

ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.
October 14, 2023 – Lake County

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Griz- Explain the process of the “the Program” (Safety Money) contracts. All contracts were signed. Thank you for everyone and their hard work especially Melanie from Central Florida chapter. Continental Strategies were hired to be our Lobbyist. Charlie our Sgt-at-Arms has had a stroke. Cheryl discussed his disability. It was determined that Frenchie, and Tate will be the assistants for 3 meetings. It will be evaluated then if he should step down. Discussed the 2 Chapters Closing: Vintage and SouthWest. Update on new chapter in Duval. Removal of a member from Membership due to pedophile charges. Any member with these charges will be removed.

VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Steve – Will discuss Committee business later in the meeting.

SECRETARY’S REPORT: Lynn – Correction to last meetings minutes. Legislative Session starts in January. Motion to accept the correction. Motion by Daytona Beach, 2nd by Gator Alley. All in favor. Entertain a motion to accept the minutes from August’s meeting. Motion by Lake, 2nd by Gator Alley.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Brandy– Do not staple or tape your report of receipts. Discussed certain items that were previously needed but not used now. Those will be cancelled.

STATE OFFICE REPORT: Brandy – Gun tickets to be turned in asap. Paperwork for event all must still be sent to the office: Insurance form, Property Release, and Flyer (once Lynn has approved it). Even if it’s a Poker Run, the release must be sent to the Office.

SGT-AT-ARMS REPORT: Tate - Inventories are due by December state meeting. You can either bring them to the meeting or email them to me at abatelcpresident@gmail.com , email State or bring to State meeting in December.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Tara -

July: Most New Members: SE Chapter; Largest Percentage of Growth: Central Florida.
August: Most New Members: SE; Largest Percentage of Growth: Central Florida.

There will be new guidelines for Membership. Any late report will be fined. Please call if you have any questions. Brandy explained how the QR codes work. Chapters will be sent credits. Some chapter could have their own QR codes. Chapters wants the information sooner. Membership will be emailing as soon as possible. Lots of discussion about the membership Time frame. Per Steve: from the last meeting we were told that if there is payment verification, the life insurance will be billed. Brandy suggests that each chapter does their own QR code.

PR/COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: Bill – I’m in need of the Tally Flyer to send to the website and local media. We are still in the Sophisticated Biker magazine. It’s recommended that you log in to get our info on this site.

SAFETY TRUSTEE: Russ

1. Hand out new MSAP Instructor Certificates.

2. Summary of Booth Presentation Reports and Classroom Presentation Reports Received. At each State meeting, a review of the events that have been done by each chapter. I will update the instructor database from info from Vic.

3. Reminder to submit reports to flabatemsap@gmail.com. Russ went over the manual and the importance of the message. Bridget shared how going to events will spread to many people, it's estimated to be around 10,000 people. GRIZ – Going to Bike Nights are great, but motorcycles aren't our only target audiences. Festivals and car show would be the best place to make ABATE known. The importance of documenting our Safety program is imperative. The FHSMV doesn't like we took our money back. But we need to keep showing how we are using the money responsibly.

WEBSITE REPORT/ Masterlink: Tara - New Website and Masterlink coming soon. Website issues are being addressed. We will be getting a new website being setup with Quest. It will be more user friendly. The new Masterlink is being worked on now as well. This will be sent to our members. Discussed problems. We are hoping to get this up and running. GRIZ just a reminder that QUEST is making the changed. It is being updated.

PRODUCTS TRUSTEE REPORT: Shayne (Velcro) – I have a whole new line of items. Come up and see me.

LOBBYIST FIRM: Continental Strategies – Contract signed, and bills are being worked on.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Bob - Palm Beach asked us to look at Victims' Rights. Bob stated that we need to pick and choose our fights that we can win. Our Lobbyist company will help us determine what would be the best items that would be pushing. Right now, they will be focusing on a "Stiffer penalties" bill. Bob reached out to the Blue Knights to see if they can ride with us in Tallahassee. Other organizations are also willing to work with us. It's important to work together. We need to focus on what is in front of us. Lake County – Where are we on being recognized with insurance discount, for Abate members. Griz – we are still working on it. If one of the insurance companies wants to offer us a discount, it will be sent to the members for them to apply. Our membership is not for sale. Even when we had to send the State our membership roll, it only included names. No information for anyone was made available.

LEGAL COUNSEL: Rich - Excused

BYLAW COMMITTEE: Steve- Update on Bylaw changes. Forest read about their proposed changes to the submitted Bylaws. Steve answered the proposed changes. Bylaws will be sent out again this week for final approval.

SAFETY COMMITTEE: Lana - Since our last Delegates meeting a lot has happened. Rich Newsome held a Safety Workshop on September 9th, 2023, with representation from ABATE, L.A.M.A., American Legion Riders, FDOT, FHSMV, and various others. Dawn Moliterno from Quest presented how we could spend the safety money with suggestions of billboards, website and other promotional items to help reduce injuries and fatalities in the State of Florida. Dawn helped us in preparing our RFA (application) to present to the FSMVH. Melanie and Dawn spent hours on the RFA for all three

groups. ABATE Safety Committee consists of the Chair, Lana Lang, Joe Lubischer from the Northwest (panhandle), Alfie Fyock from the Northeast, Martin Nebojsic from the Southeast and Bill Bird from the Southwest. Please send your suggestions or ideas to the representative of the four areas or me. We will discuss and submit to the EBoard (Executive Board) who will have the final say on where to spend the money. At this time, it is imperative to send your safety reports and possibly pictures to ABATE State Safety Director, Russ Pace. We have been approved at this time for funding so keep up the hard work of promoting motorcycle safety through education to all of our state drivers, riders and walkers. I will be attending the Coalition at CUTR November 7th and 8th representing ABATE of Florida, Inc.

Legislative Committee: Steve- Sponsorships and Bills. The tier for the Sponsorship is being fine-tuned. It should be completed and distributed right away.

NCOM UPDATE: Griz – Nothing new to report

MRF: Bob: Hardtail (Kirk Willard), the president of the MRF was at Alfie's chapter meeting, that was great. He will also be at our NF-COC state meeting in November. If anyone has any concerns, I can relay them and maybe obtain answers. Hardtail did request we all join the MRF as the numbers will help. Florida is #2 in the USA for registered motorcycles on the road, this is behind only California. We can make a difference, let's do our part. We all need to take this to our chapters.

AMA: Nothing right now

TALLAHASSEE 2024: Ride will be Monday, February 12th, Delegate Meeting Sunday, February 11th. Motion to change the meeting to Sunday made by Palm Beach, 2nd by Forest. All in favor.

STATE PARTY: Nothing Yet.

OLD BUSINESS: Status of the name Spooks and Scoots – Brandy has not had time to work on this.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion for a traveling a trophy for the most members at a STATE meeting. (not the hosting chapter). Forest motion, 2nd from Polk. All in favor.

GOOD TO THE ORDER: Freedom – Florida Nature Coast Bikefest. March 15, 16, 17. Lana – will make more of the ABATE info booklet. Forest – Gave info on the next State Meeting and invite to their Christmas Party. Daytona Beach – setting up at Tropical Tattoo this Bikerfest.