

ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.

Saturday, February 13, 2022

State Delegate Meeting – Tallahassee

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Doc - BIN funds – All Bin funds must be put into a bank account. This is for an accountability for each chapter. Nothing from State will be done to them. This is an IRS issue. More microscopic views are being made by IRS. BIN funds are only for ABATE members. If any chapters are doing other than for members, these accounts will be closed. Verify that multiple bank accounts are allowed.
Events and Insurance – Poker Runs are allowable without insurance but not all events. If a chapter have an event without insurance and an accident happens, it will be the responsibility of the President of that Chapter. SE Chapter – Stating that a “Friends Ride” is happening, needs to be pointed out that “this is not to be an ABATE event.” Boots thanked the Chapter profusely for the gifts.

VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Darrin – Thank you for coming. Remember why we are here. The Ride to Tallahassee is to talk to the Legislative aids. Please stay after the bell ringing ceremony and talk to the Aids. Darrin relayed the story about how in the past the Aids could hear the rumbling when the bikes approached the Capital. Now, not so much.

SECRETARY’S REPORT: Lynn – Entertain a motion to accept minutes as they are in your packet. Motion was made by SW, seconded by Polk. All in favor.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Debbie – Entertain a motion to accept the Treasurers Report as they are in your packet. Peace River made a motion, Polk County seconded it. All in favor save 1. Motion carried. Doc read the balance of the Safety and Education account. All safety products ordered by State are in. If you need of products, please contact the board. The Statement on the magnets is the property of ABATE of Florida and no other Person or business is to be on these magnets. Any contract that is more than what is approved by the bylaws are to be approved by the STATE. No exceptions. This is to be approved before any purchase.

STATE OFFICE REPORT: Brandy - There are old applications and websites, that a few chapters are passing out that have \$150 for life membership. This is an incorrect amount.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS REPORT: Mudder – We need Road Guards. See me in the morning. Also note that temperature varies. Please hydrate properly. We need support for this event. If we don’t show, it makes a statement of lack of commitment to ABATE Cause.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Laurie -

November Highest %: Treasure Coast, Most New Members: South East

December Highest %: Treasure Coast, Most New Members: Daytona Beach

PR/COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: Bill – Proclamation is in motion. May is Motorcycle Safety month. State of Florida has received the request.

WEBSITE REPORT/ Masterlink: Brandy – Any website that is not updated will be unlinked from the State website. There will be plenty of time to update this. All passwords are to be turned in a weeks’ time. Don’t turn in your paperwork stapled. Brandy stated that any social media should have either Brandy or Billy as an administrator or editor.

SAFETY DIRECTOR REPORT: Excused. Needs reports concerning Safety Booths. Send to State Office so that is on record. Safety products are available. Just request them. John made a suggest for shop rags as handouts.

PRODUCTS TRUSTEE REPORT: Shayne (Velcro) – Excused

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Darrin – The first bill to talk about – Senate committees have passed SB466 “Military/Medic programs of Florida” will allow these people to help with health areas. Packet includes information on our Bills. Utilize these to use as talking points to the Aids. Speaking to the Legislator should start before the committees begin. Go by your Legislators office and thank them. House 308 is Rep. McClain. Rep Branna, House 417 could use a little encouragement to make sure our bill is heard. Darrin read the bill to remind the delegates which ones to promote. Sen Braxley at 412 in the Senate bldg. Let him know how much he is appreciated. Discussion was done concerning what to say and address to the Aids of the Legislators and Talking Points for emails. Went over bill SB 476 by Piazza.

LOBBYIST: Doc – Went over information on the budgets – by Governor, House and Senate. Described how the budgets are worked out. Stressed how the money for ABATE is for the whole State not just a specific area or county. A request was made that when the Governor signs the bill, ABATE would be present. Explained the process of a bill. Explanation of different processes of previous bills and the amount of time and effort it takes to talk to many Legislators. A challenge to chapters to see if they want an ABATE of FLORIDA, Inc. tag.

LEGAL COUNSEL: Jerry T - Will be at the June meeting. No other cases pending. Discussed the leaving info from the Capital.

NCOM UPDATE: Doc – June 17th, 18th in Nashville (this is a change of date)

TALLAHASSEE 2022: Monday is the Ride to the Capital

STATE PARTY: Velcro – Lebanon is not an option for a State party. We will be looking into another location.

OLD BUSINESS: Sold Gun tickets are to be sent to the state office monthly with your treasure report. Please send stubs and checks.

NEW BUSINESS: Nominations for State Office – 1st Round

President – Doc (accepted)	Vice President – Darrin (accepted)
Secretary – Lynn (Undecided)	Treasurer – Deb (accepted)
Membership – Laurie (not Present)	Public Relations – Bill (accepted)
Sargent of Arms – Charlie (accepted)	Products – Shayne (not Present)
Legislation – Darrin (accepted)	Legal – Jerry T

Next round of Nomination will be in April. Elections in June.

From Treasure Coast – Motion made: can we change the process of voting back to the way of secret ballots. Discussion requested. Question was asked on how do we vote now? It is by open stick voting. Lake County seconded the motion. Vote was done – 9 for the motion, 10 against the motion. Motion fails. Bylaws will reflect the changes.

