

ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.

August 12, 2023 – Peace River

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Griz- Introduced Bill from American Income Life. \$592K paid to ABATE Members. Bill gave out his cell phone number. Your benefit is a no cost benefit, as long as you are in good standing. In order to provide this, the cost to AIL is \$1.50 per member. In addition, we offer other items which is in your mail that you will receive. Explained the other items that are offered. Griz - Entertain a motion to accept American Income Life proposal. Forest made a motion to approve, Polk 2nd. All in Favor. Social Media – Any ABATE social media must be positive. Especially politicians. No negative response. Chapter Spending – Don't go and buy lunch with chapter funds. Use your money for real Chapter expenses. Thank you to Peace River Chapter. Brandy is not here. Dealing with personal issues.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Steve – Discuss committees. We are forming another committee for Safety Money/Legislative. We will be working on bills that matter. Will talk about Bylaw Committee later.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lynn – entertain a motion to accept the minutes from June's meeting. Motion made by Forest, 2nd by Polk. Explained the Flyer SOP. Any questions, contact Lynn.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Brandy– Please make sure you put your chapter name on your envelopes. Make sure your bank statements have your chapter name on them. **Do Not** tape your receipts to your check. Get all your receipts together and put them in a envelope or just put them in the paperwork in a stack all together. Just a heads up - I will not be running for State Treasurer in the upcoming election. I only took this until the next elections in June. Please make sure you send in your gun tickets and checks each month with your Treasurer report. Winner of the gun will have to come to Lake County to pick up their gun.

STATE OFFICE REPORT: Brandy – Lynn (Secretary of the State – FLAbateStateSecretary@gmail.com) will be approving all flyers. So please CC her on all flyers to be approved. After they are approved, Tara, Masterlink Editor, will post on Facebook and in the Masterlink. So, I spoke with Patti, the former Treasurer. In our discussion, she stated that the start up money for the new chapters was enough just to do what was needed to be able to get the new chapters up and running.

SGT-AT-ARMS REPORT: Charlie – Keep Hydrated. Heat index can be over 115.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Laurie -

May: Most New Members: **Gulf Coast**; Largest Percentage of Growth: **Central Florida**
June: Most New Members **Thunder Coast/ Emerald Coast**; Largest Percentage of Growth: **Central Florida**. Discuss the problem with membership card order. We are also looking for a new solution to address the problem with the membership program database. Please be patient with me, if I see a problem, I will address it. Membership Cards – Chapters need to mail their cards if they can't show up for a meeting. Discussion about "showing up for meeting", bottom line is that we want these people to be part of us. Forest – hopefully a new database will show us (the chapters) when we get new members online. Laurie discussed her problems with this existing program. Daytona Beach – we need to address the QR codes and notification. Vintage – believes members should be

attending meeting. POINT OF ORDER – Tate, too much arguing. They are members. Rich – numbers matter in Tallahassee. Our mission is political.

PR/COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: Bill – Sophisticated Biker. We have 2 articles in it. You can sign up online. Free subscription. Business owner, sponsor our column and ABATE will get compensated.

SAFETY TRUSTEE: Russ

1. Make sure MSAP safety booth presentations and classroom presentations are documented with copies emailed to flabatemsap@gmail.com
2. Thumb drives loaded with the Basic Instructor's Manual and MP4's of the Safety Videos are ready for issue. They are ABATE property and must be signed for. (Thank you to Alfie for providing the thumb drives). You will need a smart tv to play the thumb drives. (Maybe about 3g with the video).
3. Looking to hand out Daniel Martin Certificate. Not sure which chapter.
4. MSAP patches? Some would like to buy more. Shayne will investigate on where these patches came from.

