

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Christmas has come and gone, the New Year is quickly approaching and I hope the holidays have been and will be good for all of our members. It has been a year that has seen motorcyclists continually injured and killed on our highways. In the newspapers, radio, television and the Florida legislature we are told it's our fault even with no facts what so ever that proves that point. On December 19, 2016 HD 6009 was filed for the 2017 legislative session. This bill would take out the provision in the Florida statutes that allows us to ride without a helmet. For sixteen years we have ridden free and now as has been stated many times our lifestyle is under attack. We must defeat this bill and it will take all hands on deck to do this. We must get back to our roots as to why Abate of Florida, Inc. was formed, and that was to fight unjust laws and to protect motorcycle freedom and also provide safety information. Now is the time to act contact the Abate state Legislative officer and see what he wants you to do to help fight this very bad bill. We have moved the February state meeting to Ocala and we will have more information on this bill and our other legislative endeavors at that time.

Until then Ride Safe and Free!!!!

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NEXT STATE MEETING

Saturday, February 10, 2017

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ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. Delegate Meeting Hosted by: Gator Alley, Saturday December 10, 2016

CALLED TO ORDER AT: 2:13 p.m. by President Doc Reichenbach following the pledge of allegiance and moment of silence for our brothers and sisters lost. Present were: President James "Doc" Reichenbach, Vice President Darrin "Scribe" Brooks, Secretary Shelly Johnston, Treasurer Patti Nasrallah, Sargent-at-Arms Marcus Hotelling, Membership Laurie Hanley, PR/Communications Sally Carroll, Legislative Darrin "Scribe" Brooks, Products Steve Knee, Legal Larry Crow, Website Dan "Slo Mo" Henderson, State Office Elizabeth "Boots" Buckholz.

DELEGATE REPRESENTATIVES:

Black Creek- Carole DeCelle, Roy DeCelle
 Daytona Beach-Alfye Fyock
 Duval- suspended
 Estero River-Larry Peterson, Ward Jackson
 First Coast-closed
 Forest- John Melin
 Freedom-Dan Reid
 Gator Alley- Fred Corr, David Lindsay
 Gulf Coast- Kevin Matlock
 Hillsborough- Charles Dotterer, Cheryl Edmunds
 Inerstate- Mark Werley

Lake- Will "Griz" Deaver, Vera Deaver
 Lighthouse- Tammy Grant, Michael Lozito
 Palm Beach- Ken Gerecke, Bill Black
 Peace River- Bill Neal, Bill Bird
 Polk County- John McDermott, Dewey Cain
 Seminole County- Lana Lang, Jean Morland
 Southeast- Joanne Napoli, Steve Cromiak
 Southernmost-Byron Agababian, Sandy MacLaren
 Southwest- Heidi Szolga, Moe Moser
 Treasure Coast- Steve Klemish, Louise Marzorati
 Vintage-Sharon Balocki, Susan Hedrick
 West Coast- Victor McDonald, Sam Stallard

PRESIDENT Doc Reichenbach: The five chapters who hosted the State party would like to hold it again next year. They donated all the proceeds to State. Billy Bird said there was discussion that holding the State meeting the same day interfered with people attending the party. He suggested that the State meeting be held earlier in the day or Sunday. Doc said Sunday is when people travel back home. The BOD proposed to have the BOD meeting at 8 am and delegate meeting at 10 am. Other suggestions were to move the party to September or November. The committee will discuss possibilities and get back to the BOD. Doc talked to A.I.M. who sponsors our legislative hotline. They agreed to let us use the hotline for emergency updates during hurricanes and storms. They are doing this for every state. The hotline number is 1-866-352-2283 (1-866-FLABATE). Darrin brought up an ABATE app for smart phone. Doc talked to the person who does AIM's. Down the road we will have one. First Coast is officially closed. Do not send personal checks to State for any reason. It has to be a chapter check. The February State meeting place has been changed. It will be hosted by State and held in Ocala. See the flyer in your packet. Another motel that is not on the flyer is Sun Plaza Motel in Silver Springs, phone number 352-236-2343. The chapter who was supposed to host it notified State 2 days ago they could not. The BOD has decided that the bids for State meetings will be due in August, after elections in June and the new chapter BOD's are settled. If they decide not to do the State meeting after they committed they have 30 days to notify State. If they do not notify State during that time and do not fulfill their commitment they will be responsible for the costs of the meeting. Carol from Black Creek had a proposal for a change in the by-laws. Doc stated it needs to be turned into State Office two weeks before the State meeting. It will be heard at the February meeting. Doc asked about Duval's Christmas party and insurance, they said it was not an ABATE event.

VICE PRESIDENT Darrin "Scribe" Brooks: Been visiting chapters. Recommend chapters visit other chapters, but don't get involved with their business. Let's bring fellowship back into it

SECRETARY Shelly Johnston: There are no corrections to the minutes from the October meeting. Motion to approve by Seminole, 2nd by Daytona and passed.

TREASURER Patti Nasrallah: Financial reports are in the packets. Carol from Black Creek said according to the by-laws a budget is supposed to be prepared and submitted at the December meeting. Patti said she prepares income and expense reports every month. She has not prepared a budget because in order to prepare one she would have to get a budget from every chapter and they don't know what their income will be. Carol was expecting to know how we will cover State expenses. Patti said State's income comes from the 20% and memberships. Lake County, Peace River and Gator Alley have stepped up when State needed help. Doc said we went over this subject 4 months ago, and we're done with it. He asked if every chapter wants to do a budget and send it in so Patti can do a State budget. Response was NO. Patti will send out letters requiring budgets and we will have one next December. Inventories are also part of the budget. Motion to approve Treasurer's report by Lake, 2nd by Seminole and passed.

SARGENT-AT-ARMS Marcus Hotelling: Inventories are due today.

STATE OFFICE Ms. Boots: Send your event flyer (see flyer SOP) first. Once it is approved send all the paperwork together: approved flyer, check for insurance, insurance request and property release. Insurance for a one-day non-riding event is \$125. Insurance for a ride is \$350 - \$379. One insurance wants to know how many will be attending, another wants to know how far the ride is.

MEMBERSHIP Laurie Hanley: Highest % of Growth in September was a tie between Forest and Vintage; October was Estero River. Lighthouse had the most new members in September; October was Southeast. No life cards. Let your chapter membership person know they are doing a great job.

MASTERLINK VACANT: There are copies of the Masterlink in front of the BOD table.

PR/COMMUNICATIONS Sally Carroll: Send flyers in JPG or Word. PDF does not post on Twitter. Flyers must be approved by State Office first.

WEBMASTER Dan "Slo Mo" Henderson: Template Works well on smart phones. No one has requested help with websites.

SAFETY DIRECTOR Victor Piorkowski: Victor Piorkowski: Has 14 schools coming up in January in the Fort Meyers and North Fort Meyers areas. Southwest is helping a lot, also Estero River, Gator Alley and Peace River. Question was asked where to get the MSAP class info- chapters should have received it at the Leadership Seminars. He is going forward to get more schools and help chapters break into their local schools. Inerstate has products to pick up. Question was asked to get yellow and black bumper stickers. We have a lot of the black and white that we need to get rid of. Doc will check on what we have for safety money and try to order some.

PRODUCTS Steve Knee: The new order form is in the packets. It has the "Biker Lives Matter" patch and shirt on it. Currently sold out of patch and shirt, you can order them. Delegates thought the lettering and circle wasn't bold enough on the shirts. Doc donated the money to have the stencil changed so the shirts can get out there.

LEGISLATIVE Darrin "Scribe" Brooks: While visiting chapters he is getting great feedback on the postcards they sent out. It is not too late to send them if you haven't already. Each chapter should reach out to their own Representative or Senator. They will pay more attention to their constituents' mail or emails. They can look up if you have voted in the past 5 years. If you vote in every primary and general election you're called a super voter and are important to them because you can get them re-elected. Know who your reps are. Go to myfloridasenate.gov or myfloridahouse.gov and put in your zip code + four and it will tell you who your reps are and how to contact them. The new Speaker of the House and Senate have picked their teams. You can call your rep and ask them to support a bill. Tell them you are a constituent, they will listen to you. Senator Clemens has submitted SB66, the Highway Safety Bill (our Vulnerable Road Users bill) and has added mopeds, scooters and animals. Motorcycles are not in the bill. There is no House bill yet. We are also expecting some type of helmet bill. Ask your rep to let you know if they hear anything to let you know. Currently he is sending emails to all chapter Presidents, VPs, Legislative Trustees and PR/Communications. If you would like to receive emails send him your email address.

LOBBYIST Doc Reichenbach: The new Speaker of the House is requiring lobbyists to go to school for 2 hours regarding new rules and procedures. We now will have to put in a bill for the safety money. Doc talked to a Senator who agreed to put in a bill for \$300,000 for safety money in the budget. He will also talk to Scott about not vetoing it. Doc may ask the Senator to come speak to us in February. If we get the \$ we will do a new safety video. We lost two Senators who were friends of ABATE. They haven't announced who will be on the committees in the House yet. Griz (Lake) said he would still like to see a mandatory driver's training course or you can't get your license till your 21. Motorcyclists have to, why not them. Florida is in the top 5 in teen fatalities. Maybe put in a bill that \$2 of every ticket goes to drivers ed programs. Doc will talk to a legislator about mandatory drivers ed.

LEGAL Larry Crow: All good and legal.

NCOM: The convention is in Reno May 11-14, 2017. In 2018 it is in Mobile, Alabama. Doc would like to see a good turnout from ABATE of Florida for that. He was asked if we would like to host a district meeting. He will be talking to other state presidents to see what they prefer.

MRF & AMA: AMA is dealing a lot with off road and racing. They contacted Doc asking for support to open all Federal lands to dirt bikes, ATV's, etc. He declined, he doesn't want any more land destroyed. Also, they are still working with EPA to lower the 15% ethanol. Trump has nominated someone to head the EPA who hates the EPA. The MRF is working on the anti-profiling bill and asked Doc to support. The bill dies in January so no use to support a dead bill and waste our political capital.

TALLAHASSEE 2017: The State meeting is Sunday April 9 and the ride to the capital is Monday April 10. Delegates voted to go. Last couple of years hardly anyone showed up. If we don't have a good turnout they will remember. Once we have the flyer put them everywhere.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business.

NEW BUSINESS: The gun drawing was a successful fund raiser. Doc asked the delegates if they would like to do it again for 2017 (another Henry and shotgun). Daytona Beach made motion to do it again, Seminole

2nd and passed. Doc will talk to Henry about doing a commemorative rifle for July 4, 2018. Darrin will send out an email on what Henry will allow. Delegates will go back to their chapters and get ideas together and bring to next State meeting.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Vintage birthday party Saturday January 28. Palm Beach has an event tomorrow. Question was asked where our portable mics were so everyone can hear. Lake County said they donated a PA system, speaker and cordless mics. The former Sgt-at-Arms picked them up and has not turned them in. Marcus will contact him to get them back. There also may be some in the inventory Brevard turned in. Thanks to the Gator Alley Galley Girls for the great lunch and to Gator Alley for hosting the meeting. Frenchie said the AIM mailing he received contained a 2016 calendar. Doc will ask them why not it was not a 2017.

50/50, raffle drawings and silent auction followed by drawing for the rifle and shotgun. Kimberly Wisdom from Peace River won the Henry. David Browning won the shotgun, ticket was sold by Slo Mo.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everyone!

TIME OF ADJOURNMENT: 5:41 p.m. Motion to adjourn by Lake County, 2nd by Treasure Coast and passed.

Respectfully submitted by Shelly Johnston 12-22-16

APRIL 9-10, 2017

TALLAHASSEE FREEDOM RIGHTS RALLY



SEPTEMBER 2016				OCTOBER 2016			
CHAPTER	MEMBERS	VOTERS	% VOTERS	CHAPTER	MEMBERS	VOTERS	
AT LARGE	1328	968	73%	AT LARGE	1327	968	
BLACK CREEK	112	91	81%	BLACK CREEK	112	91	
DAYTONA BEACH	279	181	65%	DAYTONA BEACH	270	176	
DUVAL	169	117	69%	DUVAL	161	109	
ESTERO RIVER	160	116	73%	ESTERO RIVER	167	121	
FIRST COAST	23	18	78%	FIRST COAST	23	18	
FOREST	135	103	76%	FOREST	131	101	
FREEDOM	102	73	72%	FREEDOM	98	69	
GATOR ALLEY	333	235	71%	GATOR ALLEY	332	233	
GULF COAST	354	277	78%	GULF COAST	349	275	
HILLSBOROUGH	152	107	70%	HILLSBOROUGH	142	100	
INERSTATE	152	117	77%	INERSTATE	140	106	
LAKE	320	211	66%	LAKE	317	207	
LIGHTHOUSE	72	50	69%	LIGHTHOUSE	68	46	
PALM BEACH	166	113	68%	PALM BEACH	167	112	
PEACE RIVER	307	242	79%	PEACE RIVER	306	241	
POLK COUNTY	139	107	77%	POLK COUNTY	138	107	
SEMINOLE	86	59	69%	SEMINOLE	86	58	
SOUTHEAST	513	416	81%	SOUTHEAST	509	412	
SOUTHERNMOST	347	287	83%	SOUTHERNMOST	346	286	
SOUTHWEST	155	121	78%	SOUTHWEST	156	121	
TREASURE COAST	134	114	85%	TREASURE COAST	127	109	
VINTAGE	54	42	78%	VINTAGE	53	41	
WEST COAST	184	122	66%	WEST COAST	182	122	
TOTALS	5776	4287	74%	TOTALS	5707	4229	

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I want to thank all the chapters who attended the past state meeting. With the change of venue we appreciated you being able to be there to discuss problems and legislative issues we have.