Any leaking bike needs to make sure there's no spots on the pavers.

GOOD TO THE ORDER: Forest Chapter read their upcoming events. The State party team has changed. Please give Brandy your email to help volunteer. Lake – we will not be doing our event. We will continue next year.

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ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.

Saturday, April 9, 2022, 2:02pm

State Delegate Meeting – Melbourne

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Doc – Announcement of the loss of Frizz, President of Gator Alley. *Information on the Contract was signed with All. Intro of Bill Sauer Public Relation Manager from the Insurance Co, American Income Life. A letter in the mail will also offer more benefits. If you mail the card back, you can participate in other services. You will be contacted for a zoom or tele-conference meeting. They are also offering a health service discount app. Also included will be a child fingerprint app. Also, an insurance needs analysis. Don't send the card if you don't want any of the other services. If you have question, please call Bill. He is trying to be at many meetings to go over the services. 4k Accident/Dismemberment for ABATE has paid 568,000 in claims since 2005. Community Credit Union called and asked if members of the Credit Union can be a member of ABATE of FLORIDA, Inc. Their members need to be a member of a Non-Profit 501c3. We will get a list of the members with their monies at the beginning of each month. These members will be AT Large until they decide which chapter they want to go. This will be a yearly membership and will also receive info on our chapters if they want to join a specific chapter.*

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Darrin – Excused

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lynn – **A correction to last minutes.** "It was stated under New Business that our "voting is an open stick voting." That is incorrect. It will be corrected to a Roll Call voting...." After this correction, entertain a motion to accept minutes as they are in your packet. SE made a motion to accept the minutes. Peace River seconded the motion. All in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Debbie – Reminder about submitting 2 checks with you Treasury Report. One for Sales Tax and one for the 20%. Entertain a motion to accept the Treasurers Report as they are in your packet. Daytona Beach. All in favor but 1 opposed.

STATE OFFICE REPORT: Brandy - All reports will now be emailed to the EBoard members of each chapter. This will save money. Brandy will need to be contacted if emails were not received. Daytona asked if SGT at Arms will be included in the email. No, they will not. Only the 4 Emails for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer. It was also mentioned that Staples *can/may* print items for free.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS REPORT: Mudder – Everyone make sure they are visible to all drivers. Saving a life may be your own.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Laurie

January - Highest %: Treasure Coast, Most New Members: Estero River
February - Highest %: Treasure Coast, Most New Members: Forest/Daytona Beach
GREAT JOB! Keep up the good work.

PR/COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: Bill – We are still waiting for the approval of the Proclamation from the Governor's office. Hopefully it will be sent before May.

WEBSITE REPORT/ Masterlink: Brandy – Website is up and running. There are still some problems with the previous website that will need Patti Nasarallah to help clean it up. It is not allowing chapters to update.

SAFETY DIRECTOR REPORT: Need someone to step up

PRODUCTS TRUSTEE REPORT: Shayne (Velcro) – Any deal can be made. Special T-Shirts on sale. Sales Tax certificates available.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Darrin – Excused

LOBBYIST: Doc – No bills were heard this session. It is common for no bills to be heard during an election session. Many bills asking for money were turned down. Doc is getting an appointment with the CFO. There will be many changes in the Legislator. Many have termed out. With little “money” bills heard this time, Doc will be talking to the new Secretary of Transportation, and HSMV. He wants to find out where our money goes. The delegation will decide if we are doing the same bills or include Profiling. We want to make sure that The Clubs will support us. Some Club members do not want to be part of ABATE due to the testifying before the Committees. But standing up in Committees might be what is needed to get them passed. Southernmost asked if the “Ride Smart” program that same as our bills. Doc – Totally different items. Daytona – Should we be approaching law enforcement about endorsing our bills. Doc – Law Enforcement doesn’t like criminalizing everything. Our bills need some teeth, but too strong, it will turn away legislation. Peace River usually uses our bills to entice new members. Forest – Suggested to push Bills and sue for not being allowed to use the money from motorcyclist. The money in the fund is not being used for motorcycles. ABATE of Florida, Inc., has been audited and all its money goes to safety and education. Forest – would the lawsuit include back pay. Maybe they will pass our bill then. Treasure Coast – Will the bills be introduced again? Delegation will have to decide.

LEGAL COUNSEL: Jerry T - Jerry will be at the June meeting. He also has some items to go over with the delegation.

NCOM UPDATE: Doc – June 17th, 18th in Nashville. An award will be given to David Alan Coe at the ceremony.

TALLAHASSEE 2023: April 2nd, 3rd Dates were changed and voted on due to Easter. Forest made the motion, and Peace River seconded it. All in favor.

STATE PARTY: Velcro – Velcro is looking for a location in Central Florida. Bronson will be reviewed. Shayne still has sponsorship money and challenged the chapters to follow suit.

