

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

I want to thank Peace River for going out of their way to host our February state meeting. They did a great job with hardly any time to prepare. Your chapter showed what can be accomplished by working together. All chapters are a part of the whole organization subject to the same rules as everyone else. ABATE appreciates the dedication and hard work that most of you do but then we have the few who like to complain, to either hear themselves talk or are misinformed by someone who is in their ear. We all are in this for our freedom of the road and to protect our rights. If you don't want to do that then this isn't the organization for you. There are many organizations out there who would love to have people who only believe in charity or would like you to join their club.

As this is written there is a bill in the legislature that will punish people who run over vulnerable road users like us. There is also a substantial amount of money in the budget for motorcycle safety. Last year the Governor vetoed it but this year I had a long conversation with his office and we will see if that gets the money through.

ABATE of Florida, Inc. is the only motorcycle rights organization that lobbies the state legislature here in Florida. We also lobby our congressmen and women along with our two senators on legislation in the nation's capitol. We are dedicated to freedom of the road and fight for all motorcyclists even the ones who don't support us. EVERY motorcyclist either a sport bike rider, cruiser rider or a club member should say thank you to every ABATE member for protecting their rights.

Our next meeting will be hosted by the Brevard Chapter and hope to see you there. Until then "Ride Safe and Free" and thank an ABATE member for keeping it that way.

*Doc*

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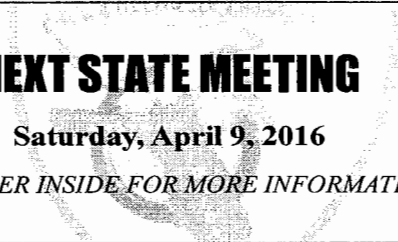
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**NEXT STATE MEETING**

**Saturday, April 9, 2016**

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## **ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. Delegate Meeting Hosted by: Peace River Chapter Saturday February 13, 2016**

CALLED TO ORDER AT: 2:04 pm by President James "Doc" Reichenbach followed by the pledge of allegiance and moment of silence for brothers and sisters lost. Present were: President James "Doc" Reichenbach II, Treasurer Patti Nasrallah, Secretary Shelly Johnston, Sargent-at-Arms TJ Painter, Membership Grace Lord, Products Steve Knee, Legislative Darrin "Scribe" Brooks, MasterLink Bob Alexander, State Office Elizabeth "Boots" Buchholz, Asst. Sargent- at-Arms Marcus Hotelling. Excused absences: PR/Communications SaraBeth Kohl, Website Dan "Slo Mo" Henderson, Legal Larry Crow; Asst. Products Sherry Ward. Vice President Dennis "Mudder" Rudoi has resigned. Safety Director position is vacant.

### **DELEGATE REPRESENTATIVES:**

Alachua-Jim Burrow  
 Black Creek- Rose Enman, Herb Hilderbrand  
 Brevard-Excused  
 Daytona Beach-Ken Holland, Ron Kravets  
 Duval-Dawn Avery, Nan Borenstein  
 Estero River-Victor Piorkowski, Kenny Winstead  
 First Coast-Barry Sing Sr.  
 Forest-JudyAnn Antonio, Paul Antonio  
 Freedom-Benica Fox, Geneva Schneider  
 Gator Alley-John Stevens, Jon Reinbold  
 Gulf Coast-Brandy Westerfield, Danny Dell  
 Hillsborough-Charles Dotterer  
 Inerstate-Dale Moore, Brenda Lee Moore

Lake County-Vera Deaver, Will "Grizz" Deaver  
 Lighthouse-Doug Tungate, Zeke Shoemaker  
 Palm Beach-Kenneth Gerecke, Deborah Hamby  
 Peace River-Bill Bird, Bill Neal  
 Polk County-John McDermott, Dewey Cain  
 Seminole County-Sally Carroll, Jack Battista  
 Southeast-Harry Ness, William Prewitt  
 Southernmost-Sandy MacLaren, Sanford Wagner  
 Southwest-Moe Moser, Carl Nelson  
 Treasure Coast-Steve Kliemisch, Louise Marzorati  
 Vintage-Monica Maag, Charles Johnston  
 West Coast-Victor McDonald, Tom Woodgeard

**PRESIDENT Doc Reichenbach:** Vice President of ABATE of Florida, Inc. Dennis "Mudder" Rudoi has resigned. He needs to devote his time to his family. Doc has not filled the position and would rather keep it open until elections. In December a by-law change went through without having it go back to the chapters. As of right now the by-law change from December is null and void. Doc had numerous calls. Jim said we've been doing this several times and the only difference in this one was the \$300 at which Doc stopped him and said because it was different it had to go back to the chapters for vote.

### **VICE PRESIDENT: Resigned**

**SECRETARY Shelly Johnston:** No corrections to minutes from December State meeting. Motion to accept minutes as published was made by Dale (Inerstate), seconded by Bill (Peace River) and carried.

**TREASURER Patti Nasrallah:** Started out by saying to chapters: make a donation to State. Look at balance sheet for total assets. We are living checkbook to checkbook. Next month we will be paying out the Bike Week drawing ticket winners. Chapters have only paid half of the amount of our yearly liability insurance. If you times \$10,000 times ten years, that is what State has paid to make up the difference. Question was posed on how we were going to pay the lobbyist. Patti explained that monthly income from the chapters usually covers it. Question was also asked why does the lobbyist contract end in November 2016. Contract ends in June but we are still paying until November. Sales tax is not income to State. We still have one more insurance payment. Ticket sales have declined since the first year, this year was even harder to sell tickets. Some chapters have made donations to State to help with

expenses. Hillsborough pays for the State Treasurer's expenses to meetings. Gulf Coast contributes each month, Alachua and Southwest donated a percentage of their bank balance and Treasure Coast and Southeast each gave sizable checks. Motion to accept Treasurer's report made by Grizz (Lake County) seconded by Dale (Inerstate) and carried. Thanks to Alachua, Gulf Coast, Southwest, Southeast and Treasure Coast for their donations to State.

At this point a comment was made that we have two weeks' worth of operating income and that it was no way to run a business. Doc responded that no one wanted to work the campground so it folded. The lobbyist is necessary. The helmet law was passed by the efforts of the lobbyist. There are some states that all chapter money goes to the state organization. Many BOD members pay their own way. The brotherhood/sisterhood has gone out of ABATE. Last time we asked members to call their legislators only 20 people called. The books have always been open for anyone who wants to look at them. Patti said read the financial report, compare expense and income. We received \$375 for event insurance but spent \$3,000. ABATE has accomplished a lot over the years, raised a lot of safety money to buy and distribute safety products and heightened awareness of motorcycles.