On the legislative front the helmet bill that was introduced has not moved or had a senate sponsor at this time. Our vulnerable road user bill is in both the senate and the house. Our request for money for our safety has also been filed. We have more support from the legislators than we have had in the past and our friends are sticking by us.

Our organization has been here for over 35 years fighting for motorcycle rights. We've had our ups and downs but have always maintained a forward motion. Some problems we have are people who break the law speeding and then get a ticket for riding without a helmet and don't have insurance. They then call us and want us to do something about it and they aren't a member nor want to be. We do bills to protect and help the motorcyclists of Florida but if you cannot support this organization then don't come to us and ask us to settle your problems. Also it doesn't do us any good to complain about any actions by police five or ten years ago. The legislature wants proof of what's happening now in Florida. That's why we need up to date accident information to use in Tallahassee. If people want our help to fight then support Abate of Florida, Inc. I haven't seen any organizations donating money to this organization but I do see every charity receiving money from motorcycle groups all over the state. We are the only organization fighting in the capitol for the rights of motorcyclists.

The run to the Capitol in April is coming soon and we need to make plans to show the legislators we believe in our agenda and want their support. Until then "Ride Safe and Free"!!!!

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chapter sgt-at-arms for those that are missing yet. Get the names for the bell ringing to Steve and me.

STATE OFFICE Ms. Boots: You want paperwork from the office, I want paperwork from you. I need up to date chapter officers.

American Income Life-we are working on a letter from ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. to give to new members regarding the \$4,000.00 accidental death and dismemberment policy signed by the current state President.

MEMBERSHIP Laurie Hanley: Laurie Hanley-there are no new life members. Doc-please make sure you get the correct information out on the price of membership. \$20.00 for new/renewal or \$600.00 for a life membership.

Tie for most new membership in November-Polk County and Treasure Coast Chapters. For November the highest percentage of growth goes to Treasure Coast Chapter. For December the most new members and highest percentage of growth go to Lighthouse Chapter.

MASTERLINK VACANT: Patti-Masterlinks they were not ordered for this meeting. We forgot. It is up on the web site.

PR/COMMUNICATIONS Sally Carroll: I would like to see us promote the Freedom ride. All chapters need to put out flyers to other clubs/events.

Do we have a page in Full Throttle magazine? We need to contact them.

Chapters need to apply for May is motorcycle safety and awareness month in their own Counties. How to apply should be up on the Counties web site. Please at least try to get one.

WEBMASTER Dan "Slo Mo" Henderson: Excused

SAFETY DIRECTOR Victor Piorkowski: Thank you to the chapters that are doing our MSAP program in booths and schools. You need to send in the correct form for MSAP materials request not the inventory form. MSAP certified instructor certificates to: Ken Gerecke of Palm Beach chapter and John Melin of Forest Chapter

PRODUCTS Steve Knee: new shirts are prepaid only. Have to have chapter checks with chapter orders. Not personal checks.

Doc-at a meeting I attended in Vegas I had on the Biker lives matter t-shirt. I had a lady come up to me and said your right, biker lives do matter.

LEGISLATIVE Darrin "Scribe" Brooks: thank you to the chapters that sent in pictures of their MSAP booths and class room presentations per my request. What we want to do is to show that ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. can reach out to all over the state.

Now with the motorcycle helmet bill HB1609 coming up it is a great time to recruit new members that enjoy their freedom of choice. Some chapters are doing informative things to hand out at their bike nights to recruit new members.

I will be making a template for you to use when you go and visit your legislators in Tallahassee. The venerable road users bill S432 and H541 are amendments to 316.2127. S408 would change the venerable road users bill to take out the word motorcycles.

Keep on encouraging our members to call and talk to your legislators. Talk to your neighbors, other

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 Vintage-Charles Johnston, Bill Pratt
 West Coast- Michael Cullen, Sam Stallard

PRESIDENT Doc Reichenbach: Doc letter from our insurance company, American Income Life, that 60 days from date of letter (5/25) they will be cutting off our insurance. AIL has paid over \$ 1/4 million in last 10 years to our members. Because the yellow information cards are returned to the State Office AIL has not gotten enough member participation with other insurance they offer. Doc told AIL that he hasn't talked to the agent in 2 years. Woman said she would talk to the higher up. If they continue use the yellow cards will have to go to the insurance company. The \$ 4000 has been a blessing to some families. It will be up to delegates if we still want to negotiate with them. In 2016 we had 2 deaths and 1 already in 2017. Forest chapter made motion 2nd by Southeast to negotiate with AIL to continue the \$4000 and that the yellow cards will be returned to AIL after they agree to keep the insurance. Seminole County asked if we could have the rep come talk to us at the President's Seminar. Every President needs to come to the seminar. Critter said the insurance is a big selling point for recruiting new members and some clubs require members to join ABATE of Florida, Inc. for the insurance. The yellow card also designates beneficiary so \$4000 won't be held up by state of Florida or taxed. Doc will call them Monday to offer them to speak at President Seminar and also at the NCOM convention in Orlando in 2019.

The NCOM BOD voted unanimously to hold convention here in 2019. It will be over Mother's Day weekend. The only problem right now is the hotel we used last time raised rate to \$169 a night. They are going to check with Doubletree. Larry Crow has resigned as our legal counsel. He has been disbarred but that doesn't affect us because he was not on any of our accounts. Jerry T. will now be the legal counsel for ABATE of Florida, Inc. only, not for members personal issues. Doc has received calls from reporters regarding the Leesburg situation. We have this standard answer: "No comment. We had nothing to do with it, we weren't there.

May was Motorcycle Safety Awareness month. Many chapters did proclamations for their areas. Proclamation on the state level is ABATE of Florida, Inc. responsibility. Doc will be closing Inerstate today. They want to stay in but no one wants to hold an office. We have 2 people who want to start a new chapter. Bryan (Woody) Short wants to start a North Orlando chapter. He knows a lot of bikers and he tells them about ABATE and how it connects everyone for a good cause, old members bring in new age members. Some sport bikers want to fight for their rights. Frenchie (Seminole County) said Orange County had 37 sport bikers-why wasn't he at their meetings. He responded that people he knew weren't interested

in joining Seminole County and he is not there for personal reasons. Also asked why shouldn't they be members? They have 16 potential members. They will bring modern ideas to ABATE. He has 4 people that want to be on their BOD. More discussion. Lake County liked his enthusiasm and youth. Peace River made a motion to accept the new chapter, 2nd by Treasure Coast. There was 1 abstain.

VICE PRESIDENT Darrin "Scribe" Brooks: Thanks to the chapters who gave money to continue the News Service of Florida. As of this morning we have raised enough money. ABATE of Florida, Inc. greatly appreciates all your help.

SECRETARY Shelly Johnston: There were no corrections to the minutes. Seminole County made motion to accept Secretary's minutes, 2nd by Freedom and approved.

TREASURER Patti Nasrallah: Financial report in packets. Went over several errors on the report. When she gets home she will send the corrected report to all chapter Presidents. We couldn't pay for the news service with the Leadership Seminars coming up we had to pay for the BOD rooms and meeting rooms. Question was asked how much is recommended each chapter donate to State to help with expenses. Patti said 10% would be fair to all chapters. Hillsborough motioned to accept Treasurer's report, 2nd by Polk and approved.

SARGENT-AT-ARMS Marcus Hotelling: Be sure your new BOD members go to the Leadership Seminars. They will learn a lot and get to meet other people in their positions.

STATE OFFICE Ms. Boots: Every chapter has drawing tickets out, return \$ and tickets to State Office once a booklet is sold. State meeting flyers need to have a map to the meeting hall! Don't send money with your flyer-price differs between poker runs, one day events and with camping it's quite a bit more. She will contact you about insurance cost.

MEMBERSHIP Laurie Hanley: The highest % of growth and most new members for March both went to Southwest. Lighthouse and Southeast tied for most new members in April and highest % of growth went to Lighthouse. Heidi has reached the top bracket of the membership incentive program and was presented with a shirt and pin

MASTERLINK VACANT: Patti Nasrallah, Acting Editor:
Printed Masterlinks have been passed out

PR/COMMUNICATIONS Sally Carroll: Excused Absence.

WEBMASTER Dan "Slo Mo" Henderson: Excused Absence. He will have CD's to hand out at the seminars.

SAFETY DIRECTOR Victor Piorkowski: Remind whoever puts on a safety booth that paperwork needs to be correct and complete with name and phone number. Send someone from your chapter to the safety seminar. Jim Owens from Seminole got his MSAP certificate and is now an instructor. Steve asked how are we going to get safety products? Doc said we still have money in the Safety and Education account and as soon as we find a vendor we will do an order.

PRODUCTS Steve Knee: Has products to be picked up. One year from today we will need a new products person.

LEGISLATIVE Darrin "Scribe" Brooks: We were able to squish the helmet bill. Thanks to a lot of work by our lobbyist and members of ABATE of Florida, Inc. in getting out information on why a helmet bill was not needed. Legislators were impressed by the calls they received and presentations. We are looking forward to 2018. Look at who's running in your area. Start paying attention to who is making noise about running. He will get a list together on people who are pro-motorcycle or not anti-motorcycle. Scott is going to run for US Senate. He has one more year as Governor. Adam Putnam will also be running for Governor and he is biker friendly. We will keep trying next year to get the safety money. Scott has been difficult to work with, not just us, but all groups.

LOBBYIST Doc Reichenbach: We have thought about doing a bill to rescind the \$ 2.50 fee motorcyclists pay at time of registration that is supposed to be for safety and education. We expect to get push back from Highway Safety & Transportation who is getting our \$2.50 which then goes into their General Fund to be used for any purpose. Doc is going to set up a meeting with Adam Putnam (and other gubernatorial candidates). The first question he will ask is would he sign a bill turning the safety program over to ABATE of Florida, Inc. The second question would be will he make sure there is money in the budget for us. We are going to put in for the money again in the 2018 session. Scott vetoed \$4 billion including education because his tourism money wasn't in the budget. Doc is going to request a \$ 300,000 grant from Highway Safety and Transportation. If they deny it he is going to request an audit. It became law 10 years ago that ABATE of Florida, Inc. would get the money. Five years ago they took money from all trust accounts because Florida was hurting for money. We have a Senator who wants to take motorcycles out of the Vulnerable Road Users bill but leaving in mopeds, golf carts, horses and bicycles. Passidomo got enough people to agree to take out motorcycle. The bill also says that if a bicyclist is in lane motorists must go over the line, even the double yellow line and pass them at a slow pace. He has sponsors for the bill in 2018 and will try to talk with Passidomo. Clemens also opposes us, saying we should not be protected because we don't wear helmets-bicyclists don't either. The helmet bill did not get a Senate sponsor. The rep who did the bill totally believes that we should wear helmets. We have the constitutional right to choose. Bicyclists will be talking with Doc, they want to work with us to get it passed. The 2018 session starts in January, we are riding to capital in February.

LEGAL Larry Crow: Larry Crow has resigned as our legal counsel. Jerry T. will assist ABATE of Florida, Inc. in all legal matters but is not available for personal issues.

NCOM: Reno convention was held May 11-14, 2017. It was the best convention yet. In 2018 the convention is in Mobile Alabama May 10-13, 2018. In 2018 it will be in Orlando Florida.

MRF & AMA: MRF-there is a new motorcycle caucus called Bikers in the Beltway with members in both the house and senate. Also working hard in national profiling. AMA-E15 is not labeled properly. Byron saw pump covering 3 different grades of E15. DO NOT use E15 in your motorcycles. Critter told of website, pure-gas.com that will show you where ethanol free pumps are. Doc has not heard anything about biodiesel. Shell gas is not recommended for some vehicles, consult with manufacturer guidelines. Sunoco, Citgo and Marathon are starting to get ethanol free.

TALLAHASSEE: Ride to the capital went well. If someone is paying the hotel for your group check your statements to make sure you weren't charged also. Hotel charged Doc's card and ABATE of Florida, Inc.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The last summer meeting has come and gone and now we look to the fall with the changing of the seasons and the migration of snowbirds coming to Florida. We will need to be even more aware of our surroundings when we ride. We are being hammered in the press about Florida having more accidents and deaths on motorcycles than any other state in the country. They never talk about the drivers only about us the riders. With next year being an election year we will be an easy target for our enemies to press for sanctions against motorcyclists.

We will make our wishes known in the Capitol at committee meeting this year and session in January. We have our vulnerable road bill and our safety money in this session. Then its election time for all the house part of the senate and a new Governor. It's time for changes in leadership in the Capitol for to long we have been treated like second class citizens and now we need to vote for people who support us.

I want to thank all the chapters for showing up at the past state meeting but we still have some miscommunication going back from the state meeting to chapter meetings. Make sure your notes are correct so the information gets out properly.