OLD BUSINESS: Nominations for State Office – 2nd Round

President – Doc Accepted, Martha Accepted, Griz Accepted
Secretary – Lynn Accepted
Membership – Laurie Accepted
Sargent of Arms – Charlie Accepted
Legislation – Darrin Accepted

Vice President – Darrin Accepted
Treasurer – Deb Accepted
Public Relations – Bill Accepted, Bridget Accepted
Products – Shayne Accepted
Masterlink – Brandy Accepted

June will be the time to decide on the Lobbyist

NEW BUSINESS: Treasure Coast requested the voting to be changed to secret ballot. Because of the vote last meeting, it will remain the same. To be brought up at next election. Discussion was brought up on the reason for his request. Bylaws were read to clarify election process. Bill Bird stated that all elections were done vocal and ballots since he’s been Election Officer and explained why. Gulf Coast stated that each chapter has chosen the delegates to be their voice concerning the election. Lake county reminded everyone that the chapters are the final word especially for the election.

GOOD TO THE ORDER: Chapter events were shared. 50/50 drawn. Drawing numbers read. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Corr

ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.

June 11, 2022

State Delegates Meeting in Fort McCoy

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Doc - After Pledge and Moment of silence, Doc read the letter from the Commander of the Pensacola Chapter of the American Legion 340, concerning Tammy Grant and her conduct at the after party. This was done because some did not understand what lead to her yearly suspension. This suspension was determined by the Board.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Darrin - Welcome to all. Please be careful on your way home.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lynn - Entertained a motion to accept the minutes as they were sent to the Chapters. Daytona made the motion and it was seconded by Peace River. All in favor except 2 were opposed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Debbie - Entertained a motion to accept the treasurers report that was also sent to every chapter. Motion made by Daytona, seconded by Polk. Just a reminder that the reports will look different due to an upgrade of Quickbooks. All in favor.

STATE OFFICE: Brandy - QR Codes are now active. Each chapter has a code to use that will give them credit with membership. Daytona Beach is going above and beyond when using these codes. With chapter elections, it is necessary to update the Board of Directors with the STATE office.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS REPORT: Mudder - Stressed the importance of staying hydrated in this summer heat. Ride Safe.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Laurie -

March: Highest Growth: Polk; Most New Members: Polk.

April: Highest Growth: Polk; Most New Members: SouthEast.

Please tell your Membership people they are doing a great job. Laurie also read the Bylaws when it came to voting and members At-Large. You must be a chapter member in *good standing* to vote in chapter elections. A newly enrolled member must have their information at the State Office before they can vote.

She also relayed the effectiveness of the QR codes but stressed that we have over 300 returns after a mailing because of incorrect addresses. It is important to get these up to date.

PR/COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: Bill - May Proclamation was posted after the State made a couple of changes to the verbiage. This is something the State of Florida does often. Plus, it was discovered that another organization used our Proclamation for their own.

WEBSITE REPORT/ Masterlink: Reminder about chapter updates going to the State so it can be updated on the web page and Masterlink. "Any changes need to be done ASAP especially with membership, because unless the State has the information, it isn't active."

PRODUCTS TRUSTEE REPORT: Shayne (Velcro) - Explained that the QR code is now being used with the products so that credit cards can be used. I can always make a deal.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Darrin - Legislators are back in their local offices. Now is a great time to contact them about ABATE of Florida, Inc. and educate them on their local chapter. Stressed the importance of the local Primaries. It's important to introduce yourself to these people right away if you haven't already.

If you no longer want to be on the Legislative emailing, please email Darrin and he will remove you from the list." Slo-Mo asked about local election notices, you must contact your local Supervisor of Elections. Spoke about how to indorse to candidates as a private citizen.

LOBBYIST: Doc – Session is over. There will be many new legislators this coming year. There are also new district lines. Check your voter cards to verify if you are still in the same district. Also, with this district change, Florida picked up a new Congressional Seat. Upcoming Speaker of Senate hasn't always been friendly to motorcyclist. But many of the House are asking if we are doing the same bill. Doc responded "yes". Senator friendly to Abate said he will support the bill. The biggest item right now is the election. Go to candidate meetings. Learn about the candidates.

Legal Counsel: Jerry T – The elections have been moved to August 13th due to the fact that Lake County didn't hold their elections at their meeting. Bylaws were read to clarify voting procedures. Since there is not a provision for email voting, it cannot be used at this time. But the bottom line is that the members have a right to vote and holding a "special" meeting doesn't allow those who plan to attend the regular meeting a chance to vote. With this unusual issue, some have asked if there should be a voting freeze. But since the vote hasn't been brought to the delegation, the chapters can make that decision. Polk had a question concerning the rights of Lake chapter to vote. This was later clarified that they are voting at their next meeting. Their right to vote and have their vote counted was not denied. Forest chapter questioned the June to June session for officers, and it was stated that the Board has the right and duty to adjust elections due to unforeseen circumstances. (ie Hurricanes, Covid....) Lake stated that the people were represented at the "special" meeting. Jerry stressed that not all members were able to attend the "special" meeting and we need to postpone til August. Daytona asked why didn't the people vote. It was an oversight of the existing Board and the incoming Board. Discussion evolved asking about multiple issues. Gris explained the situation the vote should have happened at "Old Business", and took blame along with Tate. He also made a motion that the meeting move along. It was seconded, voted on and motion carried. Jerry offered his number to anyone in the organization that needed to talk with him concerning legal items.

