

ABATE of GA BOD Meeting Minutes – July 9, 2011

Tifton GA

Meeting was called to order by acting Sgt at arms Dave Woodruffe a little after 11:00. The pledge was said by all and CMA State Coordinator Mike Cook gave the invocation after which he introduced the new CMA Chair for ABATE Wade Warnock.

Minutes from the last meeting were read by Ned and approved.

Michael discussed Lake Tobesofkee on Sept. 9-11. He stated we need equipment for biker games, volunteers for various duties such as the gate, games, parking, etc. Trophies for the bike show were discussed, but not settled.

Bob reported we have 1,663 up to date members, down from 1,700, but some members have not renewed. He said he would discuss the membership form issue later.

Joey Brush gave a short report on the Motopac trailer. It is a 6 x 12 trailer and can be viewed at our leisure, since he pulled it here. Tickets are \$10 each and the drawing is January 1st. Districts may get their tickets to sell from him today.

Gary discussed our treasurer report by giving us a short synopsis of where we have been and where we are now. We have approximately \$4,000 in our account and our bills are up to date.

Linda told us about her trip out west and to the Beast of the East and stated we will be hosting the Beast of the East this next year.

Old Business included:

D-5 Elections being postponed until September. The vote was motioned and approved.

Permission was granted to re-open D-3.

There was a reading of the Amendments of Articles 4 and 6. Vote to approve was unanimous. A vote was passed to place Dr. Sue Duggan as Education Director.

Sue gave a short introduction and report of what has happened regarding education/information from other states, the meetings with the DOT and DDS, and the upcoming meeting with GOHS, the motorcycle safety program director, Scarlett Woods. Jim George stated he had 10 MSF videos of Intersection. He will get them to her.

Lake Tobesofkee's budget was approved.

BOD Minutes – After Lunch

1. Bob gave us the membership forms talk. He stated we have 1663 members. All D.C.'s and membership directors received an email about how to fill in the membership form. He went over how to fill in the form. He asked them to email the completed form and send in the money. When he receives the form he mails out pins and patches immediately.
2. Linda gave a background speech on the Georgia General assembly, the House of Representatives and the Senate. She asked each district to know who their representatives are. She then discussed the various bills that are and would be introduced into this Legislative year. These include the Right of Way Violators Bill, the Red Light Bill, an Anti-Discrimination Bill against profiling, and the Mandatory Motorcycle Safety Training Course Bill. Linda will work on language within the Anti-Discrimination bill and lean it away from profiling and more toward discrimination.
3. Joey Brush said we need to make an appointment with our representatives and state senators. We need to discuss how we feel about bills and motorcycle rights in general. Dan added he wants us to invite them to our District meetings.
Joey asked Linda to have our lawyer, Steve, to look at the mandatory motorcycle safety course wording because we don't require a person who drives a car to take a training course.

Linda closed her speech by explaining what we can do such as citizen lobbying and Legislative tasks calendar to enable us to get involved. She asked we share this info with all ABATE members. Linda also wants us to send her the names of the representatives and senators that belong to each District. She wants us to distribute voter registration forms at meetings, bike nights, events, etc.

4. Dan discussed the Sponsor or supporter sheet and explained how the page works. He asked us to spread the work and get businesses to sign up.
5. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.