

CMT/ABATE –BOD –Sept 14, 2014

Bullet led pledge and Jack Jones led prayer

MOTION TO APPROVE June minutes by Upper Cumberland 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newspaper

**Director**-Insurance to cover members, need to renew; benefits up 3000. Letter from lawyer, judge ruled threw to out Lundwall's motion. State ride poker run books on last rodeo at smith Wilson.

**Asst. Director**-need more communication, we need humility! We things really well and really bad; need to get better! Update membership form to include: what options they want; e.g. shirt, pins, newsletter, etc. We as an organization need to look at things differently. New members to sign on with closest charter to their home then can change after initial form filled out and membership fee paid. Activities and membership director becomes one chair? Need to change direction we are going, if we fail still won't affect outcome on the direction we are going. Need to review how legislative representatives perceive CMT/ABATE. WE ARE NO GETTING STRONGER, LET'S MAKE A DECISION TODAY! Either we commit or quit this organization. Directors to take vote; at next BOD for charters to bring their votes back. This would be for a questionnaire/card to be given to non-members. (e.g. Members come to events; friends come in and are not members hand out information/form to become is given). Ruth spoke about what it takes to meet requirements to be a charter; e.g. poker run, rodeo, etc. State is slacking on requirements.

#### **Open Positions**

#### **Charter Reports**

**At Large** – email addresses are a problem, if you have same problems see Bette

**Caney Fork**-members working hard: Oct4th ride

**Dickson Humphreys/Hickman**- 88 members, half of what we had last year. Lost member, Mr. Louis to cancer. Jay Greedy /John Tidwell at next meeting. Shelia sick, Randy who donates meat to our events has cancer and doing a benefit ride.

#### **Keg County-**

**Knoxville-** dwindling charter

**Montgomery-** some 20 odd members each meeting; coming weekend table setup for BWC in Clarksville hopeful to gain more membership

**Music City-** no news is good news

**Nashville-** results of swap meet monies went into STR seed money; annual rodeo next weekend and poker run books. Made state sponsorship to state from monies

#### **Northeast-**

**Piney River-Dean)** spoke about charter, director diagnosed to cancer

Motion by TN Valley to close Piney River; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Smith/Wilson/Stones River, 15 votes yeah. Motion passed

**Robertson-** Memory Ride Oct 4<sup>th</sup>

**Smith/Wilson/Stones River-**next weekend last rodeo of year; Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> toy runs chili cook-off

**Sumner-** good time at STR

**TN Valley-**

**Upper Cumberland-** memory ride last month & wine run with TN Valley end of this month (Sept). Struggling with membership

**Wheels of Thunder-**Bash Oct 4<sup>th</sup>; membership issues, moved bash to Tipton Cty; 1 day event only

**Treasury report-**annual statement handed out; 5 years ago we were making money, leveled off some but now we are steadily going down. Need to cut expenses somewhere. I changed phone bill by - \$700.00 a yearly; moved it over to the cell phone. State office has to be moved by Dec 31<sup>st</sup>. Need to get out ASAP! If we can find a less expensive place for state office we need to do that by Oct. We are paying 350 a month now, Faith found a place for \$250. Internet runs \$60 a month. Phones now have "personal hotspot" is that an option? May electronically send out newsletter instead of mailing them! Need larger charters to figure out how to make more events/money for state. Can we move office to Dean's house, possible but want it centralized in Nashville area. Need to look at everything, need to look at paper quality, previous paper stock was cheaper. Maybe have to increase membership fee to supplement.

**Legislative-** Four things: Legislative retreat results were printed in last newsletter. May have to pursue bill from state for taking money out of safety fund, sent letters to governor and others. Memorial rides helmetless. Bills from last year we can bring back to floor. Hwy safety office, we had people go to these events and were treated very nicely, got to vote on what went into motorcycle safety this year. Police has been stopping for a DOT helmet sticker not being on back of helmet. State did agree to school all troopers on this, if rider is under the age of 21, you must have DOT helmet! Will put more in newspaper.

**Safety & Ed-** attended governor's safety meeting, talked about helmet law, boots and maybe getting grant.

**Membership-** N/A

**Newspaper-** only 6 charters sent email with their minutes. I can get quotes from my work vendors, can get cheaper costs for newsletter.

**Activities**

**Chaplain**

**NCOM/TNCOC-NCOM –**

**Office Manager-** office is closing need ideas on where to have office moved too.

**MRF-** Meeting of minds in 2 weeks; need another person to attend one of the 3 sessions. **Motion** to donate \$500 by state to send to MRF, by Montgomery county 2nd by At Large, motion carries. **Motion** by treasury (Bette) 2<sup>nd</sup> by Safety and Ed, to cover cost for travels of \$400; motion failed. **Motion** by Sumner for state to donate \$250/ 2<sup>nd</sup> Smith Wilson, carries

**Products-** Faith is doing reat on products, need more ideas, long sleeve with pockets? Bring ideas back from charters, I am open! Need coffee cups.

**Webmaster-** website is running good, revised site, to include; “membership”. 40% of people don’t have access to internet; Took system down because of login issues. Need agreement to put email address distribution list for everyone to use, not going to do because of potential proprietary information. Need to decide if BOD chairs want personal information printed and included on the website. Send changes to Carl (webmaster)

**PR Communications-**N/A-vote taken for PR position – see new business

**Old Business-**

**New business-** Elections: Legislative, vote no oppose; Safety&Ed vote no Oppose; MRF no oppose; no memberships; Newspaper, vote no oppose; Products, Faith; Activities-Carol Crowson running for position/ vote unanimous. Chaplain is Jack once again. NCOM, N/A. Office manager no oppose. Webmaster no oppose; At Large no oppose; PR/Communication- nomination of Angel Richardson, accepted by Angel. Discussion ensued, question asked: do you want to do this? So, end result is election ballot will be sent out at this meeting. *Break vote: Carol remains as PR/Communication chair.*

**Open Forum-** Carol Crowson mentioned that the rodeo is a points rodeo and are not open to NON-Members of CMT/ABATE; visitor had a problem but points go to them and not mandatory

Motion to adjourn by Tony 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dickson/Humphreys

Next BOD meeting to be Dec 14th