

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: SouthEast

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.