

**ABATE REGION 19 MINUTES**  
**MARCH 3, 2009**

Our meeting was called to order with the Pledge. We welcomed Dan Schrag and Matthew Walls, first time attendees to our meeting. A special presentation was made to Johnny Awesome for recruiting more new members for our region for the year. He was given an extended ABATE membership. Thanks Johnny for your hard work.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT – John advised that HB4028 is being presented shortly which will seek a higher PIP for people who ride without a helmet and further information will be given when available. On March 24<sup>th</sup> there will be a Legislative Day in Lansing. A new list of legislative contact information is available for members.

There has been a study done in Pennsylvania by the Center for Disease Control that is using distorted facts against helmet freedom. We need to study the report and ABATE will come out with a statement to refute. Members questioned with the closed head injuries, how many were licensed riders or non-licensed.

SECRETARY'S AND TREASURER'S REPORTS were approved as presented.

ACTIVITIES – Sylvia asked for volunteers to help plan the August 8<sup>th</sup> Poker Run. We will tentatively be meeting on April 25<sup>th</sup>. We need your input on ideas for our ride.

AMA – a new Federal law has been passed sponsored by the Consumers Product Safety Committee, that any new ATV or M/C can not be sold to any youth under age 12. This is having a great impact in the racing community. Members asked if this also was the case for riding on your own property and Vince did not know the answer. AMA will be providing additional information. The law is currently in effect.

Region 19 received a letter from Chad Dutmer of the Giant M/C Swap Meet thanking us for all of our help with Security at the past Swap Meet. Vince also thanked all of our members who volunteered to run this event as we had 27 volunteers. We will again be providing security for the Mach 29 Swap Meet in Novi and seeking volunteers for another great job. Kathy Lotz will be manning the ABATE booth.

**OTHER INFORMATION**

- Field Meet will be June 18-21 this year in Oil City
- April 19 Region 14 is having their Hell to Taxes Ride
- July 18 and 19 the Forgotten Eagle run will be held at Fort Wayne in Detroit. The funds raised will be equally divided between Michigan Veterans Fund and rebuilding the fort.
- Jerry Wilson is doing a new video show called The Average Guy.
- Sandi Stewart advised that the Relay for Life Fundraiser is being held on May 1<sup>st</sup> for the American Cancer Society. The event will be held at the Cool Jerk Comedy Club at 8:30 pm and ticket cost \$15

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