

**ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.**  
Saturday, February 11, 2023  
State Delegate Meeting – Melbourne

**PRESIDENTS REPORT: Griz-** 1). Lighthouse Chapter will be closing. Southernmost has closed. Bank accounts will be closed. Explained that Michaels family will be getting the accidental death money, because of his fall.  
2). Late Report, including minutes are due after every meeting. Fines will ensue.  
3). Difference between a Safety Booth and MSAP presentation. Any chapter member can man a safety booth.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Darrin** – Thanks to Lagoon Chapter from hosting. Also, thank you for all that volunteered at the Swamp Buggy Races. **Griz:** It was a blast.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lynn** –Reminder to email all minutes to the State Office after each chapter meeting. They are read. Also, no dollar amounts should be listed in the reports. Due to the fact the the minutes were omitted from the emailed packet to the Chapter, the acceptance of them will occur at the next meeting in Tallahassee.

**TREASURER'S REPORT: Debbie** – *Motion by Forest Chapter: Treasury report should not be accepted til some clarification on several items. Seconded by Freedom Chapter.* Questions to the Report, why are Google charges different amounts, why are we paying the IRS every month, (clarification – it is the Sales tax to Florida Department of Revenue). **MOTION PASSED.**

**STATE OFFICE REPORT: Brandy-** 1). Flyers, Check, Property Release, and Insurance Request needs to be sent at the same time to the State Office. Verification of insurance amount will be made prior, also the flyer can be emailed for flyer approval. **SE Chapter:** Should we be using “Parties” on our flyers? **Brandy:** Only Rallies should not be used. Reminder that all paperwork is to be postmarked by the 5<sup>th</sup> of every month. **Frenchie:** Inquired about a flyer for the (future) Central Chapter. Per Griz, it has been removed at this time.

2). **Griz** – All meetings must have sign in sheets with a witness signature at the bottom.

3). We need to clear up some of the credit cards. Board has approved to remove Patti Nasrallah and Elizabeth (Boots) Buchholz off the credit cards.

**SERGEANT-AT-ARMS REPORT: Charlie-** Be Safe, Keep hydrated, and watch out for idiot drivers.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Laurie -**

November: Most New members: **Polk** Largest Percentage of Growth: **Polk**  
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**Congrats to Peace River for their new Life Member.**

**PR/COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: Bill** – I have submitted 2 different articles for “Reason to Ride” publication. Unfortunately, they have some issues to correct before it can be published in Florida. When completed, it will be in Hard Copy and on online. Forest shared an idea of sharing motorcycle awareness signs to Business owner.

**WEBSITE REPORT/ Masterlink: Brandy** – Board is asking for a vote of confidence for Tara Ricci to be the Masterlink Editor. **Motion was made Lake, Seconded by SE.** All in favor. Brandy – Please submit info on your local chapters for Masterlink. “Get a story together and send it in.” Get a sponsor. We need your help. Article deadline are every 2 months. (2 weeks prior to odd months). Get members to write up something, maybe a personal interest story.

**PRODUCTS TRUSTEE REPORT: Shayne (Velcro)** – We have stuff to sell. Also, we have silent auction. Come up and bid. Please bring items for the next Silent Auction.

**LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Darrin** – Thank you again Lagoon Chapter. HB709 has been drafted by Rich and submitted by Rep Yarkowsky – It is requesting \$1.50 from the \$2.50 registration of all motorcycles to be paid quarterly. As of right now there is no Senate companion bill. No committee roster yet but after the committees start we need to be calling our legislators letting them know that they we want their support. **Forest** – should we be contacting our people for a Senate companion? **Darrin** – Rich is already looking for Senate support. **Forest** – will be contacting our local officials to see if they can co-sponsor. **Brandy** – They still won't guarantee a spot for us in Tallahassee. I used to be able to plan at least 2 months in advance. **Shayne** – Are there any unusual bills? **Darrin** – Possible changing the State Bird, but anyone can check MyFloridaHouse.gov. Only 6% of Bills make it into law. **Forest** questioned the list of accomplishments listed in the previous minutes. Lynn verified they were yes, they were read from the Legislative Trustee in December. **SE** talked about the list that his secretary made a list of people to call and whose phones to blow up when we need to call, and asked about the script that was offered in the past. Will that still be available? **Darrin** – yes. He explained the correspondence and tally of who calls and supports/or discourages certain bills. **Shayne** – will there be more Podcast? **Darrin** – yes, when there is more to share.