Enjoy the last days of summer and get out there and ride. **“Ride Safe and Free”!!!**

Doc

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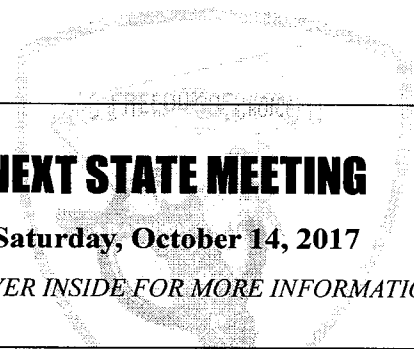
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NEXT STATE MEETING

Saturday, October 14, 2017

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ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. Delegate Meeting Hosted by: LAKE Chapter, Saturday Aug 12, 2017

CALLED TO ORDER AT: 2:02 p.m. by President James "Doc" Reichenbach after the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our fallen brothers and sisters.

Present were: President James "Doc" Reichenbach, Vice President and Legislative Darrin "Scribe" Brooks, Secretary Shelly Johnston, Treasurer Patti Nasrallah, Sergeant-at-Arms Marcus Hotelling, Membership Laurie Hanley, Safety Victor Piorkowski, , Products Steve Knee, State Office Elizabeth "Boots" Buckholz, PR/Communications Sally Carroll, Website Dan "Slo Mo" Henderson, Assistant Products Sherry Ward

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 Estero River-Larry Peterson, Ward Jackson
 Forest- Glen Myers, Tina Myers
 Freedom- Robert Hotchkiss, William Barnes
 Gator Alley- Judy Stevens, John Stevens
 Gulf Coast- Kevin Matlock, Brandy Westerfield
 Hillsborough- Cheryl Edmunds
 Lake- Will "Griz" Deaver, Vera Deaver
 Lighthouse- Rob Keller, Debra Horner

North Orlando- Bryan Short, Scott Morgan
 Palm Beach- Dan Henderson, Bill Black
 Peace River- Bill Neal, Bill Bird
 Polk County- John McDermott, Dewey Cain
 Seminole County- RD Reagan
 Southeast- Joanne Napoli, William Prewitt
 Southernmost-Sanford Wagner, Sandy MacLaren
 Southwest- Heidi Szolga, Moe Moser
 Treasure Coast- Steve Klemish, Susan Hulce
 Vintage-Charles Johnston, Beau Davis
 West Coast- Victor McDonald, Sam Stallard

PRESIDENT Doc Reichenbach: We are all in this organization together. In-fighting among chapters has been going on for a while. It needs to stop today. Presidents of chapters need to figure it out or Doc will get involved. Enough of the phone calls and Facebook comments. Be man enough to solve it face to face. We are in this for a cause: to fight unjust Florida laws against motorcyclists. We have done this since we incorporated in 1981 (36 years). The phrase "a divided house will fall" is true. ABATE of Florida, Inc. speaks for the 900,000 licensed motorcyclists in Florida. That is a big voting bloc. We helped a House and Senate candidate narrowly win their seats (by 35 votes). It's all about working together. It's about freedom and protecting your way of living. The helmet law didn't get a hearing last year because our friends in the capital worked with us. If you want this lifestyle to continue you need to get involved. ABATE of Florida, Inc. is the last organization of freedom fighters in this state. When we speak to the legislators we are speaking for everyone. If you are tired of being an officer get new members and groom them for a BOD position. I'm willing to set the membership fee at \$15 to help build membership. Have been seeing chapters getting their names in the paper for supporting a charity. Charity begins at home. Thanked everyone who attended the Leadership seminars in July. The chapter Presidents learned about the situation with our ADD insurance directly from our AIL rep. Over \$250,000 has been paid out to ABATE of Florida, Inc. members and their families.

VICE PRESIDENT Darrin "Scribe" Brooks: If every chapter could at least sell 10 tickets to the Biker Bash we would be in good shape.

SECRETARY Shelly Johnston: There were a couple corrections to the minutes. Seminole County made motion to accept Secretary's minutes, 2nd by Freedom and approved.

TREASURER Patti Nasrallah: Bank accounts need to have \$500 balance. We now have credit card debt for the State meeting and Leadership seminars. The Hotline phone listed under expense is paid by Richard Lester

every 6 months. Beau (Vintage) asked that every chapter give \$100 so that the credit card balance could get paid off. He was told to bring it up again under new business. The rent on the State office is going up in October, it's time to leave it. There are things stored in there that chapters can use. We will get a storage unit to keep what we have to. Boots will get a list out of what we have, knows there are 2 safes from Brevard and a fire-proof cabinet. Chapters will have first choice and we will try to sell what isn't taken by chapters. We will need chapters to help move the stuff, chapter presidents will get an email when it's time to move. It was also suggested that we could trade a full page ad in the Masterlink for a storage unit. Doc will look into if a land line is needed for our Hotline..

SARGENT-AT-ARMS Marcus Hotelling: Suggested that we take stuff from the office to the flea market or have a garage sale. Have members bring stuff to sell also. The flea market has generated sizable income for Vintage..

STATE OFFICE Ms. Boots: Has been receiving calls about the gun tickets asking if the mechanism on the rifle is steel or brass. It is steel. Second place is an over/under shotgun. Sell the tickets- all chapter Presidents and Treasurers got an email. She also has the handouts that were not picked from the Leadership Seminars.

MEMBERSHIP Laurie Hanley: Forest Chapter got highest % of growth and most new members for May. Vintage got highest % of growth for June and North Orlando got most new members.

MASTERLINK VACANT: Patti Nasrallah, Acting Editor:

Printed Masterlinks are up front.

PR/COMMUNICATIONS Sally Carroll: Good to see everyone here today. As previously requested she has rates for Full Throttle and Rebel Rider. Rebel rider does not publish any articles political in nature. She needs to be made an administrator on chapter Facebook pages. She needs to friend the chapter admin in order to get in. If you have a Facebook page, use Twitter, Linked In, Google or UTube for your chapter you do need to sign the social media SOP's. Several chapters still have not handed theirs in. They were available at the seminars and Boots has extra copies also.

WEBMASTER Dan "Slo Mo" Henderson: All is fine. Contact Slo Mo if you need help with web designs.

SAFETY DIRECTOR Victor Piorkowski: If you have questions on motorcycle safety and awareness or how to get the program into the schools or how to get started and what you will need email, call or text him. Leave a message so he can get back to you.

PRODUCTS Steve Knee: No new shirts today, hopefully for next State meeting. Does have short sleeve life member shirts in medium and x-large. Also has a couple of "Bikers Lives Matter" shirts. Doc and Beau have received a lot of good comments on theirs. There is a new life member products form, prices have gone up a little..

LEGISLATIVE Darrin "Scribe" Brooks: Lake County finally did it-they boxed him in. We are halfway to another session. Campaign 2018: ABATE of Florida, Inc. members will be very educated on candidates and decisions. We want changes, we need to elect pro-motorcycle people. Share his emails with your members. Putnam now has an opponent, Jack Latvala. Richard Corcoran has opened an exploratory account so there is a possibility he may also run. The Democrats may be looking at John Morgan. Darrin will educate us on the

candidates but he will not come out in support of anyone yet so we do not alienate anyone. Contact him by email if you want to get his emails. Chapter presidents, vice presidents, newsletter, legislative trustees and delegates should be getting his emails already.

LOBBYIST Doc Reichenbach: Doc had meeting on Monday with the legislator who did the helmet bill last year. Since he is only allowed six bills he wants to do a bill that would pass rather than a bill that isn't going to be heard. He asked Doc if he would help him on an opioid bill. Doc said he couldn't speak for ABATE of Florida, Inc. but would personally say something. He also brought up the gang problem in Florida. Doc asked specifically what gangs. He said street gangs and other gangs. Don't be surprised if a gang bill is introduced. Doc told him since this is an election year there may not be any controversial bills as the legislators don't want to do bills that would make them unpopular. He told Doc he was surprised Doc didn't support the helmet law. Doc said he was surprised he didn't stand up for the people's rights. They agreed to disagree on that point. He did agree to speak to Governor Scott regarding the safety money. Charlie Stone (House) and Dennis Baxby (Senate) are sponsoring both the Stiffer Penalties Bill and the safety money. We have a lot of support for the safety money. It's the governor who keeps vetoing it. A lot of things ABATE of Florida, Inc. does is behind the scenes, such as no riding side by side or no more than 5 in a group which was stopped several years ago. Most bills are killed before they reach committee. We may have a problem in 2018 Clemens, who is anti-motorcyclist, will be the leader of the senate. Will be bill to get the safety funds and an amendment to put the money back in a trust fund so they cannot use it anymore. Let Doc or Darrin know what's going on locally. Committee meetings start next month. Question was raised if we were going to try to get a Purple Heart tag for motorcycles again. Doc will try to attach it on another bill. Another question about the red white and blue motorcycle specialty tag. ABATE of Florida does not get the money. It is divided between charities which represent possible injuries to motorcyclists. In return they agreed they would not support a helmet law.

LEGAL COUNCIL: Doc: we do not have an attorney sitting on the board. We do have one that will be handling things for the corporation.s.

NCOM: The convention will be in Mobile Alabama in 2018. It is close enough that you could go if you wanted to. You will see you it is run and what it's all about so in 2019 when we host it in Orlando we will know a little more. They have set up a committee for a seminar that will probably talk about helmets.

MRF & AMA: AMA is still working on the 15% ethanol issue. Do NOT put it in your motorcycle-it will eat it up. There are pumps with 40-60-80% ethanol out there-they are for flex fuel cars. MRF is also working on the 15% ethanol. They are also looking for sponsors for the national profiling bill. Doc has not been contacted by anyone who has been profiled.

TALLAHASSEE: The ride to the capital will be Monday February 12, 2018. The State meeting will be Sunday February 11. It will be cold. Last year only 80 people showed up. That makes us look bad when we have thousands of members. We voted to go. When asked who was going most of the delegates raised their hands. We need chapters to go, other bikers to go. We need a strong showing. We are locked and loaded when we go to the capital. We have facts to back us up. Discussion about motels and campgrounds near the staging area for the run. Doc will look for another motel when he goes to the capital again.

BIKER BASH Billy Bird: Friday 11/3-Sunday11/5. If every chapter buys 10 tickets it will be a great success

and lots of \$ will go to State. Gator Alley will be running the bar and is accepting donations of bottles of alcohol (\$ also). Doc reminded delegation that people wanted to have a State party again but 2/3 of did not raise their hands indicating they were going. Buy presale tickets-you will save \$5 and will help them to know how many people to expect and plan for. This is an adult party. Children will not be allowed beyond the gate. The Memorial tent that Hillsborough used during Spooks and Scoots will be displayed during the party.

OLD BUSINESS: Chapters to host the 2018 State meetings are:

2-11-18 State (we are in Tallahassee). 4-14-18 Peace River

6-9-18 Lighthouse 8-11-18 North Orlando

10-13-18 Gulf Coast 12-8-18 Gator Alley.

NEW BUSINESS: Next State meeting will be hosted by Peace River on 10/14/17.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Memorial for TJ Painters father will be held August 26 10 am at Indian Hills Baptist Church

Southeast has motorcycle rights rally October 10.

Heidi will take suggestions for next year's Biker Bash. There will be a section outside the party area for children's events.

Lake County 30th Anniversary party tonight at the bowling alley.

Beau: Vintage donates \$100 to help reduce the credit card debt and challenges all chapters to meet their donation.

Drawings, 50/50 and silent auction

Doc said be safe, be careful and if you have children give them a hug. Thanked Lake County again for the great meal.

Motion to adjourn by Palm Beach 2nd by Vintage and approved. TIME OF ADJOURNMENT: 5:06 pm.

These minutes were summarized and respectfully submitted by Shelly Johnston 8/24/2017.

Hey Everyone,

Just a reminder about the Fall Biker Bash in November. Please help spread the word.

Remember if you buy your tickets ahead of time you save \$5.00 off of the gate price. It will be a great time and I look forward to seeing you out there.

Don't forget to bring your favorite cigar and join Steve Knee and myself in our annual "Cigars for Piece of Mind" smoke along.

See you there....

Darrin

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It's been a couple of weeks since the last state meeting but I want to thank Peace River for hosting the meeting. As usual they did a great job. This letter is only going to deal with a situation that came up today in the Florida legislature.

Today I received an update from the Florida legislature that will affect every **MOTORCYCLIST IN THE STATE IF IT PASSES**. It is House Bill 419 and will require every rider in the state to carry the exact same insurance as automobile. What that will mean is we will have to carry PIP. The insurance companies have never liked this because it could put us off our motorcycles and the cost could be atrocious. This is a call to arms check with the legislative officer to find out what committees this bill is going to and who are on the committees. You need to contact your legislators and tell them to vote no on this bill.

House Bill 2018 will put \$300,000 in Abate of Florida, Inc's hands for Motorcycle safety.

House Bill 117 and Senate Bill 116 both are our vulnerable road user bills.

Senate Bill 346 requires moped riders under the age of 21 to wear a helmet but the problem is they could place a amendment on it that would require all of us to wear a helmet.

