes.

DNR Deer Stats
Deer population 800,000-1,000,000
Deer harvested by hunters each year 150,000-200,000
Habitat and range: White-tailed deer live in prairie, forests, savannas, wood lots and agricultural fields. They are common in both suburban and rural areas. Deer become a traffic hazard when crossing highways.
Reproduction: White-tailed deer mate from November to early December. Their young fawns are born in May, weighing eight pounds each and are born with white spots. During the summer months, deer deer do not travel solely in search of females often, it is at this time they become a road hazard on highways.

Safety Tips:
Deer are unpredictable. It is important for riders to be alert and focused on riding. Also wear full protective gear, including a DOT-approved helmet.
When encountering an animal slow down and use both brakes to stop. If a larger animal, like a deer, jumps out in front of you, use emergency braking (applying both front and rear brakes) to stop as quickly as possible. If you are unable to stop in time and/or contact is imminent after maximum braking, and you have room in the lane, release the brakes and attempt to swerve slowly behind the animal.
Rider training is an affordable, potentially life-saving option. Training is important for beginners, as well as experienced riders, to sharpen skills and improve crash avoidance techniques.
To receive more riding tips and training information go to motorcyclistsafety.org



**District 9 Ballot**

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Membership # _____

Assistant District Representative

Ron Davis

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Write in _____

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Treasurer

Brenda Davis

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Write in _____

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**DISTRICT**

Clay, Cloud, Dickinson, Ellsworth, Jewell, Marion, McPherson, Mitchell, Ottawa, Republic, Rice, Saline, Washington
district9.abateks.org
District Rep Ron Vawter
785-827-4167



The District 9 meeting was called to order at 1:25 pm on October 13, 2019, with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence given, with 20 members, 4 county reps, and 0 guests present.

The secretary's report was given and approved.

The treasurer's report was given and approved.

State News: Discussions on LDR entry fees for next year. Planning on internal lobbyist for the coming year. Biker Under the Dome date TBA later. Discussion on a copy machine for newsletter. Short-handed of volunteers at LDR.

Awareness report: Still handing out yard signs. Sold 2 billboards to districts.

Product report: Still have Awareness shirts, District 9 shirts, tags, and memory

patches.

Website report: Updating today after the meeting.

Old business: Still have a few tickets left before drawing. Good turnout at Cloud County toy run.

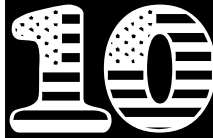
New Business: Sending out ballots to members. Make sure you vote before the deadline or bring it to your district meeting. Motion 919-011 made, seconded, and approved to have VFW catering meal for the state meeting next year.

Upcoming events: Mid-South MILE Oct 27-29, Marion County toy run Nov 2, Bikers Under the Dome TBA.

Drawing won by Deb U.

Thanks to VFW for hosting the meeting

The next meeting is November 10, at EMT building in Miltonvale, KS.

DISTRICT

Finney, Grant, Hamilton, Haskell, Kearney, Morton, Seward, Stanton, Stevens
District Rep Troy Love
620-214-3507



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Thank you, Brian Van Dyke, Treasurer
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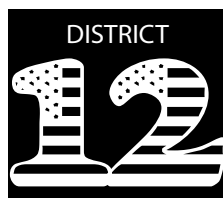


Meeting called to order at 2:04 pm on October 13, 2019, at Nate and Amanda's home, Bonner Springs. The meeting started with the Pledge of

Allegiance and a moment of silence for our fallen brothers and sisters.

Nineteen members were in attendance and one District Rep. The September meeting notes were read, motion made by Steve to accept the meeting notes and seconded by Ric. The treasurer's report was given by Doyle, motion made by Ruth and seconded by Steve to approve the treasurer's report. Products report given by Lea. New koozies are in, we have plenty of sweatshirts in stock. Doyle gave a report on the state meeting. Atchison County - Chop gave information regarding the upcoming Halloween Parade. The parade is Saturday, October 26. Bikes and trailer passengers please meet at Mueller's at

12:30 pm. The parade starts at 2 pm. Brown County - no new business. Doniphan County - no new business. Nemaha County - no new business. Leavenworth County - Ric gave info regarding the upcoming Veteran's Day Parade. Please meet Monday, November 11, 9 am to ride in the parade. The parade begins at 10:30 am. New Business - A motion was made by Lea and seconded by Chop to donate to the Jason Pantle Benefit. A motion was made to carry over County Reps that have missed more than two meetings on a case by case basis. Motion made by Ruth, seconded by Steven, and amended by Stan. A motion was made by Ruth and seconded by Ric to adjourn at 3:10 pm. The next meeting will be held at Wathena VFW on Sunday, November 3 at 2 pm.



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Lyon and Morris
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District Rep Don Morfitt
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Don called the meeting to order at 2 pm, with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our fallen brothers and sisters.