NCOM UPDATE: Doc – to be held in Nashville on June 17th, 18th.

TALLAHASSEE: April 2, 2023 to be the meeting, and April 3, 2023 to be the Ride to the Capital. Brandy reminded everyone that this has not been approved by the State of Florida yet.

STATE PARTY: Shayne – Due to Family issues, I have not been able to address it as I would like. But I still have 2500 in sponsorship and challenged the delegation to match it. We are looking for the center of the state that has facilities. If you have a lead, call me. Vintage suggested the local fair grounds. Shayne requested the info be sent to him again. Gris suggested a State Park.

OLD BUSINESS: Treasure Coast asked about the 501c3 Abate of Florida Safety and Education. Doc reminded everyone that it is a separate account from ABATE of Florida, Inc. Forest asked about decisions made for that Corp. Doc stated it was a separate corporation. Questions were asked about monies raised at Avon Park. Doc reminded them that the only money made were the 2 donations given by 2 organizations/sponsors.

NEW BUSINESS: Daytona made motion for a new bill concerning Profiling. Doc read the existing bill. Daytona stated that profiling was bad in their county and the bill needs to have more direct language. Being more specific to motorcyclist is needed. Estero seconded the motion. All in favor. Gulf Coast requested the Statute Number. Palm Beach brought up some items of concern especially in their area. "Bringing forth a lawsuit for the monies not received for over 10 year, Investigation concerning the lack of distribution, and work on a new bill for "Aggressive Drivers". They believe they should lose their vehicles. Drivers Education is needed as well." Doc responded with "put these down on paper so I can present. We will be having new legislators and we need to get them on our side. Lake asked about billboards and whose paying for them. SE

stressed the inability to get into the school system. Deaths dropped when people are educated. Doc stressed the lack of importance has resulted in the poor turn out of the Capital Run.

Good to the Order: Patti Nasarallah presented ashes and patches of Richard and handed those out to members that wanted "to take him out for 1 last ride".

50/50 a new member won.

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Corr

ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.

August 13, 2022

State Delegates Meeting – Lake County

(2:00 pm)

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Doc – Excused

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Darrin – Welcome to all. Hoping to have a rapid meeting. Request to change the meeting from every other month to quarterly: Jan, April, July, October. This is to be discussed later. Reason – previous years when this was set forth, technology wasn't as prevalent. This would save money for all with gas, and expenses for both Chapters and the State Office. Motion to make meetings quarterly – Daytona Beach seconds. John (Forest) enjoys meeting. Polk asked to recognize a member and he stated that we need to continue. After discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lynn – Entertain a motion to approve the minutes as were sent to each Chapter Board. SW made a Motion, Polk 2nd. Added to the agenda under Old Business – Lobbyist voting

TREASURER'S REPORT: Debbie – Treasurer report is unavailable due to problems with QuickBooks. Read totals from the bank account. Insurance Account funds. Listed outstanding bills: Vintage Chapter – What about the C3 Corp? The ABATE of Florida Safety and Education orders items safety and educational items. Darrin – Having the Safety and Education on the agenda with be on the next meeting paperwork. Mudder explained the use of the funds. Forest stated that they were disappointed with the products they received from the ABATE of Florida safety and education. When are the meetings for this organization? Vintage – Clarified who is on the Board. Doc, Darrin, Patti Nasarallah, Shelly Johnson. Palm Beach – any purchases are tax free. Yes. Lighthouse – Does it come from the Chapters? No. Lake – The money is to be used on Safety and Education only? Laurie – Is there a minimum required to keep the account open. How much? Unknown currently. Deb, Wells Fargo requires \$1,000. Forest request to table this till new Board.? Approved.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS REPORT: Mudder – After the election, we need to keep the meeting orderly.

STATE OFFICE : Brandy – If your members receive a second AIL letter, please disregard. If you have sent to the Office, this is an overlap. If you send back to AIL, you will get a solicitation from them. Please stop taping receipts to your main papers. Forest – a member was told that people over 65 weren't eligible for the insurance. There is no age limit. It's a \$4000 total payout.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Laurie –

May: Highest Growth: Freedom Chapter , Most New Members: SE Chapter

June: Highest Growth: Forest Chapter, Most New Members: SE Chapter

Because of several address kick-backs; membership has to verify those addresses. Send Laurie the list after each chapter confirms the addresses. Congratulation to SE for getting a new Life Membership. Every chapter is doing a great job.

PR/COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: Bill – Over the last couple of years, many websites and magazines have started. Please let me know if any new avenues open for PR. Darrin said to keep an eye out for Podcast as well.

WEBSITE REPORT/ Masterlink: Check the website for all of the flyers, lots going on the state. If you don't have a current website manager, link to your Facebook form the States site.