It sounds like open season on all motorcyclists. Now is the time if you have never called you legislators and you want to remain free then call the abate legislative officer and then call your Senator and House member tell them vote NO on HB 419 and Senate Bill 346.

The next state meeting will be in Vero Beach we will really discuss these bills and the impact they could have on us. Until then Ride Safe and Free!!!

Doc

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NEXT STATE MEETING

Saturday, December 9, 2017

SEE FLYER INSIDE FOR MORE INFORMATION

ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. Delegate Meeting Hosted by: Peace River Chapter, Saturday Oct 14, 2017

CALLED TO ORDER AT: 2:07 p.m. by President James "Doc" Reichenbach. Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our fallen brothers and sisters.

Present were: President-James "Doc" Reichenbach; VP-Darrin Brooks; Secretary-Shelly Johnston-absent excused-Bob Alexander sitting in; Treasurer-Patti Nasrallah; Sgt-at-arms- Marcus Hotelling; Membership-Laurie Hanley; Legislative-Darrin Brooks; Products-Steve Knee; Assistant Treasurer-Deborah Hamby; Website-Dan Henderson; Office-Elizabeth "Boots" Buchholz.

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 GATOR ALLEY Judy Stevens, John Stevens
 GULF COAST Brandy Westerfield
 HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY Cheryl Edmunds, Charles Dotterer
 LAKE COUNTY Will "GRIZ" Deaver, Vera Deaver
 LIGHTHOUSE Tammy Grant, Marie Donovan

NORTH ORLANDO Bryan Short, Kathryn Faint
 PALM BEACH Dan Henderson, Bill Black
 PEACE RIVER Bill Neal, Bill Bird
 POLK COUNTY John T. McDermott, Dewey Cain
 SEMINOLE COUNTY Jean Morland
 SOUTHEAST William G "Magneto" Prewitt, Joanne "Critter" Napoli
 SOUTHERNMOST Sanford Wagner, Sandy Mac Laren
 SOUTHWEST Heidi Szolga, Moe Moser
 TRESURE COAST Steve Kliemish
 VINTAGE Excused
 WEST COAST Victor McDonald, Sam Stallard

PRESIDENT Doc Reichenbach:

Shelly is not here, is ill. Excused absence. Monthly reports are getting later and later. If the reports are not in on time, you lose your vote. Happy Birthday Bill Neal.

VICE PRESIDENT Darrin "Scribe" Brooks:

Have lost a great friend in Senator Evers, there is a bill in the house and senate to designate a Greg Evers Memorial Highway

SECRETARY Shelly Johnston:

Shelly Johnston excused, Bob Alexander substituting:

Moved by Peace River, second by Palm Beach to accept August minutes as written, motion carried.

TREASURER Patti Nasrallah:

Bank accounts need to have \$500 balance. Asking chapters to support the state. Question, can a budget be printed? Answer, expenses are being pared to the point there are few items to be paid, a printed budget should not be necessary, we all know what we have to pay. Insurance for example the money that comes in goes straight out. Polk County moved, Palm Beach seconded each chapter send in 10% of their accounts. One time only. Seminole county against the motion. Patti thinks it should be voluntary. Doc asks the motion to be withdrawn, Polk County withdrew it. Palm Beach moved, Treasure coast second, accept treasurer report as submitted. Motion carried

SARGENT-AT-ARMS Marcus Hotelling:

Inventory reports are due at December meeting. State Products and Chapter products, two separate reports. Will move stuff out of State Office on Saturday the 21, and finish on Saturday the 28

STATE OFFICE Ms. Boots:

Delegate sign in, we MUST be able to read your writing. Visitors, we must have your sign in. Drawing tickets, Tickets and money MUST agree, send them in the same envelope. Send to the PO Box in Deland.

MEMBERSHIP Laurie Hanley:

Highest Most new members July Lighthouse, Highest % growth July North Orlando, Most new members August Southeast, highest % growth August North Orlando

MASTERLINK VACANT: Patti Nasrallah, Acting Editor:

Printed Masterlinks are up front.

PR/COMMUNICATIONS Sally Carroll:

Absent, Unexcused

WEBMASTER Dan "Slo Mo" Henderson:

All is fine. Contact Slo Mo if you need help with web designs.

SAFETY DIRECTOR Victor Piorkowski:

MSAP orders need to be received two months before to be brought to the state meeting. Absent Excused. Southwest, video is out of date, notes younger members are not understanding the concept of freedom of choice. Polk County, younger members should think about insurance too. North Orlando, push other things than helmet use to attract new members. Frenchie: should note we are pro-choice, not anti-helmet.

PRODUCTS Steve Knee:

Have product orders to be picked up

LEGISLATIVE Darrin "Scribe" Brooks:

SB116 and HB 117 revolves around the protection of Vulnerable Road Users as defined by fs 316.027. Motorcycles are defined by fs 316.027 as a Vulnerable Road User.

SB346 does not apply to persons riding within an enclosed cab or to any person over 21 years of age who is operating or riding upon a motorcycle powered by a motor with a displacement of 50 ccs or less or is rated not in excess of 2 brake HP and which is not capable of propelling such motorcycle at a speed greater than 30 MPH on level ground.

House Panel Backs Red Light Camera Repeal HB6001.

HB215 and SB 504 relates to autcycles, which by definition have two wheels in front and one in back. This will change the definition of a motorcycle.

LOBBYIST Doc Reichenbach:

The moped bill, tells us be ready. University of Florida is behind this bill. HB215 SB504.

Have cosponsors on Vulnerable Road User bill.

Have safety money in both house and senate, asked for 300k per year with a long range plan for five years.

We will not take a position of support for anyone until at least after February.

The clipboards which are on the tables, please take them home with you.

LEGAL COUNCIL:

Doc: we do not have an attorney sitting on the board. We do have one that will be handling things for the corporation.s.

NCOM:

The convention will be in Mobile Alabama in May 10-13 2018. It is close enough that you could go if you wanted to. In 2019 it will be in Orlando. We will support it. We have been asked if we might drive the airport vans.

MRF & AMA:

MRF national statistics say MC deaths went up 1%. Don't know state by state. Florida is now 2nd in MC registration (licenses

TALLAHASSEE:

The ride to the capital will be Monday February 12, 2018. The State meeting will be Sunday February 11, 2018 at the American Legion. Could not find a closer motel, so we will use the same one as last year. Let chapters know this is not a party, save the rooms for the ones that will actually go to the capitol. The capitol is under construction, they are building a bigger garage for the senate. The ramp we usually use is virtually closed. No motorcycle trailers this year, only you and your bike. At least one candidate will be there to speak.

BIKER BASH Billy Bird:

Cancelled due to hurricane damage. Do not sell any more tickets. Some say postponed, but the official word is its out, if it is rescheduled, it will be re-announced. Turn in your unsold tickets now. Chapters to return ticket money if any to purchasers.

OLD BUSINESS:

Flex fuel is out there, be careful you do not put it in your motorcycles.

NEW BUSINESS: Next State meeting will be hosted by Treasure Coast.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Thanks to Peace River for the meeting and lunch.
Various runs and events are announced by delegates.

Drawings, 50/50 and silent auction

Thanked Peace River again for the great meal. Congrats to Deborah for winning 50-50, she donated it back to the organization. Thanks Deb!

Motion to adjourn 4:53pm.

These minutes were summarized and respectfully submitted by Bob Alexander as of 10/14/2017



Winter Riding Destination

Bisbee Arizona is a border town with more character than a carnival. The old main street is preserved with tons mid century nostalgia and has one of the best breakfast spots we've ever tried, The Bisbee Breakfast Club. You're a hop skip and a jump from Mexico and the high desert landscape is perfect for exploring in the winter time. Head north a few miles and check out a gun fight at the old west town of Tombstone, or head west and ride the border fence. Make sure to wave at the border patrol agents.

Excerpt courtesy of Butler Motorcycle Maps

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Christmas has come and gone, the New Year is quickly approaching and I hope the holidays have been and will be good for all of our members. It has been a year that has seen motorcyclists continually injured and killed on our highways. In the newspapers, radio, television and the Florida legislature we are told it's our fault even with no facts what so ever that proves that point. On December 19, 2016 HD 6009 was filed for the 2017 legislative session. This bill would take out the provision in the Florida statutes that allows us to ride without a helmet. For sixteen years we have ridden free and now as has been stated many times our lifestyle is under attack. We must defeat this bill and it will take all hands on deck to do this. We must get back to our roots as to why Abate of Florida, Inc. was formed, and that was to fight unjust laws and to protect motorcycle freedom and also provide safety information. Now is the time to act contact the Abate state Legislative officer and see what he wants you to do to help fight this very bad bill. We have moved the February state meeting to Ocala and we will have more information on this bill and our other legislative endeavors at that time.

Until then Ride Safe and Free!!!!

Doc

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NEXT STATE MEETING

Saturday, February 10, 2017

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ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. Delegate Meeting Hosted by: Gator Alley, Saturday December 10, 2016

CALLED TO ORDER AT: 2:13 p.m. by President Doc Reichenbach following the pledge of allegiance and moment of silence for our brothers and sisters lost. Present were: President James "Doc" Reichenbach, Vice President Darrin "Scribe" Brooks, Secretary Shelly Johnston, Treasurer Patti Nasrallah, Sargent-at-Arms Marcus Hotelling, Membership Laurie Hanley, PR/Communications Sally Carroll, Legislative Darrin "Scribe" Brooks, Products Steve Knee, Legal Larry Crow, Website Dan "Slo Mo" Henderson, State Office Elizabeth "Boots" Buckholz.

DELEGATE REPRESENTATIVES:

Black Creek- Carole DeCelle, Roy DeCelle
 Daytona Beach-Alfye Fyock
 Duval- suspended
 Estero River-Larry Peterson, Ward Jackson
 First Coast-closed
 Forest- John Melin
 Freedom-Dan Reid
 Gator Alley- Fred Corr, David Lindsay
 Gulf Coast- Kevin Matlock
 Hillsborough- Charles Dotterer, Cheryl Edmunds
 Inerstate- Mark Werley

Lake- Will "Griz" Deaver, Vera Deaver
 Lighthouse- Tammy Grant, Michael Lozito
 Palm Beach- Ken Gerecke, Bill Black
 Peace River- Bill Neal, Bill Bird
 Polk County- John McDermott, Dewey Cain
 Seminole County- Lana Lang, Jean Morland
 Southeast- Joanne Napoli, Steve Cromiak
 Southernmost-Byron Agababian, Sandy MacLaren
 Southwest- Heidi Szolga, Moe Moser
 Treasure Coast- Steve Klemish, Louise Marzorati
 Vintage-Sharon Balocki, Susan Hedrick
 West Coast- Victor McDonald, Sam Stallard

PRESIDENT Doc Reichenbach: The five chapters who hosted the State party would like to hold it again next year. They donated all the proceeds to State. Billy Bird said there was discussion that holding the State meeting the same day interfered with people attending the party. He suggested that the State meeting be held earlier in the day or Sunday. Doc said Sunday is when people travel back home. The BOD proposed to have the BOD meeting at 8 am and delegate meeting at 10 am. Other suggestions were to move the party to September or November. The committee will discuss possibilities and get back to the BOD. Doc talked to A.I.M. who sponsors our legislative hotline. They agreed to let us use the hotline for emergency updates during hurricanes and storms. They are doing this for every state. The hotline number is 1-866-352-2283 (1-866-FLABATE). Darrin brought up an ABATE app for smart phone. Doc talked to the person who does AIM's. Down the road we will have one. First Coast is officially closed. Do not send personal checks to State for any reason. It has to be a chapter check. The February State meeting place has been changed. It will be hosted by State and held in Ocala. See the flyer in your packet. Another motel that is not on the flyer is Sun Plaza Motel in Silver Springs, phone number 352-236-2343. The chapter who was supposed to host it notified State 2 days ago they could not. The BOD has decided that the bids for State meetings will be due in August, after elections in June and the new chapter BOD's are settled. If they decide not to do the State meeting after they committed they have 30 days to notify State. If they do not notify State during that time and do not fulfill their commitment they will be responsible for the costs of the meeting. Carol from Black Creek had a proposal for a change in the by-laws. Doc stated it needs to be turned into State Office two weeks before the State meeting. It will be heard at the February meeting. Doc asked about Duval's Christmas party and insurance, they said it was not an ABATE event.

VICE PRESIDENT Darrin "Scribe" Brooks: Been visiting chapters. Recommend chapters visit other chapters, but don't get involved with their business. Let's bring fellowship back into it

SECRETARY Shelly Johnston: There are no corrections to the minutes from the October meeting. Motion to approve by Seminole, 2nd by Daytona and passed.

TREASURER Patti Nasrallah: Financial reports are in the packets. Carol from Black Creek said according to the by-laws a budget is supposed to be prepared and submitted at the December meeting. Patti said she prepares income and expense reports every month. She has not prepared a budget because in order to prepare one she would have to get a budget from every chapter and they don't know what their income will be. Carol was expecting to know how we will cover State expenses. Patti said State's income comes from the 20% and memberships. Lake County, Peace River and Gator Alley have stepped up when State needed help. Doc said we went over this subject 4 months ago, and we're done with it. He asked if every chapter wants to do a budget and send it in so Patti can do a State budget. Response was NO. Patti will send out letters requiring budgets and we will have one next December. Inventories are also part of the budget. Motion to approve Treasurer's report by Lake, 2nd by Seminole and passed.