Kim read the secretary's report, Debi made the motion to accept, Don Hensley seconded, motion passed. Ed read the Treasurer's report as Tish was out sick. Herb made the motion to accept the Treasurer's, Don made the second and there was no further discus-

sion. Motion passed with no one opposing. We had special guests, 7-year-old Ethan Frisbee and his parents showed up to receive funds from the Benefit run held on his behalf. Ethan was full of energy which was great to see as he is still in remission, with a doctor appointment coming up soon. Motion made by Debi and seconded by Jerry to award the donation at that time. They were invited to

stay for the rest of our meeting but declined because their truck broke down, and they had to get it picked up.

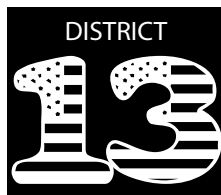
State meeting was held in McPherson and was several hours long. Ed and Don both attended. It was discussed that we needed to find a way to keep track of the beverages ordered and served at the Labor Day Rally, so there will be a better accounting. Ice was not delivered in a timely manner and it was hard to get things cooled down efficiently, will be working on getting that straightened out. The State ABATE elections will be held in November. You must be a current paid member to vote.

Old Business: 4x8 foot awareness signs were delivered and the first one is ready to be put up. The second one needs a location determined and then it will be installed. Jerry and Herb are checking on best locations to be seen. Plans are being finalized for the MILE Conference. The van is rented, we are needing the donations for the basket we will be taking, Mike made the motion to limit the amount for purchasing a lighted sign and Sheila seconded that motion. Motion carried.

New Business: Bikers under the Dome is in February, and they will be doing away with the paid lobbyist, so you need to go to Bikers under the Dome and meet with your legislators. Next month they will be discussing having a volunteer advocate. We need to be keeping track of all our volunteer hours for the bike show and benefit runs. There is a chance to have access to a lawyer out of

Wichita for ABATE members at a lower cost for injury cases. It is Matt Bretz, byinjurylaw.com. Labor Day Rally price changes will be \$60 for non-members and \$30 dollars for members. The \$60 dollars will automatically make them members. Quads and such were not getting tagged at the front gate, there may be a second gate to get the toys and campers all registered. There is talk of paying the CMA to work the front gate to help things run a lot smoother. Toy drive coming soon, proceeds going to the Shiloh House. We are also looking for families in need to be helped at holiday time. Debi has a suggestion of family in need. Chuck Samples has always helped ABATE out with whatever means he could at all our functions. His young son, Hunter Samples, has recently been diagnosed with cancer. Debi made the motion to send the family a donation to help with transportation costs and whatever else may be needed. Herb seconded motion. It was voted on and there was one person who opposed the vote, and one person that abstained, motion carried by a show of hands.

The next meeting date is November 10 at 2 pm at the VFW in Emporia. Don Hensley won the MRF membership and Debi won the door prize. The meeting was adjourned.



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The District 15 meeting was called to order October 13, 2019, at 12:05 pm, at Prairie Hawg Cycle & Leather, Manhattan, KS, by the District Representative. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited then a moment of silence was held for our fallen brothers and sisters.

Secretary Report: Carey Griffin-Wingett read the minutes of the September 2019 meeting. Motion to approve minutes provided by Tony R.; seconded by Lance V. Motion approved by a show of hands.

Treasurer's Report: Carey G.W. provided a detailed report regarding the banking transactions and a current balance. Motion to approve report made by Lance V. with a second by Dennis L. Motion passed by a show of hands.

State Meeting Report: Randy B provided information regarding the October Board of Director's meeting. District members questioned Randy on several issues from the State meeting. Please see the State Meeting minutes in your Official A.B.A.T.E. Newsletter for details.

Old Business: The District finalized the plans for the Alma Manor visit on November 9th. Gifts have been purchased. This will be a Veterans Day and Christmas gift delivery with Dennis L. playing Santa Claus. to deliver gifts to the veterans living there.

The majority of the shotgun raffle tickets have been sold. The winning ticket will be drawn after the last ticket is sold.

The job description for the Sergeant-at-Arms was passed around for review by the members. Discussion held with Lance V. making a motion to accept the job description as written; second by Tony R. Motion passed with a show of hands. The job description will be added to the current District 15 Policies & Procedures. The amended District Policies and Procedures (P & Ps) will be sent

to the Corporate Secretary for approval with a copy also sent to the A.B.A.T.E. of Kansas, Inc. Office Manager for record retention [in October 2019].

We had 12 participants for the District 15 Toy Run. Carey G.W. gave a report on income & expenses. The District members present discussed changing the Toy Run date to avoid conflict with other organizations' activities. A motion was made by Bill P. with a second by Tony R. to move our Toy Run to the first Saturday of December. Motion passed by a show of hands.

New Business: The open places for meetings in 2020 have been set. Carey verbally provided meeting place information for 2020; a written draft will be available at the next meeting. Our district needs fundraiser and event ideas for 2020 and beyond – more discussion on this at the November meeting.

Comments and Information: We thanked Prairie Hawg & Leather, 8665 E. Hwy 24, Manhattan, KS for hosting our meeting and providing lunch for us. We thanked Tony R. for his recruiting new members this year. November 10th meeting will be held at the Cock N' Bull, 241 Stagg Hill Rd, Manhattan, KS.

The food drive and elections are held at the November meeting. This year's recipient of our food drive and the Christmas family will be in Pottawatomie County; recipients for 2020 will be in Wabaunsee County. December meeting will be held at T's Longhorn, 108 S Erpelding Rd, Leonardville, KS.