PRODUCTS TRUSTEE REPORT: Shayne - Come up and make a deal with me. Check out the new shirts.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Darrin – Primaries are happening. PLEASE get your members out to vote! Local political parties will be able to give you updates on where local candidates stand. Forest Legislative meeting. Talked about bills they want heard. 1) Safety Money. 2) Vulnerable Road Users. 3) Anti-Profilng Bill. 4) Dead Red – Motorcycles are not recognized at some red lights. 5) Mandatory Drivers Education. We would like to bring to the delegation to decide which of these to bring forth. Polk – thinks any new driver license person should have motorcycle training. Darrin – just remember I am just the Lame Duck sit in for now.

LOBBYIST: Doc – Excused

Legal Counsel: Jerry T – From a legal view, Gov removed an attorney from Hillsborough which was well needed. It all starts on the School Board level. This position is very important.

NCOM UPDATE: Phoenix 2023

TALLHASSEE: April 2nd for the Meeting, April 3rd for the Tallahassee Ride.

STATE PARTY – Shayne: No new developments

OLD BUSINESS: (Sue from Vintage thinks we needed more info about the Lobbyist)

Lobbyist Vote - Doc wins.

President vote – Gris, PR – Bill Bird

Griz – It's not I, but we to make it work. I want to visit all the chapters in the next couple of months. Thanks to Vera for standing beside me. Plus, there will never be no hard feelings for Doc. He is my friend, and he deserves respect.

NEW BUSINESS: Meetings Places for 2023

February/June – TBD between Treasure Coast and SW Chapters

April – Tallahassee

August – Peace River

October – Lake

December – Forest

Palm Beach – Made a motion that the Lobbyist needs to have more accountability. 2nd by Forest. Every State meeting should have a report given to the delegation and Board. New President agreed. Question was brought up about an Intern Lobbyist to learn the "Ropes". Legal Counsel stated that it is not in the by-laws. Hillsborough Chapter wanted to know how and when the Intern would be paid. Interns don't get paid. Griz – Take this Motion back to your Chapter and brainstorm a way to pay for the Lobbyist. Frenchie was recognized and talked about how Doc leads the Corporation for 31 years as a Lobbyist. "Where were you during this time?" the Lobbyist is a sub-contractor. He told you each year what was happening with Bills and people that we were working with to get the Bills passed. It is not the responsibility of the Lobbyist to detail his day but to get the work done. You never ask Jerry T what he did to fight for ABATE during any of our cases. Gris has 3 months to sit down with Doc and discuss the position with him to see if he even wants it. "When you ask a question of someone, be smart about it." If you have questions about the legislative work, you have Darrin on the Board who will answer your questions. Remember that the Lobbyist is a 1099. Johnny Rose – talked about professional lobbyist don't give personal and daily details. SW – "Don't confuse accountability with Results."

Good to the Order: Forest – This was the worst election ever. Griz is now the President, let's move forward. Polk – We need a new plan. We need a goal. Safety Programs are the best way to fight legally. Laurie – talked about the ride that SW has for Veterans. Her daughter would like to make lap blankets to hand out but could use some donations to help cover the cost. Some donated for the event.

Griz made a motion to adjourn, Treasure Coast 2nd it. (5pm)

No Meeting in October Hurricane Ian

ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.
December 10, 2022
State Delegates Meeting in Leesburg

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Griz – “Out with the Old – In with the New” – We are moving forward. We are a corporation, and we have laws we must abide by. No more exceptions. All reports must be postmarked by the 5th. If not, there will be fines. We are very thankful for Rich Newsome and his organizations donation to ABATE of Florida, Inc. Welcome Aboard Rich! With a sad and heavy heart, Southernmost is closing their chapter due to lack of Board members. All necessary paperwork is being processed.

VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Darrin – Gator Alley needs volunteers for Swamp Buggy Race on January 28th, and 29th. Naples Florida. 10-2, and 2-6 each day. Will need to sign up with Lynn Corr. Primitive camping will be available. Gator Alley has been manning this event for the past 13 years. They need bodies for the security work. If you volunteer, you will be able to view the race before (or after) you volunteer. Remember all monies benefit ABATE of Florida, Inc.

SECRETARY’S REPORT: Lynn – Make a Motion to accept the meetings as they were presented in your packets. Motion made by Peace River, 2nd by Polk County. All in favor.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Debbie – Discussed issues with QuickBooks. Rich is making his CPA available to assist us. 2020 taxes must be adjusted, and 2021 taxes need to be completed. We will need to replace our CPA. Southwest questioned Balance Sheet stating the P&L sheet is missing. Deb stated she will investigate those reports. Motion was made by Southeast to accept the Treasurers Report, 2nd by Polk. Several were in favor, and a few were opposed.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS REPORT: Charlie – All inventories were due today. All trailers will need a copy of their tag included in the inventory. Reminder that only delegates are recognized to speak and was asked that a raised hand be acknowledged before speaking. Any other person wanting to speak must be recognized by their Chapters Delegate first.