SARGENT-AT-ARMS Marcus Hotelling: Inventories are due today.

STATE OFFICE Ms. Boots: Send your event flyer (see flyer SOP) first. Once it is approved send all the paperwork together: approved flyer, check for insurance, insurance request and property release. Insurance for a one-day non-riding event is \$125. Insurance for a ride is \$350 - \$379. One insurance wants to know how many will be attending, another wants to know how far the ride is.

MEMBERSHIP Laurie Hanley: Highest % of Growth in September was a tie between Forest and Vintage; October was Estero River. Lighthouse had the most new members in September; October was Southeast. No life cards. Let your chapter membership person know they are doing a great job.

MASTERLINK VACANT: There are copies of the Masterlink in front of the BOD table.

PR/COMMUNICATIONS Sally Carroll: Send flyers in JPG or Word. PDF does not post on Twitter. Flyers must be approved by State Office first.

WEBMASTER Dan "Slo Mo" Henderson: Template Works well on smart phones. No one has requested help with websites.

SAFETY DIRECTOR Victor Piorkowski: Victor Piorkowski: Has 14 schools coming up in January in the Fort Meyers and North Fort Meyers areas. Southwest is helping a lot, also Estero River, Gator Alley and Peace River. Question was asked where to get the MSAP class info- chapters should have received it at the Leadership Seminars. He is going forward to get more schools and help chapters break into their local schools. Inerstate has products to pick up. Question was asked to get yellow and black bumper stickers. We have a lot of the black and white that we need to get rid of. Doc will check on what we have for safety money and try to order some.

PRODUCTS Steve Knee: The new order form is in the packets. It has the "Biker Lives Matter" patch and shirt on it. Currently sold out of patch and shirt, you can order them. Delegates thought the lettering and circle wasn't bold enough on the shirts. Doc donated the money to have the stencil changed so the shirts can get out there.

LEGISLATIVE Darrin "Scribe" Brooks: While visiting chapters he is getting great feedback on the postcards they sent out. It is not too late to send them if you haven't already. Each chapter should reach out to their own Representative or Senator. They will pay more attention to their constituents' mail or emails. They can look up if you have voted in the past 5 years. If you vote in every primary and general election you're called a super voter and are important to them because you can get them re-elected. Know who your reps are. Go to myfloridasenate.gov or myfloridahouse.gov and put in your zip code + four and it will tell you who your reps are and how to contact them. The new Speaker of the House and Senate have picked their teams. You can call your rep and ask them to support a bill. Tell them you are a constituent, they will listen to you. Senator Clemens has submitted SB66, the Highway Safety Bill (our Vulnerable Road Users bill) and has added mopeds, scooters and animals. Motorcycles are not in the bill. There is no House bill yet. We are also expecting some type of helmet bill. Ask your rep to let you know if they hear anything to let you know. Currently he is sending emails to all chapter Presidents, VPs, Legislative Trustees and PR/ Communications. If you would like to receive emails send him your email address.

LOBBYIST Doc Reichenbach: The new Speaker of the House is requiring lobbyists to go to school for 2 hours regarding new rules and procedures. We now will have to put in a bill for the safety money. Doc talked to a Senator who agreed to put in a bill for \$300,000 for safety money in the budget. He will also talk to Scott about not vetoing it. Doc may ask the Senator to come speak to us in February. If we get the \$ we will do a new safety video. We lost two Senators who were friends of ABATE. They haven't announced who will be on the committees in the House yet. Griz (Lake) said he would still like to see a mandatory driver's training course or you can't get your license till your 21. Motorcyclists have to, why not them. Florida is in the top 5 in teen fatalities. Maybe put in a bill that \$2 of every ticket goes to drivers ed programs. Doc will talk to a legislator about mandatory drivers ed.

LEGAL Larry Crow: All good and legal.

NCOM: The convention is in Reno May 11-14, 2017. In 2018 it is in Mobile, Alabama. Doc would like to see a good turnout from ABATE of Florida for that. He was asked if we would like to host a district meeting. He will be talking to other state presidents to see what they prefer.

MRF & AMA: AMA is dealing a lot with off road and racing. They contacted Doc asking for support to open all Federal lands to dirt bikes, ATV's, etc. He declined, he doesn't want any more land destroyed. Also, they are still working with EPA to lower the 15% ethanol. Trump has nominated someone to head the EPA who hates the EPA. The MRF is working on the anti-profiling bill and asked Doc to support. The bill dies in January so no use to support a dead bill and waste our political capital.

TALLAHASSEE 2017: The State meeting is Sunday April 9 and the ride to the capital is Monday April 10. Delegates voted to go. Last couple of years hardly anyone showed up. If we don't have a good turnout they will remember. Once we have the flyer put them everywhere.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business.

NEW BUSINESS: The gun drawing was a successful fund raiser. Doc asked the delegates if they would like to do it again for 2017 (another Henry and shotgun). Daytona Beach made motion to do it again, Seminole

2nd and passed. Doc will talk to Henry about doing a commemorative rifle for July 4, 2018. Darrin will send out an email on what Henry will allow. Delegates will go back to their chapters and get ideas together and bring to next State meeting.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Vintage birthday party Saturday January 28. Palm Beach has an event tomorrow. Question was asked where our portable mics were so everyone can hear. Lake County said they donated a PA system, speaker and cordless mics. The former Sgt-at-Arms picked them up and has not turned them in. Marcus will contact him to get them back. There also may be some in the inventory Brevard turned in. Thanks to the Gator Alley Galley Girls for the great lunch and to Gator Alley for hosting the meeting. Frenchie said the AIM mailing he received contained a 2016 calendar. Doc will ask them why not it was not a 2017.

50/50, raffle drawings and silent auction followed by drawing for the rifle and shotgun. Kimberly Wisdom from Peace River won the Henry. David Browning won the shotgun, ticket was sold by Slo Mo.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everyone!

TIME OF ADJOURNMENT: 5:41 p.m. Motion to adjourn by Lake County, 2nd by Treasure Coast and passed.

Respectfully submitted by Shelly Johnston 12-22-16

APRIL 9-10, 2017

TALLAHASSEE FREEDOM RIGHTS RALLY



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I want to thank all the chapters who attended the past state meeting. With the change of venue we appreciated you being able to be there to discuss problems and legislative issues we have.

On the legislative front the helmet bill that was introduced has not moved or had a senate sponsor at this time. Our vulnerable road user bill is in both the senate and the house. Our request for money for our safety has also been filed. We have more support from the legislators than we have had in the past and our friends are sticking by us.

Our organization has been here for over 35 years fighting for motorcycle rights. We've had our ups and downs but have always maintained a forward motion. Some problems we have are people who break the law speeding and then get a ticket for riding without a helmet and don't have insurance. They then call us and want us to do something about it and they aren't a member nor want to be. We do bills to protect and help the motorcyclists of Florida but if you cannot support this organization then don't come to us and ask us to settle your problems. Also it doesn't do us any good to complain about any actions by police five or ten years ago. The legislature wants proof of what's happening now in Florida. That's why we need up to date accident information to use in Tallahassee. If people want our help to fight then support Abate of Florida, Inc. I haven't seen any organizations donating money to this organization but I do see every charity receiving money from motorcycle groups all over the state. We are the only organization fighting in the capitol for the rights of motorcyclists.

The run to the Capitol in April is coming soon and we need to make plans to show the legislators we believe in our agenda and want their support. Until then "Ride Safe and Free"!!!!

Doc

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NEXT STATE MEETING

Saturday, April 9, 2017

SEE FLYER INSIDE FOR MORE INFORMATION

ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. Delegate Meeting Hosted by: State Board, Saturday February 11, 2017

CALLED TO ORDER AT: 2:03PM by President James "Doc" Reichenbach followed by the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence for brothers and sisters lost and those in harm's way. Present were: President James "Doc" Reichenbach II, Vice President Darrin Brooks, Treasurer Patti Nasrallah, Sgt-at-arms Marcus Hotelling, Membership Laurie Hanley, PR/communications Sally Carroll, Legislative Darrin Brooks, Products Steve Knee, Assistant products Sherry Ward, Safety Director Victor Piorkowski, State Office Elizabeth "Boots" Buchholz Excused absences: Secretary Shelly Johnston, Legal Larry Crow and Web Dan "Slo Mo" Henderson

DELEGATE REPRESENTATIVES:

Black Creek-Carole DeCelle, Roy DeCelle
 Daytona Beach- Alfye Fyock, John Banta
 Duval County-Amy Griner, John Pavak
 Estero River- Larry Peterson, Shayne Hanley
 Forest-Glenn Myers, Tina Myers
 Freedom-Robert Hotchkiss
 Gator Alley- David Lindsay, Robert Miller
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PRESIDENT Doc Reichenbach: We had to cancel last year's meeting in Tallahassee. We are definitely doing it this year. We need up to date email addresses for the chapter presidents and vice presidents so if the Tallahassee Run is cancelled for some reason this year we will need to get a hold of you so you can pass it along to the members that are planning on going.

Florida is one of the few states that does not require PIP insurance on your motorcycle. For Florida we are required to have health insurance if you want to ride without a helmet. There was much discussion on mandatory insurance for motorcycles in Florida. Motion: Daytona Beach-John Banta-that ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. stay out of the insurance situation, second-Treasure Coast-Steve Kliemish, motion carries.

VICE PRESIDENT Darrin "Scribe" Brooks: Found in a magazine something that I did not put out. It looks like they cut and pasted part of my article but not all info was something I would put out. Please do not put anything out with my name on it unless I have given prior approval. If some magazine wants some info please contact me and I will put something out.

SECRETARY Shelly Johnston: excused absence: Doc-motion to accept December meeting minutes. Daytona Beach-John Banta motion to accept, Southeast chapter seconded, motion carries.

TREASURER Patti Nasrallah: Report are in the packets. Due to a US mail screw up you will see the office phone bills more than once. They will show up again early in the Feb report. Hillsborough-Charlie- makes motion to accept treasurers report, seconded by Daytona Beach, John Banta, motion passes. Thank you to Hillsborough County chapter for paying the withholding tax for our last drawing.

SARGENT-AT-ARMS Marcus Hotelling: check your tires on your bike before Tallahassee. If you are military and wish to carry a flag at Tallahassee please get with me. We did not get to go last year so hopefully we will have a good turn out this year. We will also do the ringing of the bell. Inventories -I will get with the

chapter sgt-at-arms for those that are missing yet. Get the names for the bell ringing to Steve and me.

STATE OFFICE Ms. Boots: You want paperwork from the office, I want paperwork from you. I need up to date chapter officers.

American Income Life-we are working on a letter from ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. to give to new members regarding the \$4,000.00 accidental death and dismemberment policy signed by the current state President.

MEMBERSHIP Laurie Hanley: Laurie Hanley-there are no new life members. Doc-please make sure you get the correct information out on the price of membership. \$20.00 for new/renewal or \$600.00 for a life membership.

Tie for most new membership in November-Polk County and Treasure Coast Chapters. For November the highest percentage of growth goes to Treasure Coast Chapter. For December the most new members and highest percentage of growth go to Lighthouse Chapter.

MASTERLINK VACANT: Patti-Masterlinks they were not ordered for this meeting. We forgot. It is up on the web site.

PR/COMMUNICATIONS Sally Carroll: I would like to see us promote the Freedom ride. All chapters need to put out flyers to other clubs/events.

Do we have a page in Full Throttle magazine? We need to contact them.

Chapters need to apply for May is motorcycle safety and awareness month in their own Counties. How to apply should be up on the Counties web site. Please at least try to get one.

WEBMASTER Dan "Slo Mo" Henderson: Excused

SAFETY DIRECTOR Victor Piorkowski: Thank you to the chapters that are doing our MSAP program in booths and schools. You need to send in the correct form for MSAP materials request not the inventory form. MSAP certified instructor certificates to: Ken Gerecke of Palm Beach chapter and John Melin of Forest Chapter

PRODUCTS Steve Knee: new shirts are prepaid only. Have to have chapter checks with chapter orders. Not personal checks.

Doc-at a meeting I attended in Vegas I had on the Biker lives matter t-shirt. I had a lady come up to me and said your right, biker lives do matter.

LEGISLATIVE Darrin "Scribe" Brooks: thank you to the chapters that sent in pictures of their MSAP booths and class room presentations per my request. What we want to do is to show that ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. can reach out to all over the state.

Now with the motorcycle helmet bill HB1609 coming up it is a great time to recruit new members that enjoy their freedom of choice. Some chapters are doing informative things to hand out at their bike nights to recruit new members.

I will be making a template for you to use when you go and visit your legislators in Tallahassee. The venerable road users bill S432 and H541 are amendments to 316.2127. S408 would change the venerable road users bill to take out the word motorcycles.

Keep on encouraging our members to call and talk to your legislators. Talk to your neighbors, other

motorcyclists and let them know there is a helmet bill in the legislative process this year. I have talked with Patti regarding updating the legislative information on the web site.

