

08, March 2020  
Full Throttle Saloon, Old Hickory, Tennessee  
CMT/ABATE, Incorporated March 2020 State Board Meeting Minutes

Call to order at/about 1310 when quorum was estimated.  
Pledge at-Large Janice Smith (became Membership/at-Large later during meeting)  
Prayer Corporate Chaplain Jack Jones

Corporate Director Scott Smith asks Assistant Corporate Director Joel Jernigan to run the meeting.

Roll Call  
Executive Officers present:  
Corporate Director Scott Smith - present  
Assistant Corporate Director – Joel Jernigan - present  
Corporate Treasurer Bette Stewart - present  
Corporate Secretary J Robert Forbus – present  
Corporate Legislative Director Danny Youngs - absent

Committee Chairmen:  
Activities Mark Waters - present  
Sergeant-at-Arms David Marlin – absent  
Products - Open  
Safety & Awareness Carol Simpson – present  
Newsletter PR & Communications Shannon Gregory – present  
Membership/at-Large – Open (position filled later during meeting)

Chaplain:  
Chaplain Jack Jones - present

MRF Liaison:  
MRF Liaison Ed Domine – Present

Local Charters:  
Caney Fork – present  
Dickson Humphreys – present  
French Broad – present  
Montgomery – present  
Music City - present  
Nashville – present  
Robertson – present  
Smith Wilson Stones River – present  
Upper Cumberland - present  
Wheels of Thunder – present  
Sumner - present

Quorum established. Twenty (20) voting positions present.

Motion to approve December minutes. Motion by Dickson/Humphreys Poindexter and second by Newsletter Chair Shannon Gregory. Vote is 13 : 0 and motion carries.

### Elections – Corporate Treasurer

Nominee is the incumbent Corporate Treasurer Bette Stewart nominated by Safety & Awareness Carol Simpson and seconded by Sumner County Jeff.Hollins. The vote is 13 : 0 with some members abstaining.

### Corporate Director

Nominees are incumbent Corporate Director Scott Smith and French Broad Director Mark McCall. Safety & Education Chair Carol Simpson nominates Scott Smith and second is by Newsletter PR & Communications Chair Shannon Gregory. Dickson/Humphreys Poindexter nominates Mark McCall and second is by Upper Cumberland Lynne Greenwood. Mark McCall is recognized and presents Charter financial documents to the Corporate Treasurer, (\$412.08 in Local Charter Treasury) announces the French Broad Local Charter voted to dissolve the Charter and declined his nomination as a candidate for Corporate Director. The sole candidate is Corporate Director Scott Smith. The vote is 12 : 0 with some members abstaining.

### Corporate Board Reports

Assistant Corporate Director Joel Jernigan placed article in newsletter soliciting ways to build interest. Full Throttle Saloon will allow a membership table to be hosted during bike nights.

Treasurer Bette Stewart financial documents are on the table and we closed last year \$2,300.00 to the good. The New Year Kickoff Party had a gross of about \$1,900.00 with a cost of \$1,600.00. \$1,700.00 was received as membership renewals during January and the majority of these occurred at the party.

Motion by Carol Simpson to host 2021 New Year Kickoff Party at the same hotel and have Activities Chair Mark Waters make the arrangements. Second by Corporate Treasurer Bette Stewart. The vote is 13 : 00 and is unanimous.

Corporate Secretary J. Robert Forbus received email message from a group that calls itself “Middle Tennessee Motorcycle Summit” Suggestion to send small group of officers to a future meeting of this groups is suggested and approved. Corporate Secretary is approved to briefly discuss legislative event during the month of February 2020. We had a total of eight (08) people some to the event. We passed out a pair of chocolate motorcycles to each office. We did not push any helmet modification efforts but if someone brought up the matter, we did discuss it with them. We discussed our license plate Bill that was given to Representative John Crawford when we were there on opening day of session. This will be placed on an Omnibus Bill and we did lobby this matter. There is a Bill sponsored by Senator Sara Kyle (Memphis area) of that we became aware, and this Bill would raise penalties one (01) step in accidents involving a motorcycle and an automobile when the automobile driver is at fault. Motion to support this Bill made by Upper Cumberland Lynne Greenwood and seconded by Wheels of Thunder Bob Celmer. Bob spoke during discussion to furnish the background for this Bill. Fiscal note for the Bill is about \$70,000,000.00. Vote to support this Bill is 1 : 11 and the motion fails.

MRF Liaison Ed Domine – Federal motorcycle anti-profiling resolution. One-hundred-thirty-six (136) House members have signed this resolution.

Corporate Secretary J. Robert Forbus received a telephone call from past Corporate Director Wayne Shaub brought a Bill to my attention, and this Bill seeks to clarify the autocycle in Tennessee in regards to whether or not a helmet is required. During our February event we met the Bill sponsor who assured us that he would pull the Bill if detrimental amendments were attached.

We recently met with the Colonel and several ranking officers of the Tennessee Highway Patrol. Our mission was to determine the department's measures to avoid the profiling of motorcycle riders. A document describing their internal policy of zero bias was furnished at our request. Grass clippings on highways – not a single Trooper in the meeting recalled any issues with this matter in Tennessee.

#### Additional Board Election

(Interim) Corporate Membership/At-Large

The sole nominee is at-Large Janice Smith as interim Corporate Membership/at-Large Director to serve until the normal election cycle at the September 2020 State Board meeting. Nomination made by Assistant Corporate Director Joel Jernigan and seconded by PR& Communications Chair Shannon Gregory. The vote is 10 : 0 with one (01) sustain and the position is filled until September 2020.

Safety & Education Chair Carl Simpson - some stickers available to hand out. We have spent about \$5,000.00 from the Grant Fund for products and have about \$20,000.00 remaining.

Corporate Director Scott Smith discussed the specialty license plate effort and costs. Corporate Safety & Awareness Chair Carol Simpson made motion for every charter to assign one (01) person to a specialty plate committee by the June 2020 State Board meeting with a second by Corporate Activities Chair Mark Waters. The vote is 12 : 0 and the motion is unanimous

Corporate Secretary J. Robert Forbus - By-Laws discussion. The 2006 By-Laws are the ones in use but there is a 2009 set that has some differences regarding a required 40% contribution from Local Charter events versus a pledge system. A proposed change to the section of the By-Laws was distributed for discussion at the Local Charters.

Assistant Corporate Director described his recent productive visits to the General Assembly.

#### Old Business

None pending.

#### New Business

Corporate Safety & Awareness Carol Simpson follow-up to specialty plate programme.

#### Charter Reports

Caney Fork (TP son?) – Turkey shoot went well in spite if the recent storms.

Dickson-Humphreys Bub Davis – Nothing to present.

French Broad – Local Charter closed, no report.

Montgomery County Wally Baez – Nothing to present.

Music City Deadeye – Nothing to present.

Nashville Jack Jones – Issue at Bikini Beach caused a change of the Nashville Local Charter's meeting place to Full Throttle Saloon.

Robertson County Roland Verchota – STR planning.

Upper Cumberland Lynne Greenwood – Broomstick pool tournament and chili cookoff were successful.

Wheels of Thunder Bob Celmer – Safety grants to get the “Look Twice – Save a Life” programme to drivers of automobiles.

Sumner County Jeff Hollins – Swap meet in the works. Keith Hill passed away.

Robertson County Roland Verchota – Tojo Wilkinson passed away this morning.

Smith Wilson (Mark Waters) –

Motion to adjourn by Upper Cumberland Lynne Greenwood with a second by Sumner County Jeff Hollins. The vote is 10 : 0 and the motion is unanimous.