

ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.

Saturday, April 2, 2023

State Delegate Meeting

Pledge and Moment of Silence

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Griz- First business to address is the replacement of 2 Executive Board Members that have stepped down. Treasurer and Vice President. A couple of people have expressed interest in the VP position. Floor is open for Nominations.

Nominations for Vice President: Steve Kliemisch – Accepted. Alfie Fyock – Accepted. Shayne Hanley – Accepted. Vote was conducted by raising of sticks. S Kliemisch – 10, A Fyock – 8, S Hanley – 6. (3 Abstained) Steve Kliemisch if the new Vice President.

Nominations for Treasurer: Brandy Westerfield – Accepted. Bill Bird – Declined. No other nominations. Brandy Westerfield is the new Treasurer.

A new Legislative Trustee has been appointed – Bob Contoro. Thank you to all that stepped up.

VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Steve - Thank you everyone. I will do my best.

SECRETARY’S REPORT: Lynn – Stressed the importance of being accurate with your Delegates Reports. Remember your Chapters need to know what is happening at the Delegates Meetings. Given the fact that December Minutes were not accepted due to lack of time in chapters receiving them, we accepted the minutes today. Motion made by Gator Alley, 2nd by Polk. Motion to accept minutes from February meeting. Motion by Vintage, 2nd by Lake. Please remember, it is the Delegates responsibility to take back accurate information. If you need clarification, you can request the minutes after they are done. All in favor.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Brandy – During this transition, I have made a goal of having everything updated by April 30th. Martin (Southeast) we will be asking Chapters to give information to help with some of the entries. Please encourage your Treasurer to respond. Motion to accept the Treasurers Report - Motion by Estero, 2nd by Polk. 1 opposed.

STATE OFFICE REPORT: Brandy- I need to make sure I am getting beneficiary paperwork monthly. To prevent any more delay time. Remember if they send the beneficiary card back to AIL, they WILL get a sales call. If they send it to the state office no one calls them. Sometimes people do not call the chapter to report the passing and it could be a few years after they passed to present the information from getting lost between election and new Trustees make sure the office has the original. If a death occurs there is requirement

DEATH CERTIFICATE WITH CAUSE
POLICE REPORT LONG FORM
PERSON REPORTING DEATH INFO
COPY OF STATE ID (of the person filing the claim)

And the Death Certificate and/or Police Report need to say “Accident”. Any complaints, please get the info to Brandy.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS REPORT: Charlie- Need Volunteers for Road Guards, also need Flag Carriers.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Laurie -

January: Most New members: **SouthEast** Largest Percentage of Growth: **Polk**

February: Most New Members: **Daytona** Largest Percentage of Growth: Central FI/Boneyard

Please Note! Membership cards will be going up \$10 due to shipping costs. I am looking into a new outlet for Membership Cards. 159 members were signed up at Daytona Bike Week. New Memorial Chapter will be called "Fallen Members ". Please let Membership know of any deceased members.

PR/COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: Bill – Will be trying to make contact with person in charge of the Proclamation. They will be in the Governor's office. Forest Chapter stressed the importance of how this has to go to all the chapters. Lake – What outlets have been contacted for tomorrow such as News Channels? PR – I've sent the info to many magazines. Brandy – Can you send out your list? * Question was asked from Forest about the 501c3 and how it was transferred from Doc Fish to Doc R. – it is being worked on at this time. There is a letter to Jerry T but it is on hold for right now. Explained how extremely helpful Doc has been with our legislative pursuit and how he has worked behind the scenes with Rich.

SAFETY TRUSTEE: Russ – Thank you for your vote of confidence at the last meeting.