**SARGENT-AT-ARMS TJ Painter:** Some chapters still need to hand in their inventories. We need them to get our taxes done. Spoke to someone at Sun Pass told him the Turnpike Authority was looking into cutting prices and making motorcycles free during high impact times. The turnpike cannot lower price without the approval of the Secretary of Transportation.

**STATE OFFICE Ms. Boots:** IAll tickets and money must be turned in today. Make sure she gets officer updates and that email addresses are correct, especially for chapter presidents. She will have garage sale items such as TVs and an internet fax machine. Trailer registrations should be coming in the mail if chapter addresses are right.

**MEMBERSHIP Grace Lord:** Most new members from November was West Coast, December was Gulf Coast. Highest percentage of growth for November was First coast, December was Southwest. Life cards went to Black Creek, Brevard, Daytona, Estero River, Gulf Coast, Lake County, Lighthouse, Southeast, Southernmost, Vintage and West Coast.

**MASTERLINK Bob Alexander:** Deadline for submission for the March issue is today. No copies of the January-February issue available today.

**PR/COMMUNICATIONS SaraBeth Kohl:** Excused absence.

**WEBMASTER Dan "Slo Mo" Henderson:** Excused absence. Best wishes for a speedy recovery.

**SAFETY DIRECTOR Vacant:** No one has volunteered for the position. Today Victor Piorkowski (Estero) said he would accept the position. His email is flabatemsap@gmail.com, phone 239-823-6159. Lana Lang is going to the CTR meeting.

**PRODUCTS Steve Knee:** has pre-paid life shirts to be picked up by Estero and Vintage. Also has replacement Life cards for Peace River and Brevard. Jim asked where we were on the ABATE belt buckles. Steve will look into them.

**LEGISLATIVE Darrin "Scribe" Brooks:** Computer died along with 10 years of email lists. Will get current chapter President, VP and Legislative emails from Boots or email him with your email address.

**LOBBYIST Doc Reichenbach:** SB332 has unanimously passed the Transportation Committee and now goes to the Judiciary committee. HB253 has one more committee-Economic Affairs, which should meet this week. Tuesday morning our bill will be heard. Senator Clemens (D-Palm Beach County) has put in an amendment to remove just one word: motorcycles! If he gets it removed from this bill and it is not passed then it is dead. If he pulls it from this bill he can add it to the bill in the next committee which he is on. Senator Audrey Gipson, who is a member of Duval County chapter, is co-chairman of the

Judiciary committee. Her number is 850-487-5009. Florida Dept. HSMV vulnerable road user's reports includes motorcycles, bicycles and pedestrians. Doc will be taking this info with him when he goes to the committee meeting. You now have to fill out a form to have an item put in the budget. Doc has asked for \$300,000. The minute we know it is in the final budget we need to start calling Gov. Scott's office to ask that it be approved.

Question was asked to Doc if we were going to sell tickets again next year. It has been hard to sell them and he recommends that we do not sell tickets for cash prizes. Brandi (Gulf Coast) talked to the Harley dealer there who said they would sell us a Harley at cost to use for a drawing. The possibility of raffling a gun was discussed. All the legalities would have to be researched and would have to be eligible to win (pass background check). This could be arranged through a gun shop. If winner doesn't pass there could be a secondary prize. Jerry T. can help with the legal issues. Steve said he would donate a HUGLU 12 gage over/under. We also could get a 30/30 Henry or Winchester. Doc said drawing should be in October at the State party.

**LEGAL Larry Crow:** Excused absence

**NCOM:** Convention is in Atlantic City on Mother's Day weekend (5/7-5/8). 2017 in Reno, 2018 in New Orleans.

**MRF & AMA:** Nothing to report on MRF. AMA still fighting ethanol. The EPA answers to no one. It is a separate government agency. AMA wants to get them back under control

**BIKE WEEK: March 4-13, 2016.** Drawing will be at State Office on Saturday March 12, 2016 at noon.

**STATE PARTY: This will be an adult party.** Everyone over 18 can attend but must be 21 to drink.

No dogs. Billy Bird has reserved the Peace River campground for November which is when we originally were going to have it. He will talk to them again to secure the campground for 2nd week in October. Five chapters talked about hosting the event together. Grizz said this was a good idea as long as chapters gave money to State. Patti said Spooks has been going downhill for the last 5 years. No Spooks this year and Hillsborough has asked to be released from hosting the October meeting. The State meeting will be 10-8 and the event will be 10/7- 10/9. Sally suggested we advertise the party as a hot new party so people don't think it's another Spooks. Doc suggested name party ABATE of Florida, Inc. State Biker Bash.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The April State meeting is supposed to be hosted by Brevard. State has not received a flyer. They wanted to have the meeting at Space Coast Harley Davidson but we cannot provide insurance. They will have to get another meeting site.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Billy Bird will be Supervisor of Elections. Nominations were taken for the 2016-2018 BOD:**

President: James "Doc" Reichenbach II, accepted

Vice President: Darrin Brooks, accepted; Will "Grizz" Deaver, declined

Secretary: Shelly Johnston, accepted

Treasurer: Patti Nasrallah, not at this time; Debbie Hamby, will give decision at next meeting

Sargent-at-Arms: TJ Painter, accepted; Marcus Hotelling, accepted; Frenchie Moreland; not at this time

Membership: Laurie Hanley, accepted; Grace Lord, not at this time

Masterlink: Bob Alexander, declined

PR/Communications: no nominees

Website: no nominees

Products: no nominees

Legislative: Darrin Brooks, accepted

Legal: Larry Crow, Jerry T.: neither were there to accept nomination

**2. Lobbyist proposals are due in the State Office before the April State meeting.**

**3. Proposals to host State meetings are due by the June State meeting.**

**4. Proposed By-law changes:**

**Proposal #1:**

Article IV – Membership

E) Dues shall normally be \$20 for Annual Membership and \$600 for Life Membership

1) Chapters will submit \$10 for Annual and \$400 for Life Membership to ABATE of Florida, Inc.

G) 1) Dues for At Large Membership shall be \$20 for annual or \$600 for Life Membership payable directly to

ABATE of Florida, Inc.

**Proposal #2: Submitted by Moe Moser**

Article IV – Membership

E) 1) Chapters will submit \$20 for Annual Membership and \$150 for Life Membership to ABATE of Florida, Inc.

Requests by Jim and Grizz to change the proposals were not accepted. Dale noted that in proposal #2 the rates would not go up. Doc confirmed and said he thought it was a great idea. Grizz said some chapters would be hurt by not getting membership money. Some use that money to pay for their newsletter. Chapters can go to electronic newsletters like State did with the Masterlink. Delegates were instructed to bring these proposals back to their chapters for discussion and vote. A 2/3 vote is needed to pass a by-law change.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Thanks to Peace River for hosting the meeting on such short notice. The local CMA did the food, really helped out.

