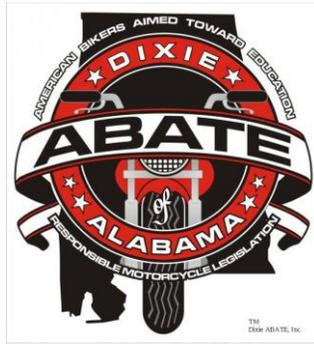


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MEETING NOTES: 2/6/16: Niki's West, Birmingham, AL

In attendance:

Steve Barclay
Myrtle Livingston
Nancy Garmon
Anita D. Holliday
Tommy Holliday
Jim Kush
Shane Coker
Matthew Schroeder
Garland Medlock
Ghost Johnson
Gene Powell
Kris Cook
Paul Walker (Rocket Harley-Davidson)

Matt skimmed the meeting notes from the last meeting (12/12/15, in Mobile.)

Kris gave a brief treasurer's report. Balances included \$1292.43 in the state account, \$397.56 in Paypal, and \$4,699.50 in the A&E.

Billboard contracts will be renewed with Lamar in the next month, which will take \$4K for billboard renewals in Birmingham and Mobile, and another \$2K if we want to put one over Huntsville. Montgomery can't take any more PSA's, so if we put one in Montgomery this year, it will cost the full \$4K. Lamar in Montgomery can do two digital bulletins from March 17th to April 16th to promote the Ride to the Capitol, for \$1,000.00. They would be bumpable just like our static billboards.

Kris to amend the 12/12/15 meeting notes to pick up the correct section in the bylaws to quote in reply to Tri-County proposal #3, which deals with removing an officer who is derelict in his or her duties.

We discussed where we stand on the autocycle issue, the wording of our dead red bill and who is sponsoring it (Randy Wood), and we reiterated the fact that we are not pushing for a skills test/riding course for all riders, when they renew their license with the M endorsement. That legislation only calls for someone getting their M endorsement for the first time to take a written test.

Gene reported on the Dead Red bill. It has come out of the legislative reference service. He did not have a bill number or a copy of the entire existing statute, 32-5A-32, but he had two pages of proposed changes to the existing statute. An insertion: Line 15, page 4: (5)a. Notwithstanding any other provision of

law or this section, if the driver of a motorcycle or bicycle has stopped pursuant to the instructions of a traffic-control signal and has a reasonable belief that the traffic-control signal is inoperative due to the lightweight design of his or her motorcycle or bicycle, the driver may disregard or disobey the instructions of the traffic-control signal and proceed through the intersection, provided both of the conditions apply:

1. There is no other motor vehicle within 500 feet approaching or entering the same intersection from a different road or highway, or from the same road or highway approaching or entering the intersection from the opposite direction.
2. The driver cautiously proceeds through the intersection with reasonable care and consideration for all other applicable rules of the road. Nothing in this subdivision shall afford the right of a driver to make a turn pursuant to subdivision (3)
 - b. A driver who acts or purports to act pursuant to this subdivision shall maintain the burden of proving that he or she acted in accordance with this subdivision. The driver's cause or proximate cause of an accident while acting or purporting to act pursuant to this subdivision shall be prima-facie evidence that the driver did not exercise the requisite level of caution, care, or consideration required for compliance with the law.
 - c. As used in this subdivision, the term "reasonable belief" means the belief of a reasonable person in consideration of the conditions of his or her stop, including, but not limited to, the number of seconds the person has been stopped or the number of signal changes he or she has observed of the traffic-control signal which did not include a change of instruction.

The bill has two sponsors: Victor Gaston, and Randy Wood. It should get on the floor pretty quickly, according to Gene. Gene will email all attendees the full copy of the existing statute with the proposed changes.

Larry went to Huntsville last month to teach drivers ed at high schools there. Larry lives in Mobile. We are looking for presenters in the Huntsville/North Alabama area. Jim plans to take schools in the Trussville area.

We discussed the auxiliary lighting issue.

We reiterated our position on the M endorsement legislation that was passed last year and a possible requirement for a skills evaluation for every rider renewing his or her license. While some of us may personally feel like it would be appropriate, we concede the political impossibility of pushing for this requirement. As a group, we acknowledged the fact that this legislation only requires a rider obtaining his or her M endorsement for the first time to take a written test. At some point in the future, if decided by a majority vote of members present at a state meeting, we may lobby for a riding test or proof of having passed a MSF-sanctioned riding class as a requirement for a new M endorsement. We anticipate existing M endorsement holders to be "grandfathered" for the foreseeable future.

Matt has secured a parade permit in Montgomery for April 16th. That will be the date of our 2016 Ride to the Capitol. We discussed using State Troopers for escorts. We have already secured two Montgomery Police Department escorts. Steve knows some state troopers that ride and might get us more escorts, or he might arrange for us to ride in to the staging spot on Atlanta Highway from further out, and that part of the ride could be escorted by the state troopers he knows. He is looking into it.

Ghost is going to set up at the Swap n Drags at Sand Mountain on 4/23/16.

The Noccalula Falls chapter is having a raffle. First prize is 2 nights in a beachfront condo, second prize is a Yeti cooler, and third prize is \$100 cash. Tickets are \$5.00 each. You do not have to be present to win. The drawing is May 16th. They have printed 2000 tickets.

We talked about ABATE's reputation statewide. Our reputation is suffering because of a lack of communication from the state board.

Kris to recheck the events calendar to make sure no Tri-County members' renewal dates are on it. If you find your name on the calendar and you do not want it there, please let Kris know so she can delete it.

We discussed our AIM/NCOM membership. We will work harder to show up at their meetings.

The next meeting is set: 2 PM on Saturday, April 2, at El Cerrito Mexican Restaurant, 2330 Cobbs Ford Service Road, Millbrook, AL 36054.