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CMT/ABATE –BOD September 9, 2012

Bullet led pledge and Jack Jones led prayer;

Motion by Bullet to approve the June Minutes; motion received a second; voting was unanimous "yea"

Open Positions

Legislative-Rhonda Williams-unopposed, voting was unanimous "yea"

Safety & Ed-Batman-unopposed, voting was unanimous "yea"

Membership-open position no applicants

Newspaper-Amy is resigning, need a new candidate before December BOD. Amy will continue to do the paper for two months; Rhonda suggested raising pay for position. No motion

Products-Faith-unopposed, voting was unanimous "yea"

Activities- Kevin Chapnick, unopposed, voting was unanimous "yea"; Kevin noted he will continue until the end of 2012, need a new candidate

Chaplain-Jack Jones, unopposed, voting was unanimous "yea"

NCOM/TNCOC-Angel, unopposed, voting was unanimous "yea"

Office Manager-Dean Lucas, unopposed, voting was unanimous "yea"

Webmaster-Bob Clement, unopposed, voting was unanimous "yea"

At Large-Johann, unopposed, voting was unanimous "yea"

PR/Communications, unopposed, voting was unanimous "yea"

Charter Reports

Buffalo River-Activities include the upcoming "Animal Poker Run" see flyer; monthly meeting location changes call before coming.

Caney Fork-Activities mentioned the Toy Run, Poker run, four (4) new members

Knoxville-Activities mentioned fund raiser at Papa Murphy's which made \$115 for the new charter, very good idea; any charter could do this to raise some money. AJ is now the charter secretary to take some of the burden off Angel. Charter is struggling but working at signing new members

Montgomery-Held second annual blood drive, Red Cross challenged to get 50 people to give blood, 75 showed up! Upcoming activities include the BWC Toy Run; a memorial booth will be at the end of the ride to remember the fallen of BWC at last year's run as well as others total of 8? Charter has 6 new members.

Music City-Changed location of monthly meetings to Slingshots; upcoming activity include a ride for a member with brain cancer, see fly or newspaper for details

Nashville-Monthly charter meetings to be held at same location but moved to a different night, Tuesday instead of Sunday; also mentioned the low attendance at STR

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Robertson-Activities include the annual Memorial Ride on Nov 5th which benefits the "Downed Biker Fund", also Marlin puts on an annual "Old Time Fiddle contest, flyer available on the 23rd of September. There will also be a dedication of a Confederate Veterans memorial on the courthouse lawn of the square in Springfield.

Smith/Wilson- Held the bike rodeo this weekend and the weather cleared up and had a great time. Upcoming activities are the Robin Long memorial ride Sept 22nd (changed from original date), also Oct 7th we will be doing the Ronald McDonald ride.

Stone River-Helped with the Smith/Wilson Rodeo; investigating several ROW violations where there has been no charges in several accidents. Gathering data & investigating a way to get charges, Carol asked if charter had contacted the AMA (Emory), charter had talked to them. The local DA suggested coordinating with victim witness; charter has several more organizations to meet with.

Sumner-Mark asked that everyone support the bartenders at the VFW since they offer this meeting room at a great price. Charter supported Courtney Rogers and she did win the election; charter will support the Robertson Memorial ride, Dec 1st is Sumner annual food drive and Christmas dinner, bring a nonperishable food item with you to ride this supports the local Vietnam Vets.

TN Valley-Held a motorcycle safety ride which worked out well, charter is financially stable. Recent event of interest was the charter raffled off a gun and made \$1200; legality of selling the gun was taken care of by buying a gift card to Sports Academy. Meeting for charter changes constantly, call before you come.

Upper Cumberland- charter has 33 members; Rep Keasly rode with charter in our event this summer. Wine tour is Sept 30th, fund raiser @ Rep Keasly house Sept 22nd; charter has Pickett/Clay county Look Twice Save a Life signs up!

Wheels of Thunder-Safety Ride raised \$700 for more road signs; there are 50 Look Twice signs up in Shelby County, still working on Memphis City; charters annual Freedom Bash is this coming weekend

Director- no report

Asst. Director-Since there isn't a Membership rep for state each charter should send out either a card to remind members (new or old) or call them. STR lost large amount of money this year; this supports the state, all of Robertson Charters earnings from STR was always given to the state. We need a new way to raise money.

Treasury report- Bette had report available on the table for anyone wanting a copy; the most expensive cost for the state is the newspaper she reported it cost \$1000 to send out hard copies to every member. The poker run book does make some money for the state, event ends on Oct 6th at the DHH charter, they also sponsor this event. Comment was made that used to have an ad in the newsletter for advertising a person's business card but was not there anymore, due to lower membership and the STR losing money there will not be as much on pledges. Discussed raising membership dues, also stop

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sending the hard copy newsletter which would save \$12K a year. Dean asked if anyone wanted to make a motion. Rhonda mentioned that Thunder Roads could print it cheaper and will get the quote to state.

Motion by Jack Jones 2nd by Kevin- increases the cost of regular membership to \$35

Discussion: Mark spoke about raising membership would not increase profit by state any. Marlin likes idea of additional membership fee if member chooses to receive the newsletter by mail.

