

ABATE of AZ East Valley Chapter 10/15/23 Meeting Minutes
Location American Legion Post 138

1. Call to Order
 - a. Sergeant at Arms. Meeting call to order time: 10:03am
 - b. Pledge of allegiance, moment of silence and remembrance.
 - c. ABATE of Arizona, Inc. mission statement: ***We will lobby and educate the government and the general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image. We will endeavor to enlist the cooperation and participation of all organizations and individuals who share a similar interest in preserving our American tradition of FREEDOM. We will involve ourselves in fund raising to achieve our goal.***
2. Welcome guests, current members, and new members to the East Valley Chapter. Kathy Silk as visitor/returning member. Joe read poem by Heather Abshire
3. Reading of previous meeting minutes by Secretary: motion to waive reading of minutes by Jeff and seconded Rick, approved by majority.
4. Treasurer's Report: Cliff Prentice

Discussion about \$15/month bank fee. Treasurer looking into banking options to avoid fees.

5. Political Action Report -Rick Ferguson
 - a. At Meeting of the Minds: larger state ABATE groups are dealing with similar issues: profiling, motorcycle education, interacting with MC clubs. AZ is already working on these issues. AZ still has admin problems to resolve.
 - b. Riot on the River is a good interface and ask about ABATE memberships.
 - c. On federal level- retain being able to work on a person's own bike, buy parts from other than dealers, fueling MCs with gas (stating ethanol levels), MCs with gas engines rather than electric.
 - d. AZ PAC working on raising taxation on MC registration to \$2 and locking it into MC education, and road improvements for MC safety rather than letting it roll into governor designation (last year it went to a DPS task force).
 - e. AZ PAC working on covered loads legislation. Suggestion by Joe to bring up to Mike (lobbyist) - add a way to report debris on the road
 - f. AZ PAC working municipalities not setting city noise laws at lower decibel levels than the state level (ex: Cave Creek)
 - g. Want each chapter to have a PAC officer to relay info from state PAC officer (position being proposed by the board).
6. Merchandise report – Damian Paige
 - a. Challenge coin: waiting for approved by state.
 - b. Stickers will available for sale (\$3)
 - c. No budget for merchandise until after election of new officers

7. Safety Officer's Report: Matthew Reemelin (not present so no report)
8. Runs and Events: Stacy Montgomery
 - a. Hard Ass Run - March 9
 - b. Meet and Greets - every other week and alternate between Wednesdays and Thursdays
9. Membership Report: Joe Silk
200 : Total Members(last month, 208)
10. Old Business
 - a. Join the call to action email/mobile list for AZ Free Enterprise club, email April@azfree.org with your name and mobile # if you want text calls to action. They will use your email address you sent the email from unless otherwise stated. Let her know you are from ABATE.AZ
 - b. Other – no update on chapter location at Post 138
 - c. Fundraising – Please send in your ideas for fundraising. Our funds go towards sending members to events (Meeting of the Minds), fees, and chapter materials. Ideas? Discuss? Submit your ideas via email to Stacy.
 - d. Hard Ass Run – need members to join committee – respond to Stacey's request. The Hard Ass Run is an annual chapter fundraiser. It is also an awesome "hard on your ass" ride!
 - e. Membership Booths- These membership booths allow us to present ABATE to the general public. Please attend and help out or just hang out with your fellow ABATE members! If you know of another event, please secure us a membership booth space(we are a non-profit and would appreciate a free space). Don't just tell your chapter coordinator, reserve the space!
 - f. Dobson Lakes Family Chiropractic – will donate a \$15 gift card for each new patient
 - g. Farm Bureau Insurance – will donate \$25 for each new quotation (don't have to sign up) So far, we have received \$125. I guess Chad has been able to help several members with their insurance. Bringing in money by getting quote from Chad, do not have to commit to getting insurance from Farmers.
 - h. All members as of 9/15, using their email addresses, are signed up with the AZ Gov RTS system.
11. New Business
 - a. New business members – Aardvark Notary, Motorcycles and Coffee, and Roosters Country. Need to schedule a presentation of their patches and certificates.
 - b. Motorcycle Awareness Program: – Scheduled classes at Skyline(Oct 23rd), Mt View(Oct 30th), Highland(Nov 6th), Mesa(Nov 13th), Red Mountain(Oct 2nd or Nov 27th), Westwood (Nov 11th). Desert Ridge(Nov 27th). We have volunteers lined up (Glenn and Erin) but if you want to come and check it out and participate you are welcomed! The goal is to have certified instructors who can take on a school without the MAP coordinator in

attendance. The coordinator will still be in charge of scheduling, course content (This is an ABATE “sanctioned” activity and the course content must be followed), and supplies.

- c. Membership booth schedule(need volunteers to help out) Check Facebook for events to assist with and details about locations– Oct 21(Coolidge VFW car and bike show 7a to 1200), Cycle Gear Mesa – 2nd Tuesday of each month(1700 to 2000), Oct 14(Post 35 yesterday), Nov 10&11th(Scorpion Harley 1500 to 2000 and 0900 to 1700). Please look at every riding group website or facebook site for additional booth opportunities – they must be free of charge(we are a non-profit). Please help schedule membership opportunities to ALR groups or other riding groups.
 - d. Meet and Greets – schedule to once every other week? Where?
 - e. Annual Bowling Challenge with Phx/Shadow Mtn – Oct 15th, 1200. Mesa Lanes Ellsworth/Broadway, Mesa.
 - f. State Elections in November – State membership meeting to be held on Sunday Nov 12th(11a to 3p at Tombstone Brewing in Phoenix). We all need to show up to keep the chapter member trophy. All attendees will vote on State Officers and those members(current at time of mtg) will receive a hamburger and chips(you are on your own for your Tombstone beverage). Nominations for all officer positions to be submitted to the state president. See link on the Masterlink for ballots.
 - g. Motion to Discuss and accept Chapter officer nominations.
 - i. Chairperson: Joe Silk
 - ii. Vice Chairperson: Jeff Gorell
 - iii. Secretary: Stacy Montgomery
 - iv. Treasurer: Jesse Roberts
 - v. Sargent of Arms: Damian Paige
 - vi. Membership: Joe Silk
 - vii. Communications: Joe Silk
 - viii. Merchandise: Damian Paige
 - ix. PAC: Gary Crawford
 - x. Events: Stacy Montgomery
 - xi. Safety Officer: Matthew Reemelin
12. 50/50 drawing: Collected \$55. \$27 won by LaDonna Nieman (said she would add to her Silver Rose fund)
 13. Motion to Adjourn by Rick, agreed by majority at 10:58am