

ABATE of AZ East Valley Chapter 6/16/24 Meeting Minutes  
Location American Legion Post 138 107 E Broadway Rd, Tempe, AZ 85282

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. **JW Siegel and Ky Sisson**
3. Reading of previous meeting minutes by Secretary: motion to waive reading of minutes by **Matt R, 2nd by Paula B, Accepted.**
4. Treasurer's Report: Laura Hershey **\$3159.02 current. Still need to pay for TBFS items. Need to pay for table and chairs as agreed upon.**
5. Political Action Report -Gary Crawford **Education as part of bill. Covered bill law is in being discussed in session**
6. Merchandise report – Position Vacant – we still have membership stickers(\$3) and some mens and women shirts available.
7. Safety Officer's Report: Matthew Reemelin (his notes)
  - i. **Hydrated Hydrated Hydrated and stay Cool**
  - ii. **Water Water Water**
  - iii. **Liquid IV**
  - iv. **GATORADE**
  - v. **PICKLE JUICE**
  - vi. **Stay cool**
  - vii. **Cooling vests**
  - viii. **Long sleeves cover**
  - ix. **So just for statistics**
  - x. **Leather is better than tank tops**
  - xi. **How do you stay Cool?**
8. Runs and Events – Position Vacant
9. Membership Report: Joe Silk(This is East Valley Chapter's 37<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary!) -**started by Redbone, Cosby & Shorty**  
**203 : Total Members(last month, 207) 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](mailto: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](http://ABATE.AZ). They can also sign you up into the RTS system.

2. Too Broke for Sturgis Rally – June 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>. Winslow This is ABATE's annual fundraiser which helps cover the costs for our various lobbying and other expenses. Please indicate your intent to volunteer. Need help with the games, the bike show, and security. This year everyone pays admission – a two hour shift is required for the volunteers. Site: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4FAEAF2CA1FAC52-2022>
3. 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](mailto:themasterlink@abateofaz.org) or [MstrLnk@yahoo.com](mailto:MstrLnk@yahoo.com)
4. Submit your ideas for group or membership activities – submit via email and will post to FB or email group list.
5. Motorcycle Awareness Program: Will resume presentations at Mesa HS's around end of October 2024. If you have another classroom or other presentation opportunity please advise. **7 schools in East Valley**
6. Membership booth schedule. Please look at every riding group website or facebook site for additional booth opportunities.
7. Membership and Lane Filtering – please share the QR code that directs to the on-line presentation. The more riders/car drivers who are aware will benefit the filtering law.

#### 11. New Business

1. Visit Post 138's new location after meeting. The new location is at: 1264 W University Dr, Mesa, AZ 85201-5450.
2. Rick Ferguson will not have a group campsite at this year's Too Broke Rally – discussion: create a group activity(rides, visit downtown, take group pic in front of the “corner”, participate in people games(nominate Jim Silk for tug of war contest's anchor position),...etc.
3. 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. These profiles showcase their dedication, strategies, and the impact of their efforts. For example, If you had a good conversation with your legislator on a bill that passed, city council members, etc. If you regularly stay in contact with your elected officials, I want that also. It doesn't have to be long, just a paragraph or two to showcase how effective people can be.* Not sure what he is asking for lets discuss. Some examples are the MAP program, membership booth opportunities, etc. A case study is an in-depth detailed examination of a particular issue within a real-world context. So, in other words, a few paragraphs explaining in detail how the MAP utilized grassroots advocacy in the curriculum.

4. Guest Speaker: Ky Sisson - Aging and Awesome Medicare **passed out cards for more info**
12. Motion to Adjourn **by Betsy N, Seconded by Paula B. Agreed. 11:01**