Judy Ann from Forest is collecting chapter t-shirts for an ABATE shirt. Charles Johnston has a Yamaha trike for sale.

Jim asked if ABATE wanted to do a safety booth for high school kids at the NHRA Gator Nationals.

Leesburg Bikefest April 22. Dale Inerstate has Memorial run April 16. Barry Sing thanked ABATE and everyone who stepped up to support him at the passing of his wife.

Raffle and silent auction. 50/50 was won by Sally who donated it back to State. Thank you!

Motion to adjourn made by Lake County, 2nd by Polk and carried.

**TIME OF ADJOURNMENT: 5:24 pm**

Respectfully submitted by Shelly Johnston 2/29/2015

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The June state meeting has come and gone along with the elections for the state board of directors. The members of the board want to thank you for your support in them and I know they will do their best for you and this organization. We had some very informative discussions on many topics and we hope everyone there got something out of this meeting.

Many of you have read and saw articles in the newspapers and on TV about how riding without a helmet is killing people however how many of you have seen the video of the car that deliberately ran over a group of motorcyclists. It seem triple AAA auto likes to keep blaming the riders but takes no responsibility for their auto's running over us especially the ones who do it on purpose. Has anyone seen the AAA say anything about the Tampa accident? Abate of Florida, Inc. is out there fighting for everyone but where are the other 900,000 licensed motorcyclists in this state? They think well Abate will fight our fight! What will happen if Abate isn't here to fight the fight? Other groups have tried in the past and they all failed it has always been Abate of Florida, Inc. leading the way.

The next legislative session I believe will be one of the toughest we will have faced in years. We saw in the last session that there are many legislators on both side of the isle that will be coming out against us. We need to be prepared and ready when the session starts. The first thing we must do is get people elected that will support us. Our legislative officer is getting information out to you as I write this. There will be further updates as we head into the primaries and before the general election. In the mean time ride "Ride Safe and Free"!!!!

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**NEXT STATE MEETING**

**Saturday, August 13, 2016**

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CALLED TO ORDER AT: 2:10 pm by President James "Doc" Reichenbach after the pledge of allegiance and moment of silence for brothers and sisters lost. Present were: President James "Doc" Reichenbach II, Vice President Dennis "Mudder" Rudoi, Treasurer Patti Nasrallah, Secretary Shelly Johnston, Sargent-at-Arms TJ Painter, Membership Grace Lord, Products Steve Knee, MasterLink Bob Alexander, State Office Elizabeth "Boots" Buchholz, PR/Communications SaraBeth Kohl, Safety Director Victor Pierkowski, Website Dan "Slo Mo" Henderson, Legislative Darrin "Scribe" Brooks, Legal Larry Crow, Asst. Sargent-at-Arms Marcus Hotelling

### **DELEGATE REPRESENTATIVES:**

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 Duval-Jessica Avery  
 Estero River-Larry Peterson, Shayne Hanley  
 First Coast-Barry Sing Sr.  
 Forest-Bridgette Heyne-Pace, Russel Fascenda  
 Freedom-Unexcused  
 Gator Alley-John Stevens, Judy Stevens  
 Gulf Coast-Unexcused  
 Hillsborough-Charles Dotterer, Cheryl Edmunds  
 Inerstate-Dale Moore, Brenda Lee Moore  
 Lake County-Will "Grizz" Deaver, Vera Deaver

Lighthouse- Zeke Shoemaker, Rob Keller  
 Palm Beach-Ken Gerecke, Melissa Linbaugh  
 Peace River-Bill Bird, Bill Neal  
 Polk County-John McDermott, Dewey Cain  
 Seminole County-Sally Carroll  
 Southeast-Frank Hammons, Joanne Napoli  
 Southernmost-Sandy MacLaren, Sandy Wagner  
 Southwest-Frankie Kennedy, Carl Nelson  
 Treasure Coast-Steve Kliemisch, Louise Marzorati  
 Vintage-Charles Nazworth, Charles Johnston  
 West Coast-Victor McDonald, Sam Stallard

**PRESIDENT Doc Reichenbach:** WWe have had a couple of situations in the last week or 2 with social media (Facebook and websites). This is ABATE of Florida, Inc. The websites are for ABATE business, not problems you are having with another member. Settle it outside social media. We will go over all four of the membership rates by-laws changes proposals. A 2/3 vote is needed to pass. Saw the video of the motorcyclists getting run over in Tampa. He is trying to get a copy to show the legislators in Tallahassee who voted against the stiffer penalties bill. They keep saying that it's the motorcyclists fault. He spoke with NIFSA about motorcycle stops. They contacted him. The vote was delayed in Jacksonville for 3 weeks. It was finally passed. He pointed out that cars are running over us and they can't do motorcycle stops only per Federal law. They are supposed to only be for DUI but SA said they would go over everything. Sheriffs said they would stop cars also. A couple years ago a bill passed regarding turnarounds that they could confiscate. Wants Duval, Black Creek, Vintage, and First Coast to keep up on newspaper for when the stops are going to be held. They said they are also stopping cars. It is not against the law to take pictures or movies as long as you do interfere with what police are doing so take movies and pics and get them to lawyers. Jacksonville is only one in country to do this. If they set up in front of bike night and stop only motorcycles we have them. If you have a nice car go through the checkpoint. Palm Coast made a donation of \$350.

**VICE PRESIDENT Dennis "Mudder" Rudoi:** Been on BOD a long time, Asst. Sargent of Arms for many years. Doc helped him grow a lot during that time. He will still be around. Thanked all for supporting him and Sharon.

**ABATE.SECRETARY Shelly Johnston:** A couple of corrections to meeting. Delete last paragraph. Website and

Safety director are appointed. On the agenda, election should be the last item..

**TREASURER Patti Nasrallah:** Balance sheet and income/expense reports are in packets. Gave bank balance for all of ABATE of Florida, Inc. (chapter accounts included). Compared the amount from chapters 20% last year to the amount received so far this year. Doc-no one is making copies of books, no pictures of them. ABATE of Florida, Inc. Safety Corporation (the C3) is buying safety products from the money from the Avon Park event. We ordered magnets and yard signs. Chapters should let State know what other safety products they would like. We were going to do another event so left seed money for that. Donations to C3 would help us buy more safety products.

**SARGENT-AT-ARMS TJ Painter:** Please put eyes on the back of your heads. Thanked everyone for supporting him and chapters who helped out with security during events. BOD like brothers and sisters.

