

A.B.A.T.E. of Arizona

Southern Arizona Chapter Monthly Meeting Minutes



Meeting Date: July 15,2023

Site: Northwest Tucson Moose Lodge
Site Address: 2660 W Ruthrauff Rd., Tucson, AZ 85705

Presiding Officer: Jeremy Krauss

Officers Attending:

Coordinator: Jeremy Krauss	Present
Vice-Coordinator: Anissa “Dragonfly” Huntington	Present
Secretary: Monica Byrne	Present
Treasurer: Monica Byrne	Present
Membership: Jim Butsback	Present
Sgt at Arms: Rob Rogers	Present
Safety: Darron Huntington	Present
P.A.C.: William Cleveland	Present
Runs/Events: Robert “Gizmo” Welton	Present
Communication: Judi Miller	Present
Merchandise: Lael Clark	Not Present
B.O.D. Rep: Anissa “Dragonfly” Huntington	Present

Meeting Call to Order @ 10:00 am

Reading of the Mission Statement: We are a political organization. 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. Read by Jeremy Krauss

Reading of the Minutes by Secretary:

Motion made by _Anissa Huntington_ and seconded _Judi Miller_ to waive reading and accept as presented was approved.

Coordinator's Comments: I went out to the Moto Sonora Moto Monday met with the University of Arizona motorcycle club, I think there are 4 members & met Senator Mark Kelly was out there & shook his hand. Went to Cycle Gear Motorcycle night they had a pretty low turn-out because it's been in the 110 degrees out. The next one will be August 8th.

Vice-Coordinator's Comments: Seems that we are everyday that we are having people turning in front of motorcycles. Monica added that she seen a motorcycle make a left turn on a red and was lucky that there was not a car coming from the road he was turning or would have been hit.

Treasurer's Report:

There is \$_5,536.20_ Combined In-Chapter. There were \$_366.34_ in expenses (Gun Raffle Purchase & Tickets) and the chapter raised \$_687.00_ for Gun Raffle & 50/50. Motion was made by __Anissa Huntington__ and seconded by _Judi Miller__ to accept the report.

Safety: Keep talking & talking about it but lane filtering is being taken as lane splitting. Everybody knows watch out for other people on the road & 2nd drivers are the worst in the state. Also monsoon is season is kicking off, so watch out when it actually starts to rain those first few seconds are going to be slick. Oil is on the roads when there it starts to rain.

Membership Report: 105 Active Members, 164 Inactive Members, would have 269 Members if all Active.

Merchandise: Nothing at this time. Has anyone heard from Lael? Anissa will try to get a hold of him.

P.A.C.: I have bike pack for donations. RTS system is there anybody here that is not registered with the RTS System? Every year whenever we have positions on Legislation we put bills in and also fight bad bills. Our Legislator's not just our representatives but also like for example this year Katie Hobbs has used that a lot for to find out what the public stance is on education bills. Whenever we put in a bill that benefits motorcycles if we don't have hardly any positions in the RTS Systems that's a major red flag for our legislator's to go you know what the public does not care or they are not crazy about the bill or not educated enough. Anybody and everybody here today obviously cares about motorcyclist & motorcycle rights. It is imperative that we all become familiar with the ArizonaLegislative.gov RTS System. RTS stands for Request to Speak. That doesn't mean that you're actually requesting to speak, you don't have to do that but you have to use the RTS System in order to post a position your either for a bill or against a bill. So bills when we have that benefits motorcyclists and were for it, the more people that post their position on that bill the better chances we have of getting our legislator's to vote for the bill. It doesn't cost anything. You can do it from your cell phone or on the computer. Go to azleg.gov just sign up, then search bar type in the bill, it pops up, click on the RTS and you can go through the prompts. I will have a thing here pretty soon on how to set that up. But for now I would like to get anybody & everybody here that is not registered on the RTS System, all I need is first name, last name & email address. It's verified through the system we have kiosk in the state capital in Phoenix & Tucson those are the only 2 kiosks for verification. You do not have to be an ABATE member to be on the RTS, all you have to be is a registered voter.

Runs/Events:

September 12th, 2023, Cycle Gear Bike Night 5385 E. Broadway Blvd. Tucson, Arizona 85711
from 5pm – 7pm.

September 16th, 2023, Down Biker 4th annual Fundraiser hosted by Sun Riders Clubhouse
7285 S. Cardinal Ave., Tucson, AZ 85745 10:00am-2:00pm Bike show, Kids games, Family Fun

Communications: I have an update on the emails, I been re-auditing all the chapters found about 80% of the people who either active single or joint members in the email system, but found that about 10% or more that do not have email addressed and another 10% that have the same email addresses, so it's got around 400 in there right now. I am going to be auditing East Valley which is huge & our Chapter, all others have been audited everything is in there as possible. We are getting close but that doesn't include businesses but all single & joint.

Board: We did have a board meeting talked about Too Broke a lot, there were a couple of things discussed but not set in stone. They kicked around moving Too Broke next year, I thought that was really bad idea. As a chapter Winslow has done gone way out of their way for us this year. We did talk about doing a survey online after Too Broke to find out everyone's stance on how the event was. The other thing we are doing sending to state for membership drive, we are trying to get 3500 members additional members. So they are going to be setting up a thing we made the motion to set up a committee to get this going.

Old Business: Gun Raffle will be done at end of meeting.

New Business: There is something going on with motorcycle insurance, they are going to change the way they do their coverage and how they do the repairs with used parts and a supervisor said they can't do that on motorcycles. Please check with your Motorcycle insurance policy, as they regulated by the state on what they cover. Read your Policy and make sure you have uninsured motorist on your vehicles, carry that especially on your car. In Arizona law, if you have it on one vehicle it covers you even if you're a pedestrian. So you got to look into how it is on your policy.

A motion was made for Rob Rogers to take over as Sgt at Arms Officer position, he will be taking over the remainder of the year, since we lost JD in April. All attended were in favor.

Gun Raffle was drawn and the winner is: Diana Cannon won the Ruger & Ammo.

Membership Drawing:

A total of \$32.00 was in the pot. Timothy Miller, name was pulled & donated back. Next Month will be \$41.00.

50/50 Pot: The winner was Rob Rogers for the amount \$47.00 donated back.

Motion to Adjourn:

Was made by ___Jim Butsback___ Seconded by ___Jeremy Krauss___ to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at ___11:00_am.

Next Meeting: August 19th, 2022 at Northwest Tucson Moose Lodge, 2660 W Ruthrauff Rd., Tucson, AZ 85705 Meeting starting at 10:00am.

Jeremy Kruass

Coordinator

Monica Byrne

Secretary