STATE OFFICE: Brandy – The Board is creating a new 501c3 corporation. The new paperwork has been submitted. Rich is assisting, at no charge, to legalize this. The paperwork will be the same as the previous. The directors will be from the Delegation with rotating terms. Logistics will be important to cover all the state. SE and Lake are good chapters that are pushing membership. Got prices on bumper Sticker or window clings. We will request monies from the Abate Safety and Education, Inc. Rich explained the legality of the existing 501c3 and how no laws have been broken. Discussion ensued...

Treasure Coast – Abate of Florida, Inc is registered. We voted on the setup of that board.

VP Darrin - a “c3” is separate from ABATE of Florida, Inc due to the lobbying component of the Abate of Florida, Inc. The money is still there. My suggestion is to request monies for specific safety and education items.

Forest Chapter – A cease and desist letter needs to be sent.

Southwest – It’s my understanding that is the board changes, the 501c3 board should also change.

Forest (Russ) – the 501c3 can only be used as a motorcycle safety and education. We must move forward; we must move on.

VP Darrin – This was the first time we wrote bylaws for a separate corporation. We have learned and now must move forward.

Polk – When do we expect the new 501c3 to be in effect? (Rich – I have to check but I believe its 4-6 months)

Vintage – Shelly wants off of that Board.

Lake – How do we apply for the products?

Estero – Complained about not getting products. But when it did arrive, they acquired 17 new members.

VP Darrin – Explained how \$50,000 of products is vastly different than \$5,000.

Forest – **MOTION:** to issue a Cease-and-Desist letter to Doc concerning the ABATE of Florida, Safety and Education. Seconded by Treasure Coast.

DISCUSSION: Freedom – I vote for a new 501c3

Daytona – We need to make a \$15,000 product request, SE agreed.

Lake – Stop bumping heads and let's move on.

VPDarrin – ask for products

Brandy (Office) - go back to your chapters and send me what you want. I will make the request.

Gulf Coast – I have access to products at good prices.

Forest – **Motion was tabled.**

Pres Griz – Take this back to your chapter. This is important. Thank you, Martha.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Laurie – (Asst was in attendance. Laurie was excused)

July; Highest Growth: **Polk** Most New Members: **Polk**

August; Highest Growth: **Polk** Most New Members: **SouthEast**

September; Highest Growth: **Polk** Most New Members: **Lake**

October; Highest Growth: **Polk** Most New Members: **SouthEast**

Discussion on deceased members. Database is antiquated. There are over 631 deceased members. May use a possible honorary membership to include these members.

Hillsborough – all our deceased Life Members are on a Memorial Wall.

Forest – **MOTION;** Deceased Life Members will be removed from the Total Membership Roll. They will be recognized in another manner.

DISCUSSION: GulfCoast – Our Chapter has an “Everlasting” with the Original Membership

Pres Griz – Only Life Members stay on the Life Sheet.

Hillsborough/Brandy – Discussed Memorial Plaque and Displaying it.

VOTE: All in Favor. Motion Passed.

PR/COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: Bill – May Proclamation was requested in October for mid-April. If you have or know of any more websites to post our events, please let me know.

WEBSITE REPORT/ Masterlink: Brandy – If you have anything from your chapters, please let me know so I can post on the Masterlink site. Have your Newsletter Editor send me you Facebook info. Remember, No Negative Post, only Positive. Also, if an event isn't an ABATE event it must state that. NON-ABATE Event.

PRODUCTS TRUSTEE REPORT: I have a few new products. Looking for new merchandise. License Plate Covers, New Cup. I can place orders.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Darrin – Here is some info on the amazing work that ABATE of Florida has accomplished. It is because of “you” that any of this was done.

1999

- HB 175 “Motorcycle riders” Representative Argenziano
 - do away with helmets
 - did not pass
- SB 958 “Motorcycles and Mopeds” Sen. Saunders et al
 - do away with helmets
 - did pass at least one committee

2000

- HB 117 “Motorcycle riders” Representative Argenziano
 - do away with helmets
 - did not pass