**STATE OFFICE Ms. Boots:** Having some difficulties with flyers. It is easier to send by them by email but it needs to be sent as attachment, in body of email. Once is approved do not change it. The disclaimer on the bottom is required by state of Florida. Our non-profit status is put in jeopardy if it is cut off. Print and sign waivers are coming in leaving much to be desired. Need date and witness signature, not stamp. Person attending must print and sign their own name. A lot to do about insurance. We are having trouble getting insurance. Our insurance company wanted to raise our rates by nearly 1/3. We have an insurance company that will do an ending, another will do a run, third will do camping. Poker runs will cost \$378.50 with 500 people limit. Brevard toy run accident cost ABATE \$1 million. The guy who lent the bike to the guy who caused the accident had to pay \$ 1.5 million. Guy who caused the accident only got a wreck-less riding ticket only. Moral of story don't lend your bike out. She is still looking for one insurance company to cover everything. There are changes in the insurance paperwork which she will discuss at the Leadership Seminars. Doing well with tickets, turn in what you have sold with the money. Winner must be 18 and be able to pass background. By purchasing a ticket you acknowledge you are eligible to win the gun. Jim asked for the paperwork in case Alachua closes, Boots will get it to him.

**MEMBERSHIP Grace Lord:** Highest % of Growth March: Treasure Coast, April: Freedom. Most new members March: Southeast, April: Lake County and Freedom tied. Life cards Daytona, Estero River, Gator Alley, Gulf Coast, Inerstate, Lake County, Palm Beach, Peace River, Polk, Southeast, Southwest, and Vintage. Thanked all for their support the past two years.

**MASTERLINK Bob Alexander:** Today is also his last day. Been on State BOD for 10 years, thanked all for support.

**PR/COMMUNICATIONS SaraBeth Kohl:** Thanked everyone for help and support the last two years.

**WEBMASTER Dan "Slo Mo" Henderson:** Will be at leadership seminars to help chapters with websites. Has CD made up that contains template, free software for you to use. If having login or password problems get with Patti

**SAFETY DIRECTOR Victor Piorkowski:** Safety products ordered. Will be talking about MSAP, how to set up booth, talk to people, get into schools. He can sign MSAP paperwork at seminars. Any questions email him. Although the safety video is not up to date he still uses it. It has a lot of good information.

**PRODUCTS Steve Knee:** Has orders for Estero River, Seminole and Gator Alley.

**LEGISLATIVE Darrin "Scribe" Brooks:** There are three handouts and they were also sent through email. Motorcyclist friendly candidate list-Doc has gone through and now he would like chapters to indicate on list who are motorcycle friendly and who are not. Then send email or text to him. He will then send the list out statewide. Question was asked how we can tell if they are motorcycle friendly. You truly don't know if they are until it comes to voting. Now is the time to have candidates come to speak to the chapter. Get with your PR/Comm, President, whoever to get candidates to come speak. Press release-legislative trustee and PR/Comm get together and send out press release, may not get response the first time but eventually will have paper/radio wonder why candidates want to come to your chapter. E15, motorcycle checkpoints, all the things that are happening in DC, he sent out flyer on how to get in contact with your Federal Senator or Representative.

**LOBBYIST Doc Reichenbach:** Two people are running for Senate in SW Florida, Kathleen Passidomo and Matt Hutson. Passidomo will not have motorcycles in any bill she supports. Hutson has always been a huge supporter of ABATE of Florida, Inc. Even when he was Speaker Pro Tem Doc never had a problem when he wanted to see him. Clemens and Stargell both attacked motorcycles when the stiffer penalties bill was put on. Clemens hit us hard in the committee meeting. Kept hitting us about helmets and saying we shouldn't be a protected class of people. Doc is going to show the video of the Tampa car/motorcycle incident to everyone he can get to. Clemens put in an amendment to strike the word motorcycles out of the bill so it would only be bicycles. It passed. Rule is as long as bill passes one committee it can be put on as amendment to another bill. We got four democrats to come over to our side, vote was 23 for, 17 against. In the last week of the session they pick at bill and run a train on it. They picked a bill with 126 amendments including ours. Senate President said bill must be out today. He pulled it, put it back in but then had 140 amendments so the bill died. Passidomo was doing bill for her law partner who rides a bicycle. 400 motorcyclists are killed every year versus 20 bicycles but they say there's no problem with motorcyclists getting killed. We have a serious problem. The \$300,000 for safety money went through the House and Senate. Before the budget got to Governor Scott he put out list of what he would veto and the safety money was on top of list. The reason he gave was Highway Safety already takes care of that. Doc travels a lot for ABATE, NCOM and has not seen these billboards by Highway Safety. We have not received the safety money for 3 years in a row. Jim (Alachua) asked again about suing state for the safety money. Our attorney will look into it. This is motorcyclists' money, you pay \$2.50 every year when you renew your plate. Put in there for the idea that we are there to save lives. It is all going to the general fund of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. They can do anything they want with that money. At last meeting Jim (Alachua) requested audit of Highway Safety fund, the house member he asked is no longer there, he will have to ask someone else which he will do in the next month. There are 600,000 registered motorcycles, over 900,000 licensed motorcyclists in Florida.

Adjourn for lunch 3:45 pm, returned 4:14 pm

**LEGAL Larry Crow:** Everyone has heard about the incident in Tampa Bay where the car ran over motorcyclists on purpose. Around that same time in St. Petersburg a Tampa firefighter was at a bar and was accused by bouncer on hitting someone. The police came and tasered the firefighter three times when his hands were behind his back as well as his friend, also a firefighter, who was trying to help him. He was also an Outlaw with a patch on his back. Anyone with patch needs to watch their back. Helmetville is coming, this upcoming year is going to be tough.

**NCOM:** Reno 2017 will be good time. New Orleans didn't work out for 2018, still looking for place to have it.

**MRF & AMA:** MRF and NCOM now in joint partnership to fight injustice in Congress. They needed help with an amendment, Doc called the congressman who was a big supporter of ABATE and motorcycle community and he killed the amendment. It was to introduce the motorcycle stops again. AMA called Doc after bill got passed in Jacksonville, said they wanted to call these people to say we don't want it passed. Doc said too late. Doc asked them about profiling bills, they said they are against them because the police aren't profiling anybody.

**STATE PARTY Billy Bird:** Every chapter got pre-sale tickets. Even if someone isn't going to come sell them a ticket for \$30 donation to ABATE. Peace River campground is a great facility on Peace River, lots of shade, heated pool, trails, and five shelters. Saturday will be contests and bike games. We will have bands Friday and Saturday nights, DJ during the day. Still looking for more vendors. If you are camping in trailer or RV call the campgrounds and tell them you are with ABATE and it's half off. Entry to party is \$35 for the whole weekend which includes primitive camping. People camping in the trailer/RV part will also pay the \$35 to get into the party (save \$5 buy pre-sale tickets). Send the money and stubs to the address in the letter. Remember no kids allowed, THIS IS AN ADULT PARTY.

