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**Arizona Motorcycle Safety Advisory Council (AMSAC)  
Meeting Minutes  
April 29, 2015**

A public meeting of the Arizona Motorcycle Safety Advisory Council (AMSAC) was convened on Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at 3030 N. Central Avenue, Suite 1550, Phoenix, Arizona, 85012, in the GOHS Conference Room.

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Mick Degn, AMSAC Chairman, at 10:35 a.m.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Mick Degn, AMSAC Chairman  
Commander Joe Klima, AMSAC Member  
Mr. Dick Studdard, AMSAC Member

*After 2015 AMSAC Chairman and AMSAC Vice Chairman Election*

Commander Joe Klima, AMSAC Chairman  
Mr. Mick Degn, AMSAC Vice Chairman  
Mr. Dick Studdard, AMSAC Member (Telephonically)

Quorum with 3 present.

**LEGAL COUNSEL:**

Arizona Assistant Attorney General Brian Schneider is in attendance.

**AMSAC COUNCIL 2015 ELECTION:**

Mr. Mick Degn, AMSAC Chairman, motions to nominate Commander Joe Klima, AMSAC Member to AMSAC Chairman of the AMSAC Council. Mr. Dick Studdard, AMSAC Member, second's motion. All in favor, it is approved electing Commander Joe Klima to AMSAC Chairman.

Commander Joe Klima, newly appointed AMSAC Chairman, nominates Mr. Mick Degn as AMSAC Vice Chairman to AMSAC Council. Mr. Dick Studdard, second's motion. All in favor, it is approved electing Mr. Mick Degn to AMSAC Vice Chairman.

**MEETING MINUTES:**

Motion by Commander Joe Klima, AMSAC Chairman, to approve the minutes from November 19, 2014. Second motion by Mr. Mick Degn, AMSAC Vice Chairman. All in favor, minutes approved by Commander Klima.

**WELCOME & UPDATE & LEGISLATIVE ISSUES:**

GOHS Director Alberto Gutier advises AMSAC Council the 10 year motorcycle registration bill did not pass in the legislature.

Director Gutier advises AMSAC Council about Agency's have been providing motorcycle safety training throughout this federal fiscal year. Also, providing an example of a billboard awareness safety campaign's that Peoria Police Department is running for the Month of May.

**BUDGET UPDATE:**

GOHS Director Gutier provides fiscal overview on AMSAC budget.

**STOCK ITEMS INVENTORY:**

Director Gutier advises AMSAC Council that AMSAC inventory has over 9,000 cling-on's remaining in stock. Director Gutier and Commander Klima agree to continue stocking pencils and key-chains. Director Gutier advises AMSAC Council that around 10,000 tri-fold brochures have been printed.

**PUBLIC SAFETY DAYS AT THE FAIR – OCTOBER 24-25, 2015:**

Director Gutier advises AMSAC Council that the upcoming GOHS Public Safety Days at the State Fair is scheduled for October 24-25, 2015. There will be a booth reserved for the AMSAC Council.

**SMSA MEETING UPDATE, BALTIMORE MD – OCTOBER 7-10, 2015:**

The upcoming State Motorcycle Safety Administration – SMSA Conference is scheduled for October 7-10, 2015 to be held in Baltimore, Maryland.

Mr. Mick Degn, AMSAC Vice Chairman attended last year's SMSA Conference, in addition to presenting at the SMSA Conference.

AMSAC Council discusses sending a representative to attend SMSA Conference. AMSAC Chairman Commander Klima advises to place this discussion onto the next AMSAC agenda items to appoint a representative.

**AMSAF / GOHS / AMSAC MOTORCYCLE TRAINING GRANT UPDATE:**

AMSAC Vice Chairman Mick Degn provides update to AMSAC Council and GOHS Director on the Arizona Motorcycle Safety & Awareness Foundation – AMSAF scholarship program. Mr. Degn provides GOHS with a quarterly report on progress of the motorcycle education scholarship program. There are currently 8 motorcycle schools within Arizona that the scholarship program approves to teach the basic rider course; which includes, class and course training. The benefit of the scholarships is to reduce motorcycle fatalities and educate the community of motorcycle riders. The demand for scholarships is high. AMSAF is capturing a variety of data to support the effectiveness of the program.

**SHSP MOTORCYCLE EMPHASIS AREA UPDATE:**

AMSAC Council and Director Gutier discuss the State Highway Safety Plan – SHSP. Mr. Degn advises AMSAC Council that the SHSP, in reference to motorcycle safety, has an emphasis on reducing fatalities by 5%.

Director Gutier advises that motorcycle fatalities in Arizona are up. Also, that the primary causes for fatalities are listed as follows:

- 1) Speed and Aggressive driving
- 2) Impaired driving
- 3) Child Safety Seats / Occupant Protection
- 4) Motorcycles

**UPCOMING EVENTS – MAY MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH:**

Director Gutier advises AMSAC Council that there will be a proclamation by Governor Doug Ducey on the upcoming May Motorcycle Awareness Month.

**SET TIME, PLACE AND AGENDA FOR NEXT AMSAC MEETING:**

AMSAC Council plans to coordinate with GOHS Executive Admin Mari Hembeck, by email, scheduling the next AMSAC Council meeting.

Suggested agenda items for next AMSAC meeting are as follows:

- Discuss priorities AMSAC Council proposed budget
  - State Motorcycle Safety Administration (SMSA) Conference
  - Awareness advertising
  - Training
- Designating someone to attend/represent Arizona at the upcoming State Motorcycle Safety Administration (SMSA) Conference in Baltimore, Maryland in October 7-10, 2015
- Approving New AMSAC Members

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

Public discussion highlights are as follows:

- 1) John Dreyfus, Arizona Confederate of Motorcycle Clubs
  - Discusses AMSAC Council legislative deadline recently approaching
  - Discusses MRF Representative conducting research on motorcycle collisions in other states
  - Inquires about Arizona Motor Vehicle Division considering opening on Saturday's

**CALL TO ADJOURN:**

AMSAC Chairman Commander Joe Klima motions to adjourn meeting. AMSAC Member Dick Studdard seconds motion. All in Favor. Meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.