1. I've completed the concept letter and other items for FDOT grant submission. Without a 501(c)3, I was not able to submit it by the February 28th deadline. I will attempt it again for next year once we do have our non-profit corporation.
2. Since ABATE Safety and Education, Inc. refuses to release funds specifically intended for ABATE of Florida, Inc., we are in dire need for safety products. Let's hope our safety money bills pass. Have you called your representatives?
3. Make sure any safety booth presentation forms are completed correctly and are sent to State within 5 business days.
4. I need a list from all Chapters of their certified MSAP Course Instructors ASAP please. The more certified instructors we have in each chapter, the better.
5. Safety Booth Presentations. Were discussed and stressed that anyone can setup the Presentation, but please document it and send pictures.
6. MSAP – Discussed the process of becoming certified and talked about having certification classes at the next Delegate Meeting. Lana offered to help with training. Estero – what kind of documentation do we need for MSAP? Forest – I have been an instructor and if you schedule a class let me know. We have an upcoming class if you want to join us. We have many people who might be able to join. SE – If you were certified 4 years are you still certified? Discussed issues with lapsed certifications.
7. We will be updating our Safety DVD.

WEBSITE REPORT/ MasterLink: Tara – (Absent) Do you want to change the MasterLink to monthly? There will be a questionnaire out to all board members to get to know them, and getting a patch donated for a quilt to be auctioned off at the next state meeting. I need pictures of your Chapters events and members.

PRODUCTS TRUSTEE REPORT: Shayne (Velcro) – We have new mugs, and aprons. Working on a new patch. Larger patches must be pre-ordered.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Bob – Talked about Doc and how instrumental he has been for ABATE of Florida, Inc. We need to promote a positive image, so we are moving forward. Griz is the President. Jerry T is also a very good friend of ABATE and motorcyclist in general. Let's move forward. I am a long-term member. Describe the process of our Bill and how it could be killed not going into committee. Also mentioned again our mannerism when we talk to our Legislators. We need to watch how we address this people. We want to get this bill to pass. If by chance this doesn't get thru, we continue our work and address again next year. We will have wording for what to say to these Legislatures. Bob talked about things we are doing tomorrow: shirts, drip pans and trophies. This day tomorrow is to "make friends".

LOBBYIST: Rich - The only reason we are where we are is because of ABATE. Doc has been nothing but helpful to me. Know who your Reps are for tomorrow. Address the staff in their office and thank them for supporting the "Motorcycle" bill. SB 838 or HB 709 is what will be addressing. Explained the Representatives and Senators that have helped with the advancement of this bill. Rich also discussed and explained the Insurance Tort reform just as an FYI. Russ read the HB 709 and explanations were given on the changes including the removal of the name of ABATE. This could be beneficial because the new qualification has guidelines that ABATE meets. Only 2-3 Non-Profits will meet these qualifications. *Big reminder that the DOT members will be fighting to keep this money in their budget, but do not have a Lobbyist right now. Big shout out to Sen. McClain in helping us get the bill heard in its 1st committee.

LEGAL COUNSEL: Jerry T- Absent

NCOM UPDATE – Phoenix 2023, June 16-18

TALLAHASSEE 2023: Items for the Ride on Monday. Discuss the new process of us visiting Tallahassee. If any new names that need to be added to the list, please contact Lynn.

STATE PARTY: Velcro – Motion was made at the last meeting concerning Polk to host a party in their area. Due to the fact that Polk county didn't have info from Chris and some of the other chapters didn't have a response. It was tabled.

OLD BUSINESS: Vote on the time change for the Delegates Meeting. Stick Vote: Yes, for Noon – 14, No for Noon – 10, Abstained – 1. Next meeting will be at Noon.

NEW BUSINESS: SW will not be doing the June meeting. We need another location. Pasco stepped up. Details forth coming. Forest brought up the changing of Membership dues. This would be a By-law change, so it needs to be written up with the suggestions.

GOOD TO THE ORDER: Gator Alley donated money from the Swamp Buggy races. Lake County talked about Bikefest. Polk talked about Motorcycle Rodeo. Forest will be having their 32-year anniversary. JMax (Pasco) talked about his podcast. Encouraged all to listen.

Motion to Adjourn

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Corr