**OLD BUSINESS:** By-law proposals for membership rates. Must have 2/3 vote (need 26) or by-law stays the same.

1. Dues \$20 annual, \$600 life with \$10 and \$ 400 to ABATE of Florida, Inc. Same fee for at-large with all going to the State (vote:13 yes 26 no)
2. \$20 annual, \$ 150 life all to ABATE of Florida, Inc. Same fee for at-large with all going to State(vote: 13 yes 26 no)
3. \$20 annual, all to State. At-large same fee all to State. Life membership must be earned with \$10/ year maintenance fee (vote 2 yes, no 37) failed
4. \$30 annual, \$300 life with \$20, \$300 going to ABATE of Florida, Inc. Same fee for at-large with all going to State. (vote 12 yes, 27 no)

Doc asked delegates if wanted to kill all 3 of these (1, 2 and 4) and leave dues as they are. 2/3 vote needed. Discussion on \$20 versus \$30 fee. Some chapters thought \$30 was reasonable and their members would pay, other chapters said members can barely pay the \$20. Doc said you want ABATE of Florida, Inc. to survive you need to support it and cut crap that this is "my chapter's money". It belongs to ABATE of Florida, Inc. Treasurer and VP support proposal #1. Billy proposed to eliminate the 2 lowest, Inerstate 2nd. Doc called for vote on the tied proposals 1 & 2, with 26 votes winning. Proposal 1 second vote was 25 yes 14 no failed by one vote. Proposal 2 nays prevailed, with Palm Beach last vote needed. Doc then asked Inerstate if they wanted to change their vote to yes which they did so vote for Proposal #1 was 27 yes 12 no. No delegates wanted to change vote.to no so Proposal 1 was passed and will go into effect July 1st.

Proposal #5 (not membership rates)

5. Dues paid by each chapter to State then have credit for insurance. Southernmost motion to vote, southeast 2nd. Barry noted that with insurance issue why are we talking about this, Southeast said they still want to go through State for insurance and pay their share. Doc said if chapter goes somewhere else for insurance and state doesn't know about the President and other board members could be held responsible and could lose car, motorcycle, everything except house. Inerstate said \$850 would hurt smaller chapters.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

It is election time in the United States and we need to get out the vote. I have been receiving numerous emails from candidates swearing their undying love for motorcyclists in our state. We should know by now that is for the most part just talk. If you have been paying attention to the emails from the legislative officer you have seen that there are plans in the works to take away your rights. It is time to get involved and dedicate yourselves to the principles of Abate of Florida, Inc. This is a political organization started over 35 years ago dedicated to freedom of the road. It is time to ask yourselves if this is what you want or if want to sit back and let the government trample on your rights. At this time this is the most important thing in this organization and you must decide is you care about your rights or now.

The next state meeting will be in Peace River for and the state party will be held the same weekend . We hope you will come out and enjoy the party and meet members you don't know. Until then Ride Safe and Free!!!

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## NEXT STATE MEETING

Saturday, October 8, 2016

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## **ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. Delegate Meeting Hosted by: Forest Chapter Saturday August 13 2016**

CALLED TO ORDER AT: 2:02 pm by President James "Doc" Reichenbach after the pledge of allegiance, moment of silence for brothers and sisters lost, and prayer by Representative Dennis Baxley. Present were: President James "Doc" Reichenbach II, Vice President and Legislative Trustee Darrin "Scribe" Brooks, Secretary Shelly Johnston, Sargent-at-Arms Marcus Hotelling, Membership Laurie Hanley, Products Steve Knee, State Office Elizabeth "Boots" Buchholz, PR/Communications Sally Carroll, Safety Director Victor Piorkowski, Asst. Products Sherry Ward. Excused absences Patti Nasrallah, Larry Crow.

### **DELEGATE REPRESENTATIVES:**

Alachua- Disband  
 Black Creek- Carol Decelle, Joe Turner  
 Brevard- Disband  
 Daytona Beach- Alfred Fyock  
 Duval- Amy Griner  
 Estero River- Larry Peterson, Ward Jackson  
 First Coast- Wm. Barry Sing Sr.  
 Forest- Glenn Myers, James Mahaffey  
 Freedom- Robert Hotchkiss  
 Gator Alley- Fred Corr, Lynn Corr  
 Gulf Coast- Brandy Westerfield, Sheri Hall  
 Hillsborough- Charles Dotterer, Cheryl Edmunds

Inerstate- Dale Moore, Brenda Lee Moore  
 Lake County- Will "Grizz" Deaver, Vera Deaver  
 Lighthouse- Zeke Shoemaker, Rob Keller  
 Palm Beach- Ken Gerecke, Ed Lattari  
 Peace River- Bill Bird, Bill Nea  
 Polk County- John Timothy  
 McDermott, Dewey Cain  
 Seminole County- Lana Lang, Jean Morland  
 Southeast- Ada Hibbs, Joanne Napoli  
 Southernmost- Byron Agababian, James Dean Keith  
 Southwest- Moe Moser, Heidi Szolga  
 Treasure Coast- Steve Kliemisch, Louise Marzorati  
 Vintage- Charles Nazworth, Sharon Balocki  
 West Coast- Victor McDonald, Joe Hulgan

Representative Dennis Baxley came to speak to the delegation. He is running for the Florida Senate seat in district 12. He would be more effective as one of 40 (Senate) than one in 120 (House). He said Doc has been a tremendous warrior for bikers in Tallahassee. Rep Baxley is the father of the stand your ground bill passed in 2005 and has had to defend it ever since. It is under attack again. When law abiding people stand their ground violent attacks are reduced. He is the only candidate endorsed by the NRA and is a champion for the 2nd amendment. ABATE understands this basic freedom. He kills bills- 90% should not pass. He will create jobs and balance the budget. He wants to put the bill through transportation that if you kill a biker you get more than a ticket. Wants people held accountable. Doc told delegates that if they want someone to come speak at a State meeting they have to let him know in advance. He added that Mr. Baxley has voted for every bill we ever had and fought for the safety bill. A representative for David Gee who is running for the same Senate seat also spoke for a few minutes stating he also supports the core values that Baxley does. The difference is this is his first bid the Senate. Mr. John Townsend also spoke for a few minutes. He is running for Marion County Commissioner District 1. He was invited to an ABATE meeting by Bridgette Pace and has attended their meetings 4 times. He is always asked about the helmet law and while he would choose to wear a helmet he supports ABATE in fighting for the freedom to CHOOSE whether to wear one or not. If we allow them to take away that right what right will they take away next?

**PRESIDENT Doc Reichenbach:** Doc Reichenbach: Alachua and Brevard are closing. Everyone wanted to keep their chapter open but only one person wanted to be an officer. Members of closed chapters can transfer to another chapter or go at-large.