LOBBYIST Doc Reichenbach: the current information regarding our bill will be up on our website. We had no one step up to handle the Masterlink. Now we have state board members trying to do 2 jobs. If you know how to do these jobs you need to step up and help out. The bill was put in three weeks ago and has not been assigned to a committee yet. When HB1609 came out I spent 3 hours with the sponsor. We talked about several items that pertain to motorcyclists including our safety money. Please do not ask people from out of state to call our legislators. I talked to one legislator that got a call from someone from out of state that was very nasty to him. Session starts the first week in March. The Speaker of the House wants to stop all the amendments that are put on a bill at the end of session. I had made the announcement earlier that I want all chapter presidents and vice presidents email address before you leave here today.

LEGAL Larry Crow: Larry Crow has been excused from this meeting.

NCOM: The next NCOM convention will be in Reno, Nevada May 11-14, 2017. For 2018 it will be in Mobile, AL. We were asked if we wanted to do a regional meeting or convention in Florida. You were supposed to take this back to your chapters for discussion. The convention or district meeting would be in 2019. Motion: Griz-Lake County Chapter-to take this back to the chapters. Seconded-Daytona Beach, discussion. Motion carries to take this back to your chapters.

MRF & AMA: both organizations fighting the EPA on the E15. The MRF has put out information on the Motorcycle Advisory Committee. This includes about 20 people mostly safety people and one person with motorcycling enthusiast. MRF would like you to contact your representative in DC requesting more motorcycling enthusiasts on this panel.

TALLAHASSEE 2017: flyers in your packet were incorrect, we have fixed them and given you correct ones. State meeting will be on Sunday, April 9. We need the most up to date email address for chapter presidents and vice presidents .

OLD BUSINESS: gun drawing: you were supposed to take back to your chapters if we wanted to do another drawing once a year or twice a year. Vote taken: to do once a year wins. There was much discussion on what type of gun to do for 2017 drawing. Motion: Patti: to do the same gun as last year for the drawing to be done in December. Amended to say the drawing will be at the state meeting in December. Seconded by John-Daytona Beach. First place 30-30, second place is the shotgun. Motion carries. Discussion on having it engraved. We will look into that.

We are already contacting the At Large members that their membership is about to expire. Leadership seminars in July- Do we want to do the leadership seminars in July? Motion by Griz-Lake County Chapter-that we do the leadership seminars in July. Seconded by Seminole County. Where? Centrally located, 8 or 15th of July. Discussion: Motion that we hold the leadership seminars in Clermont on July 8. Motion carries.

Patti-the MSAP video on the web site has been put on the forms page as a MP4 format so you can

download it.

Forest Chapter-Gunny-you all have had a chance to see the pictures of the quilt made. The drawing will be in April.

NEW BUSINESS: Doc-we have had three pedophiles that have had their membership removed from ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. by the State President. We need to do something right away when we find out there is a pedophile in our mist. If you knowing allow someone that is a pedophile or sexual predator at our event we can get into trouble also as we do have family events with children. A letter was sent to the American Legion where Gulf Coast Chapter meets with the information regarding one of their members. Brandy: I have two girls that come to the chapter meetings with me, they are a great help. I do not want this person in my chapter. He is a danger to my children and others. I say that if we have a situation like this that we should be able to vote on it today to remove this person as a member. Doc-I have discussed this with our attorneys and they say I can remove this person by myself. There was discussion on this subject. Doc-there will be a letter going out on Monday to remove this person as a member. I will do what is in the best interest of this corporation.

The next state meeting will be in Tallahassee.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Rob-Lighthouse Chapter down south there will be an antique motorcycle show. You have to be careful out there. To many drivers not paying attention.

Drawings held

Motion to adjourn by Seminole, seconded by Daytona

Adjourned 5:10PM

These minutes submitted by:Elizabeth "Boots" Buchholz

Our deepest condolences go out to Fuzzy Red (Red Dunkle) on his loss. Princess was a familiar face at many ABATE events as well as making many smiles on children's face at Chrismtmas events.



NOVEMBER 2016				DECEMBER 2016			
CHAPTER	MEMBERS	VOTERS	% VOTERS	CHAPTER	MEMBERS	VOTERS	
AT LARGE	1336	974	73%	AT LARGE	1314	954	
BLACK CREEK	110	89	81%	BLACK CREEK	113	93	
DAYTONA BEACH	270	176	65%	DAYTONA BEACH	270	176	
DUVAL	161	109	68%	DUVAL	155	104	
ESTERO RIVER	171	125	73%	ESTERO RIVER	167	122	
FOREST	124	97	78%	FOREST	120	94	
FREEDOM	96	68	71%	FREEDOM	93	67	
GATOR ALLEY	329	232	71%	GATOR ALLEY	325	228	
GULF COAST	347	272	78%	GULF COAST	345	266	
HILLSBOROUGH	143	101	71%	HILLSBOROUGH	143	101	
INERSTATE	141	107	76%	INERSTATE	143	109	
LAKE	315	209	66%	LAKE	313	207	
LIGHTHOUSE	66	44	67%	LIGHTHOUSE	74	52	
PALM BEACH	161	109	68%	PALM BEACH	164	111	
PEACE RIVER	308	243	79%	PEACE RIVER	310	245	
POLK COUNTY	141	108	77%	POLK COUNTY	144	111	
SEMINOLE	86	59	69%	SEMINOLE	85	58	
SOUTHEAST	507	410	81%	SOUTHEAST	507	410	
SOUTHERNMOST	347	288	83%	SOUTHERNMOST	345	287	
SOUTHWEST	150	177	118%	SOUTHWEST	150	120	
TREASURE COAST	132	112	85%	TREASURE COAST	122	103	
VINTAGE	54	43	80%	VINTAGE	52	42	
WEST COAST	172	115	67%	WEST COAST	165	112	
TOTALS	5667	4267	75%	TOTALS	5619	4172	

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The legislative session for this year is coming to a close. We still have money in the state budget for the next fiscal year. Our vulnerable road bill did not get a hearing in either the house or senate but we will find sponsors for this bill for next session. Next year's legislative session starts in January and ends in the first week of March. It will be early because of mid term elections and gives the legislators more time to run for reelection.

The ride to the Capitol was a success and I wish to thank all the participants who took Monday off to ride with us. Next year the ride will be in February and I hope everyone will join us for this important expression of freedom.

The training seminars will be in July in Ocala. This will give all the new and remaining officers a chance to learn new techniques and to meet officers from other chapters. All presidents and vice presidents are requested to come to the Sunday meeting.

I want to thank all of you who have been dedicated members of this organization through the years. Without you this organization would not be here today. If Abate of Florida, Inc. is not here to protect the motorcyclists of this state then the government will attempt to pass laws that will possibly make it impossible for us to ride. "FREEDOM IS NOT FREE" it must be fought for!!!!!!!!!!

The next state meeting will be hosted by Vintage Chapter and I want to thank everyone who helped out for the past state meeting. Until then "Ride Safe and Free".

Doc

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NEXT STATE MEETING
Saturday, June 10, 2017
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The June state meeting has passed into history and the same with the 2017 legislative session. The helmet law bill faded into the night without a hearing. Our vulnerable road user bill had sponsors in both the house and the senate but did have a hearing. We have a tough row to hoe on this bill as there are senators who want to have motorcycles struck from the statutes as vulnerable road users. They believe what ever happens to us we deserve and they have no conscious what so ever about us dying. The Governor again vetoed our \$300,000 in safety money with no explanation. The Governor has decided to run for the U.S. Senate next year and we will be prepared for that election. Next years legislative session is in January and our ride to the Capitol will be in February.

I want to welcome the new North Orlando chapter that was voted in at the June meeting and we are looking forward to having another chapter join shortly. It is great to finally see young people getting involved to start learning the process to fight for their rights.

I had discussions with the life insurance company and the \$4000 death and dismemberment policy has been reinstated. American Life has paid out over \$250,000 to our members in the past ten odd years. It has been a blessing to our members and their families.

I again want to thank our members for all their support through the years and please when you're out riding be aware as these cars and trucks don't see you. The officer training seminars are July 7-8 in Ocala. Until then dodge the raindrops and 'Ride Safe and Free!!!!'

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NEXT STATE MEETING

Saturday, August 12, 2017

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ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. Delegate Meeting Hosted by: Vintage Chapter, Saturday June 10, 2017

CALLED TO ORDER AT: 2:06 p.m. by President James “Doc” Reichenbach followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our fallen brothers and sisters.

DELEGATE REPRESENTATIVES:

Black Creek- Dennis Brown, Ellisa Brown
 Daytona Beach- Alfye Fyock, Gene Lessig
 Duval- Alecia Hill, Ron Hardy
 Estero River-Larry Peterson, Ward Jackson
 Forest- John Melin
 Freedom- Robert Hotchkiss, Robert Olsen
 Gator Alley- Fred Corr, Dennis Draffen
 Gulf Coast- Sherri Hall, David Hall
 Hillsborough- Charles Dotterer, Cheryl Edmunds
 Inerstate- Disband
 Lake- Will “Griz” Deaver, Vera Deaver
 Lighthouse- Marie Donovan, Rob Keller

North Orlando- Bryan Short
 Palm Beach- Ken Gerecke, Bill Black
 Peace River- Bill Neal, Bill Bird
 Polk County- John McDermott, Dewey Cain
 Seminole County- Lana Lang, Jean Morland
 Southeast- Joanne Napoli, William Prewitt
 Southernmost-Byron Agababian, Sandy MacLaren
 Southwest- Heidi Szolga, Moe Moser
 Treasure Coast- Steve Klemish, Susan Hulce
 Vintage-Charles Johnston, Bill Pratt
 West Coast- Michael Cullen, Sam Stallard

PRESIDENT Doc Reichenbach: Doc letter from our insurance company, American Income Life, that 60 days from date of letter (5/25) they will be cutting off our insurance. AIL has paid over \$ 1/4 million in last 10 years to our members. Because the yellow information cards are returned to the State Office AIL has not gotten enough member participation with other insurance they offer. Doc told AIL that he hasn’t talked to the agent in 2 years. Woman said she would talk to the higher up. If they continue use the yellow cards will have to go to the insurance company. The \$ 4000 has been a blessing to some families. It will be up to delegates if we still want to negotiate with them. In 2016 we had 2 deaths and 1 already in 2017. Forest chapter made motion 2nd by Southeast to negotiate with AIL to continue the \$4000 and that the yellow cards will be returned to AIL after they agree to keep the insurance. Seminole County asked if we could have the rep come talk to us at the President’s Seminar. Every President needs to come to the seminar. Critter said the insurance is a big selling point for recruiting new members and some clubs require members to join ABATE of Florida, Inc. for the insurance. The yellow card also designates beneficiary so \$4000 won’t be held up by state of Florida or taxed. Doc will call them Monday to offer them to speak at President Seminar and also at the NCOM convention in Orlando in 2019.

The NCOM BOD voted unanimously to hold convention here in 2019. It will be over Mother’s Day weekend. The only problem right now is the hotel we used last time raised rate to \$169 a night. They are going to check with Doubletree. Larry Crow has resigned as our legal counsel. He has been disbarred but that doesn’t affect us because he was not on any of our accounts. Jerry T. will now be the legal counsel for ABATE of Florida, Inc. only, not for members personal issues. Doc has received calls from reporters regarding the Leesburg situation. We have this standard answer: “No comment. We had nothing to do with it, we weren’t there.

May was Motorcycle Safety Awareness month. Many chapters did proclamations for their areas. Proclamation on the state level is ABATE of Florida, Inc. responsibility. Doc will be closing Inerstate today. They want to stay in but no one wants to hold an office. We have 2 people who want to start a new chapter. Bryan (Woody) Short wants to start a North Orlando chapter. He knows a lot of bikers and he tells them about ABATE and how it connects everyone for a good cause, old members bring in new age members. Some sport bikers want to fight for their rights. Frenchie (Seminole County) said Orange County had 37 sport bikers-why wasn’t he at their meetings. He responded that people he knew weren’t interested

in joining Seminole County and he is not there for personal reasons. Also asked why shouldn't they be members? They have 16 potential members. They will bring modern ideas to ABATE. He has 4 people that want to be on their BOD. More discussion. Lake County liked his enthusiasm and youth. Peace River made a motion to accept the new chapter, 2nd by Treasure Coast. There was 1 abstain.

VICE PRESIDENT Darrin "Scribe" Brooks: Thanks to the chapters who gave money to continue the News Service of Florida. As of this morning we have raised enough money. ABATE of Florida, Inc. greatly appreciates all your help.

SECRETARY Shelly Johnston: There were no corrections to the minutes. Seminole County made motion to accept Secretary's minutes, 2nd by Freedom and approved.

TREASURER Patti Nasrallah: Financial report in packets. Went over several errors on the report. When she gets home she will send the corrected report to all chapter Presidents. We couldn't pay for the news service with the Leadership Seminars coming up we had to pay for the BOD rooms and meeting rooms. Question was asked how much is recommended each chapter donate to State to help with expenses. Patti said 10% would be fair to all chapters. Hillsborough motioned to accept Treasurer's report, 2nd by Polk and approved.

SARGENT-AT-ARMS Marcus Hotelling: Be sure your new BOD members go to the Leadership Seminars. They will learn a lot and get to meet other people in their positions.