WEBSITE REPORT/ Masterlink: Tara – Please start sending me bio's of chapter members including board members. Last month I did a spotlight on Rich from SW chapter. Will get with Brandy to update website. Give me a couple of weeks. I did bring the ABATE quilt. Thank you for the patches, they will be on the quilt by next meeting. The quilt will be auctioned off at the December meeting. I'm looking for Motorcycle pictures for the cover of Masterlink. It only takes 2 minutes to sign up with Sophisticated Biker.

PRODUCTS TRUSTEE REPORT: Shayne (Velcro) – There is a whole line of new products. A big thank you to Martha for your assistance. The website pricing is outdated. Please contact me first.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT (BOB): Heres a brief summary of our progress given by Rich. We must be more involved in items that keep motorcycles safe. Thank you for your calls concerning our recent loss.

Lana - (representing ABATE concerning the Safety Money 838) -On behalf of ABATE of Florida, Inc. I attended the Florida Motorcycle Safety Coalition at the Center for Urban Transportation Research (CURT) at the University of South Florida in Tampa on August 2nd and 3rd. Attendees were from all over the State representing FDOT, Ride Smart, Law Enforcement, Attorney's, Physicians, ABATE, ALR, LAMA and other groups. Many topics were covered from Motorcycle crashes, lane splitting, endorsement and rider training (basic rider 1 & 2 and advance rider coarse). Other Outreach efforts were on educating Judge's on laws pertaining to Motorcyclist. In the group discussion on SB838 Ray from FDHSMV, Edie from FDOT, Cesar from LAMA, John from ALR, Andy from Suncoast Brotherhood and myself (Lana) from ABATE. The bill is being review by FDOT and FHSMV attorneys at this time. The guideline of how we are to use the funding is written in the bill to be divided between 3 groups. ABATE should be working on what we can spend the funding on, mostly geared toward media, etc. (see SB838)

We will be having a Workshop in Orlando sponsored by Rich Newsome in September. Anyone wishing to participate there is a signup sheet by the BOD.

We have been invited to join Mike Dobbs, member of SMART, to set up our safety items during Biketoberfest at JP Cycle's from October 18th thru 21st, free of charge. Please let me know if you would like to join me in representing ABATE of Florida, Inc.

LOBBYIST – Rich discussed the need for a full-time lobbyist. Explained the offer from Continental Strategies. Rich also discussed getting sponsors to defer the cost of a Lobbyist. He, himself, acquired 5 firms plus his firm to help offset the cost of a Lobbyist. Boneyard Chapter stated they could get one more. Guidelines and details need to be set up for these and any new sponsors. Daytona made a motion to hire Continental Strategies. 2nd Lake. Forest called for a vote. All in favor. We will hire Continental Strategies as our Lobbying firm.

LEGAL COUNSEL: (Rich) – Nothing legal to report.

BYLAW COMMITTEE: (Steve) Bylaw info sent to the President's and Vice Presidents of each chapter. Chapters need to discuss the presented changes and report back to Steve K or Lynn C by the end of September.

NCOM UPDATE: Griz hasn't received any info yet on the conference in June.

TALLAHASSEE 2024: April

STATE PARTY: Roscoes? Nothing has been determined yet.

OLD BUSINESS: Chapters requesting Delegation Meeting for 2024:
February: Lagoon Chapter. April: Tallahassee. June: Boneyard Chapter
August: Lake. October: Gulf Coast (Forest if the weather is a factor)
December: Central Florida

VOTE on Motion to raise membership yearly dues to \$30/Lifetime to \$300.

Yay's - 7 Nay's - 25. There will be no changes to the price of membership. Palm Beach stressed the issue with the QR codes. It must go back to the chapters after use. Chapters feel left in the dark concerning this issue.

Information on Leadership seminars – President's meeting will occur after the next State Meeting in Lake County. Details forth coming. The treasurer meeting will be either before or after the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Info on the name Spooks and Scoots was not complete. Will be addressing with Brandy to complete.

GOOD TO THE ORDER: Former State PR Magneto, passed away this morning. Jessie from Lake won the 50/50 and donated back to the State.