**VICE PRESIDENT Darrin "Scribe" Brooks:** He will be going around visiting chapters and introducing himself. He is not there to conduct any business but will speak if you want him to. If anyone needs anything give him a call.

**ABATE.SECRETARY Shelly Johnston:** Asked for corrections to the June minutes. Motion to accept the minutes made by Peace River, 2nd by Interstate.

**TREASURER Patti Nasrallah:** Excused absence. Reports are in packets. Doc advised delegates to hold questions until Patti returns. Carol from Black Creek noticed discrepancies on the balance sheet and recommended that it go back to Patti for corrections. Doc will ask for approval next State meeting.

**SARGENT-AT-ARMS Marcus Hotelling:** He has been receiving phone calls about major issues at chapter meetings. If there are safety concerns contact him, Contact him before Doc as he is able to handle a lot of situations. If there is anyone going to the State party who is a shift commander let him know so he is prepared before he gets there.

**STATE OFFICE Ms. Boots:** We are still having problems with insurance. The insurance company who will cover a run needs the beginning and end times and the number of people expected to attend. Price will be \$299. Duval talked to another insurance company in Jacksonville who would be willing to cover a run so we may have two to use. Once we know about this other company we will send out an email. Another company will still cover a one day event for \$125. Several of the green shotgun drawing tickets were turned in today. The drawing will be at the State meeting December 10, NOT at the State office. Steve said he put picture of the guns in a sheet protector so he has something to show people when he is selling tickets.

**MEMBERSHIP Laurie Hamby:** Highest % of Growth May: Lighthouse, June: Forest. Most new members May: Lake County, June: Lake County. Life cards handed out to Estero River, Forest, Gulf Coast, Interstate, Lake County, Lighthouse, Palm Beach, Peace River, Polk, Southeast, Southernmost, Vintage and West Coast.

**MASTERLINK VACANT:** Copies of Masterlink are available and Patti puts them on the web.

**PR/COMMUNICATIONS Sally Carroll:** Found a new site to find/place events called [motorcycleroads.com](http://motorcycleroads.com). She started a twitter account for ABATE of Florida, Inc. It is @abateflorida1. Inappropriate things are still getting posted on Facebook. Keep it business-like, present a good front. We are trying to get new members. Can't promote ourselves when we are infighting. Post flyers for other organizations only if they allow us to post on theirs. Can post meeting notices. Doc said it should be 1 for 1 with the other organization. We are a motorcycle rights organization-we can't support every charity in the world.

**WEBMASTER Dan "Slo Mo" Henderson:** excused absence. Gave Snooze cds to bring to meeting. They show how to set up a website if anyone wants one. Contact Dan if you have questions. Thanks to all who showed up at the leadership seminars.

**SAFETY DIRECTOR Victor Piorowski:** There is a new MSAP materials request form in the packets. Make sure your chapter safety person and president get it. We have large magnets, small magnets yard signs and new pens for safety booths. These products are not from safety money anymore so hand out at safety booths or special events only. Get them to the right people. Bundle items with flyers. Remember that all blanks should be filled in and that name and address is correct. He will have a safety booth at the State party and



needs help. If you need help getting started let him know. He has helped Peace River and Gator Alley. He is making phone calls to schools to try to get in and do presentation.

**PRODUCTS Steve Knee:** The form and money for replacement life cards goes to him. If you have a name change and don't have all the info put the old name on top of the form. He has cards for Palm Beach, Vintage, Southeast, Estero and Peace River.

**LEGISLATIVE Darrin "Scribe" Brooks:** Shared an idea that worked well for one of the chapters. Have post cards made up with State logo or chapter logo and name. Vista Print works well and looks really nice. Postcard stamps are cheap. Send one to the candidates who win the August 30 election. Have chapter members fill out the cards at the meeting. Collect cards and mail 5 each day for one week. Also good to send around the holidays. He only sent out the statewide Senator and Representative candidate list. The chapters' legislative trustee should send out the local list. This is a very important primary, encourage members to vote, take advantage of early voting.

**LOBBYIST Doc Reichenbach:** Doc has heard that a helmet law bill will be introduced, coming out of the East coast, Palm Beach area. Irv Slossberg has always supported ABATE of Florida, Inc. Clemen has not. Irv is running for Clemen's seat. Doc as lobbyist can endorse a candidate, He is recommending voting for Slossberg. We have to get the helmet bill stopped. Doesn't know what to say about the Presidential race-vote your conscience. Baxley has always supported us-vote for him over O'Toole. Several months ago we asked for an audit of the safety program. The purpose is to get a bill to put the program back in the hands of motorcyclists not some administrators on the state payroll who have never rode a motorcycle. Right now the registration money is going to highway safety and motor vehicles and gets funneled down o motorcycle safety. It needs to go directly to motorcycle safety, not the rider program, which generates more money for Florida. First thing Friday morning Doc will send a letter to request an audit again and give them a time limit. We only need one legislator to request it (they must be in office). Question was asked why Scott so angry with us that he turns his back on us. Doc said he is like that with everyone. No one can see him-Jeb Bush saw everyone. The next guy for governor is Adam Putnam who will probably run for governor in two years. He is pro ABATE. Even though Doc was told the budget would pass with the safety money in it Scott vetoed it before it hit his desk. His reason was that Highway Safety does what we do.

**LEGAL Larry Crow:** excused absence

**NCOM:** Working on ethanol 15.

**MRF & AMA:** AMA working on ethanol 15. MRF will do a national profiling bill if they can get a sponsor. NCOM has joined them. ABATE does support this on a national level.

**STATE PARTY Oct. 7-9, 2016 Billy Bird:** Every chapter got presale tickets for the party in the mail. Buy your tickets, there is only 2 months to go. We will sell them up to 1 week prior to party. Send them back to Heidi. Presales will give them an idea how many people are coming. If you lose your ticket she will have a list of names. A section of the campground has been reserved just for us. It has 1 ½ miles riverfront, oak trees for shade, and 5 pavilions. We will have bands Friday and Saturday nights and a DJ during the day. We have food vendors. There will be bike games Friday and Saturday. Your ticket covers primitive camping for the whole weekend. If you are bringing an RV or trailer make your reservation ahead of time because

they are trying to put all ABATE together in the other part of campground. They have cut the nightly charge in half because you will still have to buy a ticket to get into the party. Question was asked if anyone approached the area TV channels for free advertising. Bill said it was all over social media, websites and magazines. He will look into doing a PSA with radio stations. We are still going to need people to man the safety booth, membership booth and bar so please donate a few hours of your time.