STATE OFFICE Ms. Boots: Every chapter has drawing tickets out, return \$ and tickets to State Office once a booklet is sold. State meeting flyers need to have a map to the meeting hall! Don't send money with your flyer-price differs between poker runs, one day events and with camping it's quite a bit more. She will contact you about insurance cost.

MEMBERSHIP Laurie Hanley: The highest % of growth and most new members for March both went to Southwest. Lighthouse and Southeast tied for most new members in April and highest % of growth went to Lighthouse. Heidi has reached the top bracket of the membership incentive program and was presented with a shirt and pin

MASTERLINK VACANT: Patti Nasrallah, Acting Editor:
Printed Masterlinks have been passed out

PR/COMMUNICATIONS Sally Carroll: Excused Absence.

WEBMASTER Dan "Slo Mo" Henderson: Excused Absence. He will have CD's to hand out at the seminars.

SAFETY DIRECTOR Victor Piorkowski: Remind whoever puts on a safety booth that paperwork needs to be correct and complete with name and phone number. Send someone from your chapter to the safety seminar. Jim Owens from Seminole got his MSAP certificate and is now an instructor. Steve asked how are we going to get safety products? Doc said we still have money in the Safety and Education account and as soon as we find a vendor we will do an order.

PRODUCTS Steve Knee: Has products to be picked up. One year from today we will need a new products person.

LEGISLATIVE Darrin "Scribe" Brooks: We were able to squish the helmet bill. Thanks to a lot of work by our lobbyist and members of ABATE of Florida, Inc. in getting out information on why a helmet bill was not needed. Legislators were impressed by the calls they received and presentations. We are looking forward to 2018. Look at who's running in your area. Start paying attention to who is making noise about running. He will get a list together on people who are pro-motorcycle or not anti-motorcycle. Scott is going to run for US Senate. He has one more year as Governor. Adam Putnam will also be running for Governor and he is biker friendly. We will keep trying next year to get the safety money. Scott has been difficult to work with, not just us, but all groups.

LOBBYIST Doc Reichenbach: We have thought about doing a bill to rescind the \$ 2.50 fee motorcyclists pay at time of registration that is supposed to be for safety and education. We expect to get push back from Highway Safety & Transportation who is getting our \$2.50 which then goes into their General Fund to be used for any purpose. Doc is going to set up a meeting with Adam Putnam (and other gubernatorial candidates). The first question he will ask is would he sign a bill turning the safety program over to ABATE of Florida, Inc. The second question would be will he make sure there is money in the budget for us. We are going to put in for the money again in the 2018 session. Scott vetoed \$4 billion including education because his tourism money wasn't in the budget. Doc is going to request a \$ 300,000 grant from Highway Safety and Transportation. If they deny it he is going to request an audit. It became law 10 years ago that ABATE of Florida, Inc. would get the money. Five years ago they took money from all trust accounts because Florida was hurting for money. We have a Senator who wants to take motorcycles out of the Vulnerable Road Users bill but leaving in mopeds, golf carts, horses and bicycles. Passidomo got enough people to agree to take out motorcycle. The bill also says that if a bicyclist is in lane motorists must go over the line, even the double yellow line and pass them at a slow pace. He has sponsors for the bill in 2018 and will try to talk with Passidomo. Clemens also opposes us, saying we should not be protected because we don't wear helmets-bicyclists don't either. The helmet bill did not get a Senate sponsor. The rep who did the bill totally believes that we should wear helmets. We have the constitutional right to choose. Bicyclists will be talking with Doc, they want to work with us to get it passed. The 2018 session starts in January, we are riding to capital in February.

LEGAL Larry Crow: Larry Crow has resigned as our legal counsel. Jerry T. will assist ABATE of Florida, Inc. in all legal matters but is not available for personal issues.

NCOM: Reno convention was held May 11-14, 2017. It was the best convention yet. In 2018 the convention is in Mobile Alabama May 10-13, 2018. In 2018 it will be in Orlando Florida.

MRF & AMA: MRF-there is a new motorcycle caucus called Bikers in the Beltway with members in both the house and senate. Also working hard in national profiling. AMA-E15 is not labeled properly. Byron saw pump covering 3 different grades of E15. DO NOT use E15 in your motorcycles. Critter told of website, pure-gas.com that will show you where ethanol free pumps are. Doc has not heard anything about biodiesel. Shell gas is not recommended for some vehicles, consult with manufacturer guidelines. Sunoco, Citgo and Marathon are starting to get ethanol free.

TALLAHASSEE: Ride to the capital went well. If someone is paying the hotel for your group check your statements to make sure you weren't charged also. Hotel charged Doc's card and ABATE of Florida, Inc.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The last summer meeting has come and gone and now we look to the fall with the changing of the seasons and the migration of snowbirds coming to Florida. We will need to be even more aware of our surroundings when we ride. We are being hammered in the press about Florida having more accidents and deaths on motorcycles than any other state in the country. They never talk about the drivers only about us the riders. With next year being an election year we will be an easy target for our enemies to press for sanctions against motorcyclists.

We will make our wishes known in the Capitol at committee meeting this year and session in January. We have our vulnerable road bill and our safety money in this session. Then its election time for all the house part of the senate and a new Governor. It's time for changes in leadership in the Capitol for to long we have been treated like second class citizens and now we need to vote for people who support us.

I want to thank all the chapters for showing up at the past state meeting but we still have some miscommunication going back from the state meeting to chapter meetings. Make sure your notes are correct so the information gets out properly.

Enjoy the last days of summer and get out there and ride. **“Ride Safe and Free”!!!**

Doc

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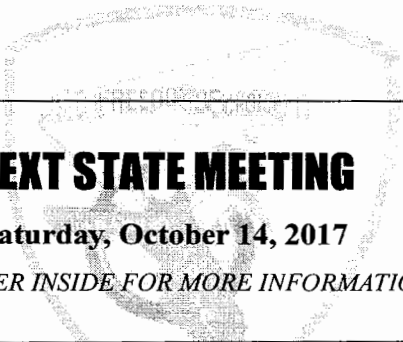
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NEXT STATE MEETING

Saturday, October 14, 2017

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ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. Delegate Meeting Hosted by: LAKE Chapter, Saturday Aug 12, 2017

CALLED TO ORDER AT: 2:02 p.m. by President James "Doc" Reichenbach after the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our fallen brothers and sisters.

Present were: President James "Doc" Reichenbach, Vice President and Legislative Darrin "Scribe" Brooks, Secretary Shelly Johnston, Treasurer Patti Nasrallah, Sergeant-at-Arms Marcus Hotelling, Membership Laurie Hanley, Safety Victor Piorkowski, Products Steve Knee, State Office Elizabeth "Boots" Buckholz, PR/Communications Sally Carroll, Website Dan "Slo Mo" Henderson, Assistant Products Sherry Ward

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 Forest- Glen Myers, Tina Myers
 Freedom- Robert Hotchkiss, William Barnes
 Gator Alley- Judy Stevens, John Stevens
 Gulf Coast- Kevin Matlock, Brandy Westerfield
 Hillsborough- Cheryl Edmunds
 Lake- Will "Griz" Deaver, Vera Deaver
 Lighthouse- Rob Keller, Debra Horner

North Orlando- Bryan Short, Scott Morgan
 Palm Beach- Dan Henderson, Bill Black
 Peace River- Bill Neal, Bill Bird
 Polk County- John McDermott, Dewey Cain
 Seminole County- RD Reagan
 Southeast- Joanne Napoli, William Prewitt
 Southernmost-Sanford Wagner, Sandy MacLaren
 Southwest- Heidi Szolga, Moe Moser
 Treasure Coast- Steve Klemish, Susan Hulce
 Vintage-Charles Johnston, Beau Davis
 West Coast- Victor McDonald, Sam Stallard

PRESIDENT Doc Reichenbach: We are all in this organization together. In-fighting among chapters has been going on for a while. It needs to stop today. Presidents of chapters need to figure it out or Doc will get involved. Enough of the phone calls and Facebook comments. Be man enough to solve it face to face. We are in this for a cause: to fight unjust Florida laws against motorcyclists. We have done this since we incorporated in 1981 (36 years). The phrase "a divided house will fall" is true. ABATE of Florida, Inc. speaks for the 900,000 licensed motorcyclists in Florida. That is a big voting bloc. We helped a House and Senate candidate narrowly win their seats (by 35 votes). It's all about working together. It's about freedom and protecting your way of living. The helmet law didn't get a hearing last year because our friends in the capital worked with us. If you want this lifestyle to continue you need to get involved. ABATE of Florida, Inc. is the last organization of freedom fighters in this state. When we speak to the legislators we are speaking for everyone. If you are tired of being an officer get new members and groom them for a BOD position. I'm willing to set the membership fee at \$15 to help build membership. Have been seeing chapters getting their names in the paper for supporting a charity. Charity begins at home. Thanked everyone who attended the Leadership seminars in July. The chapter Presidents learned about the situation with our ADD insurance directly from our AIL rep. Over \$250,000 has been paid out to ABATE of Florida, Inc. members and their families.

VICE PRESIDENT Darrin "Scribe" Brooks: If every chapter could at least sell 10 tickets to the Biker Bash we would be in good shape.

SECRETARY Shelly Johnston: There were a couple corrections to the minutes. Seminole County made motion to accept Secretary's minutes, 2nd by Freedom and approved.

TREASURER Patti Nasrallah: Bank accounts need to have \$500 balance. We now have credit card debt for the State meeting and Leadership seminars. The Hotline phone listed under expense is paid by Richard Lester

every 6 months. Beau (Vintage) asked that every chapter give \$100 so that the credit card balance could get paid off. He was told to bring it up again under new business. The rent on the State office is going up in October, it's time to leave it. There are things stored in there that chapters can use. We will get a storage unit to keep what we have to. Boots will get a list out of what we have, knows there are 2 safes from Brevard and a fire-proof cabinet. Chapters will have first choice and we will try to sell what isn't taken by chapters. We will need chapters to help move the stuff, chapter presidents will get an email when it's time to move. It was also suggested that we could trade a full page ad in the Masterlink for a storage unit. Doc will look into if a land line is needed for our Hotline..

SARGENT-AT-ARMS Marcus Hotelling: Suggested that we take stuff from the office to the flea market or have a garage sale. Have members bring stuff to sell also. The flea market has generated sizable income for Vintage..

STATE OFFICE Ms. Boots: Has been receiving calls about the gun tickets asking if the mechanism on the rifle is steel or brass. It is steel. Second place is an over/under shotgun. Sell the tickets- all chapter Presidents and Treasurers got an email. She also has the handouts that were not picked from the Leadership Seminars.

MEMBERSHIP Laurie Hanley: Forest Chapter got highest % of growth and most new members for May. Vintage got highest % of growth for June and North Orlando got most new members.

MASTERLINK VACANT: Patti Nasrallah, Acting Editor:

Printed Masterlinks are up front.

PR/COMMUNICATIONS Sally Carroll: Good to see everyone here today. As previously requested she has rates for Full Throttle and Rebel Rider. Rebel rider does not publish any articles political in nature. She needs to be made an administrator on chapter Facebook pages. She needs to friend the chapter admin in order to get in. If you have a Facebook page, use Twitter, Linked In, Google or UTube for your chapter you do need to sign the social media SOP's. Several chapters still have not handed theirs in. They were available at the seminars and Boots has extra copies also.

WEBMASTER Dan "Slo Mo" Henderson: All is fine. Contact Slo Mo if you need help with web designs.

SAFETY DIRECTOR Victor Piorkowski: If you have questions on motorcycle safety and awareness or how to get the program into the schools or how to get started and what you will need email, call or text him. Leave a message so he can get back to you.

PRODUCTS Steve Knee: No new shirts today, hopefully for next State meeting. Does have short sleeve life member shirts in medium and x-large. Also has a couple of "Bikers Lives Matter" shirts. Doc and Beau have received a lot of good comments on theirs. There is a new life member products form, prices have gone up a little..

LEGISLATIVE Darrin "Scribe" Brooks: Lake County finally did it-they boxed him in. We are halfway to another session. Campaign 2018: ABATE of Florida, Inc. members will be very educated on candidates and decisions. We want changes, we need to elect pro-motorcycle people. Share his emails with your members. Putnam now has an opponent, Jack Latvala. Richard Corcoran has opened an exploratory account so there is a possibility he may also run. The Democrats may be looking at John Morgan. Darrin will educate us on the

candidates but he will not come out in support of anyone yet so we do not alienate anyone. Contact him by email if you want to get his emails. Chapter presidents, vice presidents, newsletter, legislative trustees and delegates should be getting his emails already.