- SB 126 "Motorcycle riders" Sen Saunders
 - Do away with helmets
 - passed at least one committee
 - HB 1911 "Highway Safety and Motor vehicles" by committee
 - do away with helmets
 - SB 126 was added to this bill
 - Bill PASSED and became LAW
- 2001
- SB 2206 "Motorcycles / Insurance decal" Sen. Sebesta
 - add insurance decal to motorcycle license plate
 - allow LEO's to stop motorcyclists without helmets to check for insurance
 - Did not pass
- 2002
- nothing significant found
- 2003
- HB 287 "Motorcycle specialty plate" Rep. Cretul et al.
 - create specialty plate for motorcycles
 - Bill Passed
- 2004
- SB 682 "Highway Safety" Sen Argenziano et al.
 - HB 65 "Highway Safety" Rep Harrington et al
 - traffic control signal devices resulting in a crash; provides penalties for specified traffic infractions of traffic control signal devices
 - Both died in final committee
- 2005
- Several bills starting to relate to "racing on public roadways / parking lots" which will open the door to motorcycle specific racing bill later.
 - HB 71 "Motor Vehicle Speed Competitions" Rep Quinones
 - no racing on public roadways or parking lots
 - Passed in to Law
 - HB 1697 "Highway Safety" Rep Evers et al.
 - Requires foot rest and hand holds for motorcycle passengers
 - Handlebar no higher than top of shoulder
 - originally they wanted it to be no higher than 15 inches above the seat
 - Passed in to Law
- 2006
- HB 7079 "Highway Safety" Rep Evers et al.
 - Eliminates the requirement for hand holds for passengers on motorcycles
 - Requires first time motorcycle license applicants to take a motorcycle safety course
 - motorcycles registered to rider under 21 must have a different license plate in color / design
 - Passed into Law 2007
 - SB 2670 "Motorcycle Riders/ medical Insurance Coverage" Sen Constantine
 - It would have increased amount of required medical insurance coverage for motorcycle riders who do not wear protective headgear to \$50,000.
 - Died in 1st committee
- 2008
- This is the year we started to get the "Use of electronic devices while driving" bills that we will see for the next several years to come.
 - SB 828 "Motorcycles or Mopeds / Young Riders by Sen Bennett
 - This would have prohibited carrying passengers younger than 12 years old under any circumstance.
 - This bill was withdrawn from further consideration
 - HB 1043 "Street Racing" by Rep Soto et al

- Would have prohibited motorcycles and all vehicles from street racing or even be a spectator at a street race.
 - Penalties would have included up to loss of license for 5 years and impounding of your motorcycle / vehicle.
 - Died in final committee
 - HB 137 "Operating a Motor Vehicle" Rep Lopez-Cantera
 - We were able convince them to make some changes to the bill
 - Increase speed to be 50 mph or over the speed limit before ticket (originally it was 30mph)
 - eliminate the confiscation of the motorcycle (originally they wanted to take the motorcycle away)
 - Bill passed into law
- 2009
- SB 968 "Traffic Offenses" Sen Garcia
 - The Stiffer Penalties / Vulnerable Road Users bill
 - Died in 2nd committee
 - HB 1161 "Traffic Offenses" Rep Evers
 - House version of VRU bill
 - Died in 4th committee
 - SB 1100 "Dept of HSMV" by committee
 - Eliminates the horizontal only license plate on motorcycles
 - Allows for vertical plates
 - Passed into Law
- 2010
- HB 875 "Traffic Offenses" Rep Evers
 - VRU bill
 - Died in 2nd committee
 - SB 1918 "Traffic Offenses" Sen Aronberg
 - Senete version of VRU bill
 - Died on Calendar – Passed all committees
- 2011
- SB 608 "Traffic Offenses" Sen Evers
 - VRU bill
 - Died in 4th committee
 - HB 403 "Traffic Offenses" Rep Baxley
 - VRU bill
 - Died in 1st committee
- 2012
- SB 1754 "Traffic Offenses" Sen Evers
 - VRU bill
 - died in 2nd committee
- 2013
- HB 1335 "Traffic Offenses" Rep Beshears
 - VRU bill
 - died in committee
 - SB 1648 "Traffic Offenses" Sen Evers
 - VRU bill
 - died in committee
- 2014
- HB 1159 "Traffic Offenses" Rep Dudley
 - VRU bill
 - died in committee
 - SB 1312 "Traffic Offenses" Sen Evers
 - VRU bill
 - died in committee

2015

- SB 908 "Traffic Safety" Sen Altman et al.
 - provide protection to VRU's
 - died in messages
- HB 231 "Transportation" Rep Passadomo et al.
 - Similar to SB 908
 - passed committees but laid on table
- SB 1254 "Noncriminal Traffic Infractions" Sen Bean
 - Provides that if a person commits 2 noncriminal traffic infractions that result in serious bodily injury within 5 years it will become a felony.
 - Died in committee
- SB 1376 "Traffic Offenses" Sen Evers
 - VRU bill
 - died in committee

2016

- SB 332 "Highway Safety" Sen Altman et al.
 - Protection to VRU's
 - passed all committees
 - Died on Calendar
- HB 253 "Highway Safety" Rep Passadomo et al.
 - Protection to VRU's
 - passed all committees
 - died on second reading calendar

2017

- HB 6009 "Motorcycle Safety" Rep Hahnfeldt
 - Require all motorcyclists to wear a helmet
 - Died before being heard in committees
- SB 66 "Highway Safety" Sen Clemons
 - VRU bill
 - withdrawn
- SB 408 "Highway Safety" Sen Passadomo
 - VRU bill but more focus on bicycles
 - died in committee
- SB 432 "Vulnerable Road Users" Sen Baxley
 - VRU bill
 - died in committee
- HB 541 "Vulnerable Road Users" Rep Stone
 - VRU bill
 - died in committee

2018

- This is the first year that all money requests had to have their own bill. Previously the request could be attached to an appropriations bill.
- HB 2103 "Motorcycle Safety and Education" Rep McClain
 - Safety money request
 - passed committee
 - died in Appropriations
- SB 116 "Operation of Vehicles" Sen Baxley
 - protects VRU's
 - died in committee