**LEGAL COUNSEL: Jerry T-** Not present.

**NCOM UPDATE** – Phoenix 2023, June 16-18

**TALLAHASSEE 2023:** Confirmation is still pending, but if approved - April 2, 2023, for Delegate meeting, April 3, 2023, for the Ride to the Capital. **Lagoon** – Are we still going for the meeting since we don't have 60 days to organize the police escort and the setup can take up to 2 months. **Griz** – so far we are still going. **Vintage** - We do have to have a meeting. So, we still must make plans for the meeting. **Gulf Coast** – We could have a great party of the Campground that wants us to come back. **Lake** – Lake County is going to Tallahassee. If we give up now, we have lost the war. **Brandy** – I can still do the paperwork, but it's not guaranteed. **Hillsborough** – can't we still make this like a regular event and still go to the Capital? **Estero** – I think we should still go and ride around the Capital either way and make our presence known. **Griz** – That would be a good idea. But we need more than 45 motorcycles. **SE** - Can we get the MCs involved? How about Hog? **Griz** – We've tried. **Polk recognized Chris** – Given the atmosphere in Tallahassee, we probably won't get in. We should show up and take part in the Bikefest of Tallahassee. (*Found out the timing won't work*). We need to think outside of the box. **SE** – why don't we go early and park in every parking spot? **Estero** – Maybe we should look at the campground again. **Lake** – can we still get the permit for the Police Escort. **Brandy** gave the protocol for getting the escort. **Griz** – Do you want to go to the Capital? Do you want to spend the money for the permits even if we can't go on the grounds. **Lake** - made a *Motion – Abate of Florida goes to Tallahassee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Estero River.*

**Discussion – Palm Beach** – After going for years and years, is it worth it? We know this is a travel day and Easter is nearby. **Shayne** – If you make that commitment, you need to go. **Forest** – Because we have set a precedence of going every year, and if we don't go this year, we've dropped the ball. And we need to get ahold of our Representatives, and I will help, and let them know of these issues. **Estero** – Aren't they in sessions? Explained Travel days. **Newsome representative Melanie** – Rich is working on the Governor to be at the event. **Hillsborough** – If we do this, is there anything to stop us? **Griz** – Homeland Security? But we could do it on the street. **Forest** – You may need a permit for 3 or more gathering in some counties. **SE** - I feel we should do the parking idea. **Lake** – We can pass the hat to cover the permit.

**Vote: passed**

**Palm Beach** – If we go... **Griz** – Oh, we are going. With all the hands raised and the chapters behind you, we need 200 bikes+. Brevard used to have 5000 for a Toy Run! **Forest** – We need to get our PR out to the Motorcycle communities. **Lagoon** – Everything for the meeting is still the same? When will the flyer be going out? Do we need 2 flyers to show to the public? **SE** – it will be in our Newsletter.

**STATE PARTY: Velcro – Daytona** – we can do a setup at his family’s bar for 10 days (80 Volunteers) or for 2 weekends including Annie Oakley’s. We will need safety materials for 80,000 people. This is less than 4 weeks away. Question about selling items, Dan said no. We can’t disrespect this owner. **Forest** – that 15k that in the Safety and Education fund, can’t that be used for this event. Dan suggested that we do Annie Oakley’s because of the time frame. **Shayne** – I suggest we do the weekends. **Daytona** – much less safety products needed and less volunteers. **Brandy** – can we do membership? **Dan** – yes. Just nothing to be sold or any drawings. **Joyce** – Can the Tally flyer be available? I can make 1000 flyers to donate. **Daytona** – Forest chapter offered to bring their trailer with some safety products. **Daytona** – *Motion to attend the weekends at Annie Oakley’s during Bike Week. Seconded by Forest. All in Favor.* **Shayne** – let’s find out if maybe some members could help put people up. **Griz** – get Brandy the information and we will get it out. **Palm Beach** – Can we get new membership info? **Griz** – We need to use up what we have. **Forest** – Here’s a sign-up sheet. **Shayne** – I still want an event in Central Florida. Talked about the Ocala National Forest. **Polk recognized Chris** – Polk would like to throw ABATE a party. There’s a Banquet Hall we could use at the Hotel. EBoards could eat for free. This would include a meal and a Run around Polk County. Labor Day weekend. We could get hotel rooms for about \$80-\$100. We could do this, hangout and socialize. No Agenda. We just need to know if you are interested. **Brandy** – I need more info for insurance. **Tara** – why is this different than a State Party already being discussed. **Lake** – the question is being asked if we want to have a party or not. **Freedom** – *Motion to bring back to the chapters to discuss. 2<sup>nd</sup> by SE.* **Peace River** – why can’t we do both including the State Party. **Griz** – Yes. Chris – we just need to know if the Delegation is interested. “Delegation is interested”. **Griz** said to bring back to the chapters.