**TALLAHASSEE 2017:** We ARE going! We have sent the request to the capital. Still checking with the campground. If they aren't willing to work with us we will be in the hotels again. We still have to contact the Legion and get insurance. Doc said it's amazing to ride to the capital and to look back at all the bikes coming up the hill. He said every year he gets asked if we are coming. He will be putting up flyers in the elevators one week before we come. If you have a concealed weapons permit you can bring a gun into the capital except the Senate and House peanut gallery. Show your permit and tell them you have the gun. State meeting is Sunday April 9, 2017. The ride to the capital is the next day, Monday April 10. We need a big showing. If we demand our safety money back we need to show up. It was brought up at the last meeting that we should do a patch. Critter has designed a "Biker Lives Matter" patch. Doc suggested Red (for blood shed) and Black (for Biker leathers). Delegates decided on oval patch with ABATE of Florida, Inc. on top and Biker Lives Matter. After discussion the color was changed to yellow and black. Boots is checking on insurance for ride, we are getting it no matter what. T-shirts with same logo were discussed, design should be on front so it can be seen with vest on. Could be red and black or variety of colors. Delegates were instructed to take back to chapters to decide

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Heidi (Southwest) asked if the at-large members get State emails. Darrin said they have to reach out to him to get on the email list. We need their vote and they are a large number. Doc asked Laurie to search at-large members and see how many we have emails for. Some don't want to be contacted. Jim asked if renewal notifications will be sent to the members of closed chapters, possibly send a post card. We will come up with a post card for ABATE of Florida, Inc. to send out renewal notices. Shelly suggested that we put something in the Masterlink asking all members, including life, to update their information so we can send them important notices. Doc said do it. The membership incentive program will be adjusted, it is confusing as it reads now.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

August 21 Gator Alley has Preservation run to celebrate helmet law (bill 1911). John (Duval) asked to have guest Nan Borenstein speak. She spoke for a few minutes then Doc said that he would not discuss the issue further. Lake County's 10/2 meeting will also be a chili cook off. Everyone is welcome to come and bring their chili. The CMA state party is on 9/24. Next State meeting will be during 10/8 in Peace River during the State party.

Motion to adjourn made by Southeast, 2nd by Palm Beach and carried. TIME OF ADJOURNMENT: 5:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Shelly Johnston 9/3/2016

# **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

I want to thank all of the chapters who showed up at the past state meeting. Some of you came from the Hurricane areas like me. For those of you who came for the state party we thank you but I want to assure you that we do not invite hurricanes to the parties even though we have had one at the last two state parties.

In less than two weeks we will go to the polls and elect a new President, some new Senators and the House of Representatives. I hope everyone will get out and vote. Our military men and women have given their lives in many wars so we can do this basic freedom that many people take for granted.

On the Florida front we lost many supporters in the primaries and now we must work hard to build new alliances. We have always been vigilant in our state capitol and in the nation's capitol. We must continue to do so.

Thanks to Peace River for hosting the October state meeting and Gator Alley will be hosting the December meeting.

Everyone have a great Thanksgiving and we will see everyone in December. Until then "Ride Safe and Free!!!"

*Doc*

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**NEXT STATE MEETING**

**Saturday, December 10, 2016**

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### **DELEGATE REPRESENTATIVES:**

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 Gulf Coast- EJ Dufur  
 Hillsborough- Charles Dotterer, Cheryl Edmunds  
 Inerstate- Mark Werley

Lake- Julie Stough, Fred Holmes  
 Lighthouse- Zeke Shoemaker, Millard Porton  
 Palm Beach- Ken Gerecke, Ed Lattari  
 Peace River- Bill Neal, Bill Bird  
 Polk County- John McDermott, Dewey Cain  
 Seminole County- Lana Lang, Jean Morland  
 Southeast- Joanne Napoli, William Prewitt  
 Southernmost-Sanford Wagner, Sandy MacLaren  
 Southwest- Heidi Szolga, Moe Moser  
 Treasure Coast- Steve Kliemish  
 Vintage-Sharon Balocki, Charles Johnston  
 West Coast- Victor McDonald, Sam Stallard

**PRESIDENT Doc Reichenbach:** Doc Reichenbach: Keep all the people who were hit by the hurricane in your prayers. He stopped by the State party last night, chapters did great job putting it together.

**VICE PRESIDENT Darrin "Scribe" Brooks:** Darrin "Scribe" Brooks: Still visiting chapters. ABATE is a brotherhood, we need to work with each other, support each other and offer help. Don't go in and try to mess with them. Don't get lost in your own chapter's drama.

**ABATE.SECRETARY Shelly Johnston:** There was one correction to the minutes from the August meeting. Membership trustee Laurie's last name is Hanley not Hamby. Minutes were approved as corrected.

**TREASURER Patti Nasrallah:** Need to approve last meeting's financial report. Every month delegates wanted to see what State has done with State money, the state bank account and liabilities. Once a year the balance sheet, inventories and assets are sent to accountant. By laws also call for once a year. Because we are a non-profit all our tax forms are posted on internet for public record. She has renamed financial reports to say bank balances and liabilities. Treasurer report for new corporation last meeting. There was no activity from Avon Park to when we bought safety products. Bank balances and liabilities, income expense and check detail for 2 month period. Lobbyist contract amount is for 2 years (2016-2018). Question why so many checking accounts. Original account stopped because someone posted on Facebook. One account for square. Wells Fargo has limit of 50 transactions before service fee so uses another account for deposits with many transactions then transfers towels Fargo. Question also asked if she has checked with other banks. Yes, but all have issues 5/3 and Sun Trust, not BB&T or Chase. Remember if we change banks all the chapters will have to buy new checks. Question asked how long to keep paperwork? IRS audit will request 3, if they suspect fraud can go back an additional four for a total of 7. State has copies of chapters' minutes and newsletters so not required to keep. Motion to approve August reports, passed. Motion to approve October reports, passed.

**SARGENT-AT-ARMS Marcus Hotelling:** Inventory sheets in packet, due at December State meeting. Make sure these are filled out completely. This is the Sargent-at-Arms duty, no one else. Has been to a couple other chapter meetings. Encouraged everyone to visit other chapters especially your neighboring ones, just don't get involved in other chapters' drama. Be careful out there. A motorcyclist was killed in St. Augustine by a 70 year old woman turning left because she thought she had a green arrow and didn't see the motorcycle.

**STATE OFFICE Ms. Boots:** Excused absence. Hand in your drawing tickets and money to Patti today. Doc said if you still have tickets to sell you can keep them and hand them in at the December State meeting. We are ABATE of Florida, Inc. not Abate of FL.

**MEMBERSHIP Laurie Hamby:** Highest % of Growth in July was Vintage; August was Lighthouse. Daytona Beach had the most new members in July; August was Southernmost. No life cards.