There were no other business items for discussion.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Tony R.; second by Rachel J. The motion passed with a show of hands. The meeting officially adjourned at 1:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carey Griffin-Wingett
District 15 Secretary



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On September 19-22 Tony RR and I attended the 35th Annual Meeting of the Minds in Bloomington Minnesota. Over 300 bikers from 34 states attended. Hardtail Willard, president of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation, opened the meeting.

Bikers Inside the Beltway numbers were down a little but also operation costs were down a little too. All the board members from the Motorcycle Riders Foundation pay their expenses out-of-pocket that attend the Meeting of the Minds.

Rocky Fox and Tiffany Cipoletti, the MRF legislative team, gave a report on the Senate passing Resolution 154 (the Profiling Bill) but it failed in the House of Representatives.

In 2019, we have 77 cosponsors out of 34 states. Unfortunately, Kansas and Oklahoma, the two main states I ride in, was not on board. This Bill was passed unanimously in the Senate.

The MRF is working to change the 40-year-old definition of a motorcycle. A motorcycle will be defined as a two or three-wheeled vehicle in which the operator will sit astraddle a seat with the passenger behind and handlebars to drive the vehicle.

The MRF is working on autonomous vehicles to ensure that they can identify a motorcycle. AV manufacturers must report incidents between AV's and motorcycles. Manufacturers must include human error analysis in their reports.

The RPM Act will be reintroduced also and House Resolution 1224, The Ethanol Education Bill, as

well. The Ethanol Bill has 16 cosponsors. The MRF is pushing for proper labels at the gas pumps so misfuelling is further deterred with no more than 10% Ethanol and no blender pumps to minimize the risk to motorcycle engines.

The MRF will push for no universal helmet laws with more education toward promoting safety and awareness.

The MRF will continue to fight against Federal Funding for motorcycles only checkpoints and for Black Box information to remain property of the consumers.

The MRF supports the continuation of the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration Lobbying Ban.

The MRF supports the continuation of the Motorcycle Advisory Council to advise the Federal Highway Administration and monitor to ensure vulnerable roadway users to exclude motorcycles.

The MRF will monitor and respond to Federal Legislative or Regulatory activity concerning the terms Federal Highway Administration, gangs, clubs, known associates, when referring to motorcyclists.

Tiffany gave a refresher course about Call to Actions on the computer which impacts our voice with our members of Congress.

Harley Davidson is now marketing the Live Wire, an electric motorcycle and a bicycle that runs on electric. This brings up another issue - Electric Scooters.

A number of companies have flooded cities with electric scooters that you can rent by using an app on your phone. The MRF hopes to create a separate category to distinguish crash and injury data relating to these scooters apart from motorcycles, mopeds, and bicycles.

Russell Radke gave a presentation on Profiling.

17,994 people took part in the Motorcycle Profiling Project which will end this year.

This is a 5-year survey and 5,985 people have been profiled to date.

California was the most profiled followed by Texas. If you have been profiled, the National Profiling Project goes to the end of the year.

Everyone needs to go online and take the survey.

All the bikers were acquitted from the charges stemming from the shootings at the Twin Peaks in Waco, Texas.

The FBI reports biker gangs are serious criminal enterprises saying all of the motorcycle gangs are criminals.

Police tactics and steps in denying you your rights just because of your mode of transportation or what you wear should not give law enforcement the right to profile us. Law enforcement uses media to create crisis to sway the public to criminalize the patch holders. For citizens protection, police adopt tactics to erode our First Amendment Right for Speech, Assembly, and Associate, our Second Amendment Right to Bear Arms, Fifth Amendment Illegal Search and Seizure and our Fourteenth Amendment Due Process and Equal Protection of the Law.

The MRF continues to honor the Past and Protect the Future with an ongoing commitment to promote the right of all motorcyclists. It is the responsibility of our Nation's 8.5 million registered motorcycles to support the MRF. You can do your part by supporting your State Motorcycle

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Respectfully Submitted,

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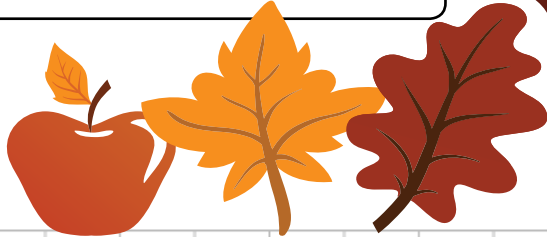
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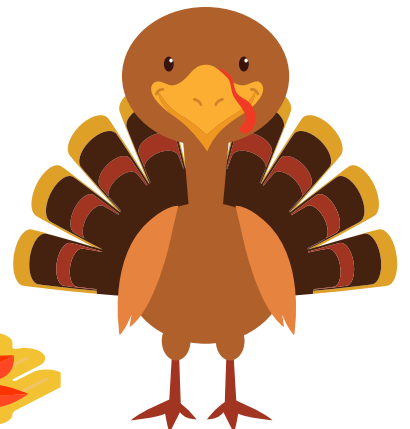
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