Amendment to the motion by Rhonda to add a box on the membership forms if they do not want an electronic copy only of the paper.

Vote called by Dean; yea votes 4; Motion fails

Motion by Marlin(Carol orginated motion but was not able to make a motion) 2nd by Angel -Send lifetime members notice if they or not they want a hard copy of newsletter they need to send the state \$10 a year.

Discussion: Yog said we had same discussion last year and increased membership cost. Angel asked Bette what if any price breaks was available, Bette clarified cost of printing.

Vote called; 6 "yea", 11 "nay"; Motion fails

Motion by Marlin 2nd by Montgomery Director-Send notice to all members if they want a hardcopy newsletter it will cost \$5 for full/lifetime members effective January 1, 2013

Discussion: Is this changing the membership; no. Jeff Hollins says we need a committee to review and bring back to the BOD in December.

Marlin called the question; 12 "yea", 8 "nay"; motion passes

Motion by Jeff 2nd by Marlin-Form a committee to review cost of \$5 increase of the newsletter (passed in previous motion), committee will conclude at the December BOD

Discussion: Committee is open to anyone, let Jeff know if interested; Jeff to chair committee, BOD will act upon decision at the Dec BOD

Question called, 9 "yea", 8 "nay"; motion passes

Legislative- Rhonda handed out legislative information to everyone; charters need to support representatives in their areas now it isn't that long till early voting starts. Legislative retreat will be Dec 8th & 9th Saturday before BOD meeting.

Motion by Rhonda 2nd by Yog-Need a second lobbyist; cost is \$190 for Tony Dobbs

Question called, 19 "yea", unanimous; motion passes

MRF-Meeting of the Minds, bring check for \$1 for each member to MRF

Motion by Johann 2nd by Faith- State to make a donation of \$700 to MRF; check to be delivered to Meeting of the Minds.

Question called, 19 "yea", unanimous, motion passes

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Meeting of Minds is in Durham NC, cost \$99 a room, Sept 20th, Thursday – Saturday. Need \$1200 have \$400 which leaves \$800 dollars needed; Dean donated \$100, Johann \$100, Sumner \$100, Hemphill's \$100 still need \$400.

Motion by Batman 2nd by Alicia-State to donate remaining \$400 for Meeting of the Minds

Question called, 16 "yea"; motion passes

Safety & Ed- There were 697 fatalities on TN roads this year (all vehicles) last year 93 motorcycle deaths; this year 100. Attended a round table with John Milleken of the TN Safety Dept. meeting was very interesting and informative.

Motion by Batman 2nd by Rhonda-Apply to the Dept. of Safety for 2013-2014 grant for Safety and Ed

Question called, 19 "yea"; unanimous; motion passes

Johann spoke on financing of the 2012 grant (spreadsheet available), Carol spoke on events done throughout the year with the grant, and request members to send any ideas for next year's grant money to her before end of year. The grant will pay for Batman to go to Motorcycle Safety course.

Membership-Trophy for membership was won by Montgomery charter this is the 13th quarter for doing this award based on total membership.

Motion by Bette to change the way the membership award is done; Motion withdrawn by Bette.

Products-Faith needs orders for the denim shirts shown at the June BOD, Attended the STR and made \$105

Activities-Kevin requested help at the DHH rodeo and Poker Run book finale on Oct 6th. The 2013 calendar will be set at noon before the Dec BOD.

Chaplain-nothing to report

NCOM/TNCOC-NCOM is still formulating the anti-profiling bill and is structuring some new committees. I have asked members of the TNCOC if they could designate a legislative representee from each M/C to assist with legislative communication. Note: Hidden in the new federal health care bill is a tax on home sales starting in 2013 and it is taxed by income. This was not disclosed to the general public so if you (or anyone you know) are selling a home, they need to know this.

The TNCOC sends their appreciation to CMT/ABATE for our support against discrimination by not accepting advertising from any business that discriminates against bikers. The attorneys are in discussions with legislative attorneys on the Silverado's matter that was discussed at the June meeting and a solution may be available by the end of this year. Just let the attorneys handle the matter. I recognize that funding for CMT/ABATE is minimal at this time and I will not submit any receipts for any gas expenditures unless absolutely necessary.

Webmaster-The new "markup" website is available for viewing; need a decision at the Dec BOD to either approve it or not. Discussion on cost of updating pages on new website; the website will be east to update by individual chairs. People will need to input data or the website will not work. Send email changes to Bob Celmer for charter monthly meetings.

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Motion by Bob Celmer 2nd – Need \$800 for work on website which is 80% of work done. \$200 after website is approved

Question called, 16 “yea”; motion passes

At Large-Johann stated only 6 members, hope they all went to county charters

PR Communications-Question asked if State should put out an email for the incident that happened at STR; the Harold Citizen has full story, several voiced concern that we owe the organizations members facts on any incident that involves CMT/ABATE name. Johann had manual updates for charter directors to take back to monthly meetings asked that either a Yea or Nay be made by the Dec BOD meeting.

Open Forum-Wendell asked about a wreck involving a motorcycle on 65, no one knew who it was.. Faith asked that if any charter requests state products at a charity event she be given at least 2 weeks’ notice, cannot do all of them but will send some products.

Motion to adjourn by Alicia 2nd by Carl