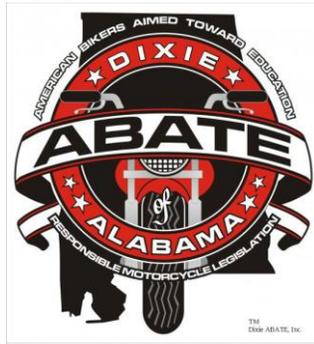


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MEETING NOTES: 8/6/16: Hickory Chip Restaurant, Clanton, AL

In attendance:

Kris Cook  
Steve Barclay  
Tommy Holliday  
Anita Holliday  
Garland Medlock  
Myrtle Livingston  
Shane Coker  
Kenny Click  
Matthew Schroeder  
Larry Lindsey  
Gene Powell

Meeting notes from the last meeting and a treasurer's report were passed around – each attendee got a copy. They were not read aloud.

We need to get our logo to Thumper for placement in Thunder Roads. Kris tried to email it on 8/14/16, but the server at thunderroadsalabama.com rejected the message, citing an invalid address.

Kris to scan the transaction details for the Fazekas renewal transfer to Myrtle and email to her.

KC moved to pay the initial Lamar bill for the artwork for the Huntsville billboard, and to transfer the remaining \$1500 out of the state account into the A&E to pay for the balance of the board. The cost will be \$2,000 in all. Larry seconded the motion – motion carried.

Matt suggested we have good-quality bumper stickers made, with our newest billboard design on them. The general outcome of the discussion was that people don't put bumper stickers on their cars much any more, so it wasn't such a good idea. We were going to have to sell them for at least \$3.00 each. People have come to expect us to give away things like that, but these were too expensive to give away.

Larry suggested we look into advertising on the side of buses. Kris to check with the Birmingham Transit Authority for prices.

We discussed what our legislative agenda should be for next year. After a great deal of discussion, we decided that we might do best to focus on membership and getting to know our legislators this year, and not push any particular agenda. The legislative session starts February 7<sup>th</sup> in 2017. We will have two or three legislative days. One of them will be March 8<sup>th</sup>. We'll ride to Montgomery and spend several hours hanging around the state house, passing out pamphlets. Any COC/Club members will be more than welcome to come with us.

Matt mentioned the MRF's call to action and passed out copies. From now until September 5, the U.S. Senate and House have adjourned and completed their commitments to the political conventions. They have now returned to their home states and districts. Now is a perfect time to schedule a meeting with your elected officials. When you talk to them, please ask them to add their names as co-sponsor for House Resolution 831, promoting awareness of motorcycle profiling and encouraging collaboration and communication between the motorcycle community and law enforcement officials to prevent instances of profiling.

Gene wants us all to meet our own legislators at home, in October, after the special session is over. Larry suggested we alert the entire membership when the time comes, so everyone can meet their own legislator and report back about how the conversation went. That way we can see how our coverage in the state is.

We discussed whether our annual Ride to the Capitol in late April does any good. Would a weekday be better? Worse for parking and the parade through town, but we can reserve the front part of the state house for a defined period of time, as long as we don't block the front door. It would get more attention on a weekday. We tabled this matter until the next meeting.

We are looking at the organizational documents again, to see if anything needs revision. Kris to make sure the latest rendition is up on the website.

Larry reminded us we can call A.I.M. if we get a citation. They provide free service.

We can take tax deductions for money we spend and mileage attending Dixie ABATE-related functions, under the A&E, which is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

All members should attend the MRF's Meeting of the Minds this year, in Oklahoma City, the last weekend in September. Here's one link: <https://motorcycleridersfoundation.wildapricot.org/event-2049772>

We want to remind our membership that if Alabama ever institutes a skills evaluation to earn an M endorsement, riders that already have the M will be grandfathered and will not have to take a skills evaluation. Details of the legislation are not known because it is not contemplated yet.

Larry Lindsey gave his education report, as follows:

On Friday, August 5, 2016, at Parks Crossing High School in Montgomery, the Share the Road with Motorcycles Learning Module was presented to the Montgomery Public Schools Driver Education teachers' in-service at the request of Alabama State Department of Education Assistant Director, Jeremy Seamon. After the presentation, the group discussed coordination of consecutive dates in November to have a presenter cover all the Montgomery public Driver Education programs. This would be ideal as we would be able to educate all the driver ed students in the city in an efficient manner in the first semester of the 2016-2017 school year. With that done, we would move to do the same for the course students in the second semester.

During the 2015-2016 school year, we were able to cover all the Baldwin County schools Fall and Spring, Satuma HS and Saraland HS in Mobile County both semesters, Grissom HS in Huntsville both semesters, Greenville HS Fall, Prattville HS Fall, Center Point HS in Birmingham both semesters.

Presenters, Ed 'JUju' Lessard, Kris Cook, and myself have been able to accomplish all the above. Additionally, Juju and his friend Bumpbump, presented the module at the annual Driver Education Conference at Gulf Shores HS in June 2016.

We are encouraged at ALSDE to strive toward the inclusion of STRWM into the state Driver Education Course of Study in 2018. If this is achieved, all Driver Education students in Alabama will be exposed to STRWM by their Driver Education teachers. These students will eventually become parents of Driver Education students

who will also experience STRWM. In this way, we foster a culture of safety. Add this to our bill board program and our legislative efforts and we will significantly improve the safety of motorcycling in Alabama.

We have trained groups of interested individuals as STRWM Presenters. Sadly, most of those have yet to actually present the learning module.

If you are interested in adopting your local Driver Education program, please contact Dixie ABATE of Alabama or call Larry Lindsey at 251.599.3454.

Next meeting: Shoney's in Clanton, 2 PM, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The address is 946 Lake Mitchell Road. Their phone number is 205-258-5347.