**MASTERLINK VACANT:** There are copies of the Masterlink in front of the BOD table. There have been copies left over after State meetings. If you don't need printed copies any more we can stop printing them and save State money.

**PR/COMMUNICATIONS Sally Carroll:** Put your Twitter address on your flyers. Email her your event flyers. State's Twitter address is @abateflorida#1. R U Kind? Customer service is also an internal thing. We need to take care of the members we have and show them appreciation. Treat people with respect and dignity. Keep the members you have. She has a flyer on Leadership skills if anyone wants one. Went into private messages on Facebook and saw people were asking for legal advice. DO NOT GIVE OUT LEGAL ADVICE. Refer them to an attorney. Doc said some chapters do have member who are attorneys. Larry Crow is the only attorney for ABATE of Florida, Inc. We also have a criminal attorney who is Larry's partner.

**WEBMASTER Dan "Slo Mo" Henderson:** excused absence. Gator Alley is only chapter that has requested help, issue was solved. If you need help contact him. No CD's today.

**SAFETY DIRECTOR Victor Piorkowski:** Please print the reports from safety booths and presentations. The writing is sometimes illegible. Do not leave anything blank including sponsor of event and phone number. Reports and material requests for MSAP get sent to both State office and him. If you have questions call, leave message. Do inventories so he know what's out there. Nick Stamas is certified instructor now. Lake County has 14 high schools and it's hard to find enough people to do them all. Estero River, Peace River, Southwest and Gator Alley helped him do a class in a Fort Myers high school. Help out other chapters if you have MSAP cert and can make it. Contact him if you are certified and can do a presentation. Has safety products for those who ordered them.

**PRODUCTS Steve Knee:** Bikers Lives Matter patch is available, cost 4.75 include tax. He will set up products at campgrounds after meeting is over.

**LEGISLATIVE Darrin "Scribe" Brooks:** Elections next month, encourage members to get out and vote. Do a little cheat sheet with candidates who are motorcycle friendly to take to polls with them. Southeast chapter had post cards made up, they nice and patriotic. Talk to Critter (Southeast) to see if their printer can do cards for your chapter. First time to use would be after the election to say congratulations. ABATE of Florida, Inc. will have some made up for when we ride to the capital to hand to legislators you meet with. When Darrin sends out the email for emergency calls to action to legislators, Sally will make his email pretty and send out to each chapter legislative trustee and president or whoever he has an email for. Chapters should create an email tree (group email) to get this out to members quickly. This year it is really important with a helmet bill expected and NHTSA pounding Florida with rise in motorcyclist deaths.

**LOBBYIST Doc Reichenbach:** We are a motorcycle rights organization. We lost a lot of people who supported us who either termed out or switched and ran for open seat late and were defeated. Greg Evers was one of those we lost. The President of the Senate, Joe Negron is against motorcycles. Doc has no idea why. Senator Clemens was re-elected. He was the one who killed the stiffer penalties bill last session. Doc truly believes there is going to be a helmet bill this year Clemens even has some Republicans (Stargill) on his side. Passidomo is now in the Senate so we will need a new sponsor, but we have to see who gets elected first. Last year, when Darrin sent the call to action only 25 members (out of over 6,000) called in to their legislators. What's more important? Our rights or a toy run or save the dog or cat? Who are we going to be-a C-4 charity or a motorcycle rights organization? We need to protect each other, not attend a funeral.

The first ride to the capital was a thank you ride for passing the helmet bill. We had 800 bikes that year, the last year we went (2015) we had about 100. Go back to your chapters. If you do nothing else go to the ride to the capital. Let legislators know we aren't going away. If you want to keep your rights show up or go to your legislator's office. When Darrin asks you to make the call please call. Three wheel cars are kicking our butt as they are being considered motorcycles. Some states are changing the nomenclature to reclassify as autocycles. Doc doesn't want to do that because they will say they did something for us and can the stiffer penalty bill. We need input from the chapters. If a helmet bill is introduced it will take everything we have to keep it from passing. Have chapter President or legislative trustee email Doc and Darrin on what we want to do.

**LEGAL Larry Crow:** No report.

**NCOM:** The convention is in Reno in 2017, Mobile, Alabama in 2018.

**MRF & AMA:** Ethanol is still the big project for the AMA. EPA has no one over them so they do what they want. AMA sent out a list of legislators in Florida who support motorcyclists. Doc asked how they compiled the list. EPA has no one over them, they do what they want. They sent out questionnaires with 5 questions, if they didn't answer all yes they considered the not motorcycle friendly. The MRF and NCOM are working together on an anti-profiling bill. Will support for all 50 states not an individual state.

**STATE PARTY Oct. 7-9, 2016 :** Going on this weekend. 120 presale tickets were sold. At time of meeting 150 people are registered. Polk County was biggest supporter. Heidi believes attendance dropped because of the hurricane. They welcome suggestions for next year.

**TALLAHASSEE 2017:** You voted to go, we need you to go. The State meeting is Sunday April 9 and the ride to the capital is Monday. If you want to use the campgrounds you will be on your own, it is no longer a KOA.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Delegates were instructed to take back to chapter whether we should do "Biker Lives Matter" t-shirts. Discussion was followed by motion by Inerstate to do t-shirts, 2nd by Gator Alley, passed by majority vote. They will be orange and black with "biker lives matter" on the front. The membership incentive program will be 2 years, started in April 2016 ends April 2018. We will put a call out to life, at-large, and lost members in the Masterlink. Chapters should do 30, 60, 90 days past member phone calls. Send updates on members to Laurie. We do two mailings, AIM and the insurance cards, which will going out shortly. These are mailed on their dime with address correction requested so we will get a lot of new addresses that way. Close to \$100,000 has been paid to our members. Some chapters use the insurance as a selling point for membership. Send the yellow card back to the State Office unless you want to talk to them about more insurance. If the State Office has the card with the beneficiary they will get the money automatically. Question was asked about tolls on express lanes. Need to people to ride in lane or you will get a ticket. There is a new Secretary of Transportation, Doc will check on this.

**NEW BUSINESS:** No new business

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Gunny from Forest brought one of the quilts today. Send money to Forest chapter, Marion County. Cricket has raffle tickets offered by SFPC (South Florida Presidents Council of Motorcycle Clubs and Organizations) for a 2017 Harley Davidson Street Glide. This is to benefit Joe Dimaggio Children's Hospital in Hollywood. They are \$5 each or \$20 book. Southeast Chapter will get \$1 for every ticket they sell. Go out to the party at the campground. Vintage is having their birthday party in January. 50/50 won by Sandy who donated the majority back to State. Thank you!

**TIME OF ADJOURNMENT:** 5:12 p.m. Motion to adjourn by Ratchet, 2nd by Marcus and passed.

Respectfully submitted by Shelly Johnston 10/25/2016