

LIBERTY ABATE NEWS

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By Joel Wannemacher State Board/Legislative officer Liberty Chapter and AbatePac trustee

Hello Liberty! We have almost made it through another year, filled with challenges, some new and some old. But with all that is going on out there in the world of motorcycle rights, ABATE of IL has been there, fighting the good fight, because of the support of YOU! the members, for without you there would be no ABATE and the world of motorcycling would look very different today.

At the last monthly meeting at the Mattoon Moose, we had our yearly elections. A big Thank You to all who served as officers for the last year, and for all the membership that showed up to vote. Also a special mention to Genni and Brian Reed and James Hildebrand for stepping up and running for office. So here are your officers for 2022.

President- Henry Magee

Vice President- Dennis Arnold

Secretary- Honey Arnold

Treasurer- Carol Wannemacher

Safety and Ed- Carey Paxton

Membership- Cathy Curl

Newsletter- Joel Wannemacher

Public relations/webmaster- Dan Hines

Sgt at arms- Genni and Brian Reed

Activities- Genni Reed and James Hildebrand

You might notice that there is no products officer listed, this office is unfilled as of now. If you have an interest in serving as products officer, simply contact the President or volunteer at the next meeting.

Also at the last meeting a plaque was presented to Cole and Pat Brunson, honoring Mike "Griff" Brunson, who we lost to cancer. You may know Griff for his antique bike restorations, or you may know him for his pioneering work in fighting for Biker's Rights by being one of the founding fathers of our Liberty Chapter. As long as Liberty endures, his memory will live on.

State Board News- Your Board of Directors met in Springfield on the 11th, here are the highlights- elections, some new faces volunteered to serve including Scott Carter from Ten Mile Creek chapter as assistant state coordinator, Sonya Ann Nunn-Link as newsletter officer, and serving as co coordinator for the east central region is Squirrel and Mouse. A big Thank You to all those who have served in 2021 and who volunteered their time to serve in the coming year. The dedication of those serving in these offices is outstanding, and a thanks is their only pay, along with knowing that every person riding on two or three wheels benefits by their work.

Other topics covered included a contract for our new lobbyist, webmaster contract, and appointments to the PAC and MRF. An unusual development on the side of legislative was a vote to join the USAIT (US Alliance against Illegal Trade). This is a political group that includes associations from the police, truckers, retail, and beverage industries. It was felt that association with USAIT would be good for political connections and possible sponsorship opportunities. And cost nothing to join.