2019

- HB 71 "Traffic Offenses" Rep McClain and Stevenson
 - VRU bill

- died in committee
- SB 158 "Traffic Offenses" Sen Baxley
 - VRU bill
 - died in committee
- HB 2001 "ABATE of Florida Motorcycle safety program" Rep McClain and Grall
 - Safety money
 - passed committee
 - died in appropriations

2020

- HB 2007 "ABATE of Florida Motorcycle safety program" Rep McClain
 - Passed committee
 - died in appropriations
- HB 455 "Traffic Offenses" Rep McClain
 - VRU bill
 - died in committee
- SB 308 "Traffic Offenses" Sen Baxley
 - VRU bill
 - died in committee

2021

- SB 278 "Traffic Offenses" Sen Baxley
 - VRU bill
 - Died in committee
- HB 1643 "Violations against vulnerable road users" Rep McClain
 - VRU bill
 - Died in committee
- HB 2489 "ABATE of Florida Safety and Education" Rep McClain
 - Safety money
 - passed committee
 - died in appropriations

2022

- HB 743 "Violations against vulnerable road users" Rep McClain
 - VRU bill
 - died in committee
- SB 1252 "Traffic Offenses" Sen Baxley
 - VRU bill
 - died in committee
- HB 2573 "ABATE of Florida Safety and Education" Rep McClain
 - Safety money
 - died in committee

LOBBYIST: – Rich Newsome (speaking at the beginning of the meeting) explained his relationship with former House Speaker Richard Corcoran. He also has a relationship with Gov. DeSantis. Our goal in this coming year is the need to focus on getting the money back. Lean on those who are volunteering for the Corporation. Work on new membership. We will need to Line Item the Bills. Get the Governor on board and focus on ABATE of Florida, Inc. Plan on the Bills for next Session.

GulfCoast – Disagrees on one or more points. We need to focus on Education.

Forest – I agree with Rich. We must get back in the view of the People. "War is won 1 battle at a time." It means we must get out and talk to our Representatives.

Lake - Will there be a Business Plan?

Rich – Yes, but it will depend on Phone Calls and involvement of the members. It will also depend on Richard Cocoran. We need to get him on board which is a possibility considering a phone made that included Pres. Griz.

RGL

SouthEast – My secretary made a list of contacts that would help with communication with Legislation.

Legal Counsel: Jerry T – Not in Attendance

State Party: Shayne – There will be a small committee meeting after the meeting to see how we can attack Bike Week this year. There are also events that Daytona Chapter have monthly.

Forest – Abate of Florida, Inc. needs to participate in this “Money Pit”. We should sell drawing tickets at these events.

Vintage – We shouldn’t have only a weekend party.

Forest - Made a suggestion to have smaller events before we have a Big State Party.

Forest – Spooks and Scoot is available for ownership.

Forest – **MOTION:** ABATE of Florida, Inc. needs to purchase and continue to renew its ownership. Seconded by Estero River.

DISCUSSION concerning this endeavor. Deb looked up the price for purchasing ownership. A vote was taken, all in favor. Treasurer will proceed with the purchase of the name “Boots and Scoots”.

Vote was taken. All in favor.

It was requested that Griz please call Patti to discuss what ABATE of Florida will be doing concerning this change.

NCOM UPDATE: - Phoenix in 2023

TALLAHASSEE: Tallahassee is not set. Cannot get any guarantees for April for the Courtyard.

Southeast talked about the issues in Delray and “no Colors” in their area. They are standing their ground. St. Augustine talked about the issues with parking garages.

Forest – Stressed using FISenate.gov and MyFIHouse.gov as tool for information.

OLD BUSINESS: Reiterated the closing of SouthernMost.

NEW BUSINESS: Pres. Griz discussed how the Meetings will be starting at Noon because the board is meeting monthly through Zoom. (It was later brought to our attention that the meeting time is a bylaw item and must be in the Masterlink for 2 newsletters and then voted on by the delegation.) Pres Griz stressed how this gets people back home sooner elevating an overnight stay and also doing away with lunch if the chapter decided not to serve it. (A Motion was made but is void due to the bylaw rules.)

Items that came up for further discussion:

State to provide monthly reports.

New chapter to possibly start in Pasco county or Orlando area.

Treasure Coast: Discussed changes that are happening in his area. Due to these items, I am requesting Treasure Coast to be changed to Lagoon Chapter. After much heated discussion, it was approved noting that ABATE of Florida will not be responsible for any of the cost of this change. Steve will also contact each member with the information on this change.

Daytona presented a petition against “No Colors”. Asked for people to sign.

Forest – brought to light an incident that happened at the last meeting concerning a disgraced patch of ABATE of Florida. Requested a Motion but rescinded after Pres. Griz explained what was done concerning this incident. It was taken care of and the person is no longer welcomed at an ABATE of Florida meeting.

50/50 – BonBon won and donated a portion back to ABATE of Florida.

Marcus auctioned a cup for ABATE of Florida. Bill won much to Brandy head shaking.

Gun Drawing: 44 Henry – John Alexander (was in attendance), 22 Henry - Tim McDermott (was in attendance).

Meeting was adjourned.