

ABATE of AZ East Valley Chapter 8/18/24 Meeting Minutes
Location American Legion Post 138(107 E. Broadway Rd, Tempe)

1. Call to Order
 1. Sergeant at Arms. Meeting call to order time: **10:01**
 2. Pledge of allegiance, moment of silence and remembrance.
 3. ABATE of Arizona, Inc. mission statement: ***We will lobby and educate the government and the general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image. We will endeavor to enlist the cooperation and participation of all organizations and individuals who share a similar interest in preserving our American tradition of FREEDOM. We will involve ourselves in fund raising to achieve our goal.***
2. Welcome guests, current members, and new members to the East Valley Chapter.
3. Reading of previous meeting minutes by Secretary: motion to waive reading of minutes **by Kathy S, Second by Cliff P. Approved.**
4. Treasurer's Report: Laura Hershey **\$3839.02**
5. Political Action Report -Gary Crawford -not present
6. Merchandise report – Position Vacant – we still have membership stickers(\$3) available.
7. Safety Officer's Report: Matthew Reemelin
8. Runs and Events – Position Vacant
9. Membership Report: Joe Silk
201 : Total Members(last month, 206) need help calling the expired members.
10. Old Business
 1. Join the call to action email/mobile list for AZ Free Enterprise club, email April@azfree.org with your name and mobile # if you want text calls to action. They will use your email address you sent the email from unless otherwise stated. Let her know you are from ABATE.AZ. They can also sign you up into the RTS system.
 2. Betsy Newkirk is the Masterlink Editor. If you have an article or something you would like included in the Masterlink, please email her at: themasterlink@abateofaz.org or MstrLnk@yahoo.com. All business members can submit annual business member spotlight article. Don't know how to write it, Betsy can help you! Article due by the 15th of each month.
 3. Submit your ideas for group or membership activities – submit via email and will post to FB or email group list. Tentatively planning a business member renewal presentation to Dirty Dogg Saloon this week or next.
 4. Any contributions to Post 138's new location is appreciated. They are looking for an accordion type sliding door to close off the meeting room area.
 5. Email on 6/4 from Mike Infanzon – please respond: He is putting together an e-book on Grassroots Advocacy for Motorcyclists to be published by ABATE of Arizona. *Need a few success stories to include in the book. The book has a section where there are highlights of the stories of ABATE members who have successfully advocated for motorcycle rights.*
11. New Business

1. Too Broke for Sturgis Rally tentative schedule is July 11-15 in the cool pines of Parks/Williams Arizona. Looking for members to help out with next year's event committee **Looking at Camp Raymond. Let Joe know if you are interested in being on the committee,**
2. Hard Ass Run – Rick Ferguson will be the lead organizer. He will need the help of membership to plan and organize the event. Involves establishing a day/date, coordinating date with ACMC, planning a route(300miles or more), planning the stops, obtaining sponsors, advertising on social media, and conducting end stop activities. This is not a group led ride. It is also advertised as a donation to ride. Ride should start and or end from one of ABATE's business members. **Run in March sometime**
3. Membership booth at ALR 2 on September 28th from 10a.m. til 3. We will have an inside table. **Scorpion Harley at Roadhouse**
4. Motorcycle Awareness classes scheduled for Oct 14th, 21st, and 28th. Working on adding Desert Ridge, Poston Butte HS, Chandler, and Flagstaff HS. We lost two schools due to class cancellations.
5. Discussion: donate funds for Post 138's purchase of a TV monitor that can be used for meeting room presentations. Motion required. **Donations of tvs from various members discussed.**
6. **Bowling vs Phoenix Chapter- October 13 somewhere in the West Valley proposed by Phoenix chapter.**
7. **Board Update: Rick Ferguson:**
 - i. **ABATE Membership meeting- Nov 16 5-8pm get a room at the hotel. More information to come out.**
 - ii. **Reinstated as 503c organization.**
 - iii. **Project 25- charged to grow the membership to 2500**
12. Guest Speaker: Rick Sidoti - briefly talk about the importance of the membership AD&D certificates
13. 50/50 drawing **\$23 -Garrick**
14. Motion to Adjourn **11:12**