**OLD BUSINESS:** 1). Confirmation of new time for meetings. 12pm. **Palm Beach** - this would be the delegates meeting. **Forest** – brought Bylaw change options. We need to take these back to the chapters. **Lake** – can’t the President make changes that are in the best interest of Corporation. **Vintage** - Given the fact that our delegates didn’t bring the new time change to our chapters, it should be tabled till a chapter response is given. **Griz** – gave the timeline of events from the last meeting. After it was voted on by the delegates it was brought to our attention that it needs to be published 2 consecutive times and announced at the delegates meeting. **Griz** – Take this back to your chapters so it can pass by the next Delegate meeting in April.

2). Status of new 501c3 – “Point of Order” given by **Forest**. In 2013, we voted to start ABATE of Florida Safety and Education. We have asked for information concerning the balance and status of “our” 501c3. The board needs to get Jerry T to send a “Cease and Desist” to Doc on the use of “ABATE of Florida Safety and Education.” **SE** – Bob stressed his opinion. We need to know what steps we need to take to get the money back. **Marie** – In 2014, Doc Fish was President and President of the 501c3. **Griz** – *Motion is tabled.* I will call Jerry T. **Esterio** – We need safety products. **Lagoon** - Why can’t we send a request? **Griz** – We must put in a request but need more info for it. **Forest** – Doc stated that we need a Safety Director. **Lake** – Do we need a Motion for Russ to be the Safety Director? **Griz** – Russ Pace you are know the Safety Director.

3). Results of Motion concerning the name “Spooks ‘n Scoots”. Application has been made.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Introduction of possible new chapters:

**BONEYARD Chapter (Pasco County)** – Intro to new President and Vice President. Both explained their goals for this new Chapter. **Daytona** – *Motion to accept Boneyard as a new Chapter. Lake seconded. Chapter was Accepted.*

**CENTRAL Chapter** – Intro to specifics of the Chapter. Melanie explained the goals and people on the Board. **Lake** – *Motion to accept Central Chapter. Seconded by SE.* **Frenchie** – Lana and I will be involved in this chapter. *Chapter was Accepted.*

**Vintage** – *Motion to have the State Treasurer removed. Forest Seconded.* There are so many problems with the Treasurers report, and she can’t answer basic questions concerning expenses.

**Hillsborough** – Brandy can you explain what is going on? Brandy – All reports come into the State Office, and I scan them and send to Deb. Any receipts are done the same way. We have paid a bookkeeper to come in and organize QuickBooks. She, the Bookkeeper, still has more work to do with adding the Chapters to the QuickBooks account. **Lagoon** – This last report has had the most information on it ever. We should wait at least til April. **Lake** – If things don't improve, then maybe it's time. **Griz** – *Tabled the Motion til next meeting.* Chapters make a list of questions and issues, and they will be addressed at the next meeting.

**GOOD TO THE ORDER:**

**Shayne** – Laurie is on the mend and will be trying to be here at the next meeting. Thank you for your prayers. **Forest** - FDOT has a grant that is available til the end of the month. This is from NTSA. Russ was asked to apply for it as our new Safety Director.

Several Chapters announced their events for the coming weeks.

50/50 was drawn and a portion was donated back. Silent auction was done.

Meeting ended.

Respectfully Submitted by Lynn Corr

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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, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Polk. Motion to accept minutes from February meeting. Motion by Vintage, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup>. 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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