LOBBYIST Doc Reichenbach: Doc had meeting on Monday with the legislator who did the helmet bill last year. Since he is only allowed six bills he wants to do a bill that would pass rather than a bill that isn't going to be heard. He asked Doc if he would help him on an opioid bill. Doc said he couldn't speak for ABATE of Florida, Inc. but would personally say something. He also brought up the gang problem in Florida. Doc asked specifically what gangs. He said street gangs and other gangs. Don't be surprised if a gang bill is introduced. Doc told him since this is an election year there may not be any controversial bills as the legislators don't want to do bills that would make them unpopular. He told Doc he was surprised Doc didn't support the helmet law. Doc said he was surprised he didn't stand up for the people's rights. They agreed to disagree on that point. He did agree to speak to Governor Scott regarding the safety money. Charlie Stone (House) and Dennis Baxby (Senate) are sponsoring both the Stiffer Penalties Bill and the safety money. We have a lot of support for the safety money. It's the governor who keeps vetoing it. A lot of things ABATE of Florida, Inc. does is behind the scenes, such as no riding side by side or no more than 5 in a group which was stopped several years ago. Most bills are killed before they reach committee. We may have a problem in 2018 Clemens, who is anti-motorcyclist, will be the leader of the senate. Will be bill to get the safety funds and an amendment to put the money back in a trust fund so they cannot use it anymore. Let Doc or Darrin know what's going on locally. Committee meetings start next month. Question was raised if we were going to try to get a Purple Heart tag for motorcycles again. Doc will try to attach it on another bill. Another question about the red white and blue motorcycle specialty tag. ABATE of Florida does not get the money. It is divided between charities which represent possible injuries to motorcyclists. In return they agreed they would not support a helmet law.

LEGAL COUNCIL: Doc: we do not have an attorney sitting on the board. We do have one that will be handling things for the corporation.s.

NCOM: The convention will be in Mobile Alabama in 2018. It is close enough that you could go if you wanted to. You will see you it is run and what it's all about so in 2019 when we host it in Orlando we will know a little more. They have set up a committee for a seminar that will probably talk about helmets.

MRF & AMA: AMA is still working on the 15% ethanol issue. Do NOT put it in your motorcycle-it will eat it up. There are pumps with 40-60-80% ethanol out there-they are for flex fuel cars. MRF is also working on the 15% ethanol. They are also looking for sponsors for the national profiling bill. Doc has not been contacted by anyone who has been profiled.

TALLAHASSEE: The ride to the capital will be Monday February 12, 2018. The State meeting will be Sunday February 11. It will be cold. Last year only 80 people showed up. That makes us look bad when we have thousands of members. We voted to go. When asked who was going most of the delegates raised their hands. We need chapters to go, other bikers to go. We need a strong showing. We are locked and loaded when we go to the capital. We have facts to back us up. Discussion about motels and campgrounds near the staging area for the run. Doc will look for another motel when he goes to the capital again.

BIKER BASH Billy Bird: Friday 11/3-Sunday 11/5. If every chapter buys 10 tickets it will be a great success

and lots of \$ will go to State. Gator Alley will be running the bar and is accepting donations of bottles of alcohol (\$ also). Doc reminded delegation that people wanted to have a State party again but 2/3 of did not raise their hands indicating they were going. Buy presale tickets-you will save \$5 and will help them to know how many people to expect and plan for. This is an adult party. Children will not be allowed beyond the gate. The Memorial tent that Hillsborough used during Spooks and Scoots will be displayed during the party.

OLD BUSINESS: Chapters to host the 2018 State meetings are:

2-11-18 State (we are in Tallahassee). 4-14-18 Peace River

6-9-18 Lighthouse 8-11-18 North Orlando

10-13-18 Gulf Coast 12-8-18 Gator Alley.

NEW BUSINESS: Next State meeting will be hosted by Peace River on 10/14/17.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Memorial for TJ Painters father will be held August 26 10 am at Indian Hills Baptist Church
Southeast has motorcycle rights rally October 10.

Heidi will take suggestions for next year's Biker Bash. There will be a section outside the party area for children's events.

Lake County 30th Anniversary party tonight at the bowling alley.

Beau: Vintage donates \$100 to help reduce the credit card debt and challenges all chapters to meet their donation.

Drawings, 50/50 and silent auction

Doc said be safe, be careful and if you have children give them a hug. Thanked Lake County again for the great meal.

Motion to adjourn by Palm Beach 2nd by Vintage and approved. TIME OF ADJOURNMENT: 5:06 pm.

These minutes were summarized and respectfully submitted by Shelly Johnston 8/24/2017.

Hey Everyone,

Just a reminder about the Fall Biker Bash in November. Please help spread the word.

Remember if you buy your tickets ahead of time you save \$5.00 off of the gate price. It will be a great time and I look forward to seeing you out there.

Don't forget to bring your favorite cigar and join Steve Knee and myself in our annual "Cigars for Piece of Mind" smoke along.

See you there....

Darrin

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It's been a couple of weeks since the last state meeting but I want to thank Peace River for hosting the meeting. As usual they did a great job. This letter is only going to deal with a situation that came up today in the Florida legislature.

Today I received an update from the Florida legislature that will affect every **MOTORCYCLIST IN THE STATE IF IT PASSES**. It is House Bill 419 and will require every rider in the state to carry the exact same insurance as automobile. What that will mean is we will have to carry PIP. The insurance companies have never liked this because it could put us off our motorcycles and the cost could be atrocious. This is a call to arms check with the legislative officer to find out what committees this bill is going to and who are on the committees. You need to contact your legislators and tell them to vote no on this bill.

House Bill 2018 will put \$300,000 in Abate of Florida, Inc's hands for Motorcycle safety.

House Bill 117 and Senate Bill 116 both are our vulnerable road user bills.

Senate Bill 346 requires moped riders under the age of 21 to wear a helmet but the problem is they could place a amendment on it that would require all of us to wear a helmet.

It sounds like open season on all motorcyclists. Now is the time if you have never called you legislators and you want to remain free then call the abate legislative officer and then call your Senator and House member tell them vote NO on HB 419 and Senate Bill 346.

The next state meeting will be in Vero Beach we will really discuss these bills and the impact they could have on us. Until then Ride Safe and Free!!!

Doc

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NEXT STATE MEETING

Saturday, December 9, 2017

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ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. Delegate Meeting Hosted by: Peace River Chapter, Saturday Oct 14, 2017

CALLED TO ORDER AT: 2:07 p.m. by President James "Doc" Reichenbach. Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our fallen brothers and sisters.

Present were: President-James "Doc" Reichenbach; VP-Darrin Brooks; Secretary-Shelly Johnston-absent excused-Bob Alexander sitting in; Treasurer-Patti Nasrallah; Sgt-at-arms- Marcus Hotelling; Membership-Laurie Hanley; Legislative-Darrin Brooks; Products-Steve Knee; Assistant Treasurer-Deborah Hamby; Website-Dan Henderson; Office-Elizabeth "Boots" Buchholz.

DELEGATE REPRESENTATIVES:

BLACK CREEK Carole Decelle, Roy Decelle
 DAYTONA BEACH Excused
 DUVAL COUNTY Nan Borenstein
 ESTERO RIVER Larry Peterson, Ward Jackson
 FOREST Excused
 FREEDOM Robert Hotchkiss
 GATOR ALLEY Judy Stevens, John Stevens
 GULF COAST Brandy Westerfield
 HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY Cheryl Edmunds, Charles Dotterer
 LAKE COUNTY Will "GRIZ" Deaver, Vera Deaver
 LIGHTHOUSE Tammy Grant, Marie Donovan

NORTH ORLANDO Bryan Short, Kathryn Faint
 PALM BEACH Dan Henderson, Bill Black
 PEACE RIVER Bill Neal, Bill Bird
 POLK COUNTY John T. McDermott, Dewey Cain
 SEMINOLE COUNTY Jean Morland
 SOUTHEAST William G "Magneto" Prewitt, Joanne "Crittter" Napoli
 SOUTHERNMOST Sanford Wagner, Sandy Mac Laren
 SOUTHWEST Heidi Szolga, Moe Moser
 TRESURE COAST Steve Kliemish
 VINTAGE Excused
 WEST COAST Victor McDonald, Sam Stallard

PRESIDENT Doc Reichenbach:

Shelly is not here, is ill. Excused absence. Monthly reports are getting later and later. If the reports are not in on time, you lose your vote. Happy Birthday Bill Neal.

VICE PRESIDENT Darrin "Scribe" Brooks:

Have lost a great friend in Senator Evers, there is a bill in the house and senate to designate a Greg Evers Memorial Highway

SECRETARY Shelly Johnston:

Shelly Johnston excused, Bob Alexander substituting:

Moved by Peace River, second by Palm Beach to accept August minutes as written, motion carried.

TREASURER Patti Nasrallah:

Bank accounts need to have \$500 balance. Asking chapters to support the state. Question, can a budget be printed? Answer, expenses are being pared to the point there are few items to be paid, a printed budget should not be necessary, we all know what we have to pay. Insurance for example the money that comes in goes straight out. Polk County moved, Palm Beach seconded each chapter send in 10% of their accounts. One time only. Seminole county against the motion. Patti thinks it should be voluntary. Doc asks the motion to be withdrawn, Polk County withdrew it. Palm Beach moved, Treasure coast second, accept treasurer report as submitted. Motion carried

SARGENT-AT-ARMS Marcus Hotelling:

Inventory reports are due at December meeting. State Products and Chapter products, two separate reports. Will move stuff out of State Office on Saturday the 21, and finish on Saturday the 28

STATE OFFICE Ms. Boots:

Delegate sign in, we MUST be able to read your writing. Visitors, we must have your sign in. Drawing tickets, Tickets and money MUST agree, send them in the same envelope. Send to the PO Box in Deland.

MEMBERSHIP Laurie Hanley:

Highest Most new members July Lighthouse, Highest % growth July North Orlando, Most new members August Southeast, highest % growth August North Orlando

MASTERLINK VACANT: Patti Nasrallah, Acting Editor:

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PR/COMMUNICATIONS Sally Carroll:

Absent, Unexcused

WEBMASTER Dan "Slo Mo" Henderson:

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SAFETY DIRECTOR Victor Piorkowski:

MSAP orders need to be received two months before to be brought to the state meeting. Absent Excused. Southwest, video is out of date, notes younger members are not understanding the concept of freedom of choice. Polk County, younger members should think about insurance too. North Orlando, push other things than helmet use to attract new members. Frenchie: should note we are pro-choice, not anti-helmet.

PRODUCTS Steve Knee:

Have product orders to be picked up

LEGISLATIVE Darrin "Scribe" Brooks:

SB116 and HB 117 revolves around the protection of Vulnerable Road Users as defined by fs 316.027. Motorcycles are defined by fs 316.027 as a Vulnerable Road User.

SB346 does not apply to persons riding within an enclosed cab or to any person over 21 years of age who is operating or riding upon a motorcycle powered by a motor with a displacement of 50 ccs or less or is rated not in excess of 2 brake HP and which is not capable of propelling such motorcycle at a speed greater than 30 MPH on level ground.

House Panel Backs Red Light Camera Repeal HB6001.

HB215 and SB 504 relates to autocycles, which by definition have two wheels in front and one in back. This will change the definition of a motorcycle.

LOBBYIST Doc Reichenbach:

The moped bill, tells us be ready. University of Florida is behind this bill. HB215 SB504.

Have cosponsors on Vulnerable Road User bill.

Have safety money in both house and senate, asked for 300k per year with a long range plan for five years.

We will not take a position of support for anyone until at least after February.

The clipboards which are on the tables, please take them home with you.

LEGAL COUNCIL:

Doc: we do not have an attorney sitting on the board. We do have one that will be handling things for the corporation.s.

NGOM:

The convention will be in Mobile Alabama in May 10-13 2018. It is close enough that you could go if you wanted to. In 2019 it will be in Orlando. We will support it. We have been asked if we might drive the airport vans.

MRF & AMA:

MRF national statistics say MC deaths went up 1%. Don't know state by state. Florida is now 2nd in MC registration (licenses)

TALLAHASSEE:

The ride to the capital will be Monday February 12, 2018. The State meeting will be Sunday February 11, 2018 at the American Legion. Could not find a closer motel, so we will use the same one as last year. Let chapters know this is not a party, save the rooms for the ones that will actually go to the capitol. The capitol is under construction, they are building a bigger garage for the senate. The ramp we usually use is virtually closed. No motorcycle trailers this year, only you and your bike. At least one candidate will be there to speak.

BIKER BASH Billy Bird:

Cancelled due to hurricane damage. Do not sell any more tickets. Some say postponed, but the official word is its out, if it is rescheduled, it will be re-announced. Turn in your unsold tickets now. Chapters to return ticket money if any to purchasers.

OLD BUSINESS:

Flex fuel is out there, be careful you do not put it in your motorcycles.

NEW BUSINESS: Next State meeting will be hosted by Treasure Coast.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Thanks to Peace River for the meeting and lunch.
Various runs and events are announced by delegates.

Drawings, 50/50 and silent auction

Thanked Peace River again for the great meal. Congrats to Deborah for winning 50-50, she donated it back to the organization. Thanks Deb!

Motion to adjourn 4:53pm.

These minutes were summarized and respectfully submitted by Bob Alexander as of 10/14/2017



Winter Riding Destination

Bisbee Arizona is a border town with more character than a carnival. The old main street is preserved with tons mid century nostalgia and has one of the best breakfast spots we've ever tried, The Bisbee Breakfast Club. You're a hop skip and a jump from Mexico and the high desert landscape is perfect for exploring in the winter time. Head north a few miles and check out a gun fight at the old west town of Tombstone, or head west and ride the border fence. Make sure to wave at the border patrol agents.

Excerpt courtesy of Butler Motorcycle Maps