

ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.
June 11, 2022
State Delegates Meeting in Fort McCoy

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Doc - After Pledge and Moment of silence, Doc read the letter from the Commander of the Pensacola Chapter of the American Legion 340, concerning Tammy Grant and her conduct at the after party. This was done because some did not understand what lead to her yearly suspension. This suspension was determined by the Board.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Darrin – Welcome to all. Please be careful on your way home.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lynn – Entertained a motion to accept the minutes as they were sent to the Chapters. Daytona made the motion and it was seconded by Peace River. All in favor except 2 were opposed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Debbie – Entertained a motion to accept the treasurers report that was also sent to every chapter. Motion made by Daytona, seconded by Polk. Just a reminder that the reports will look different due to an upgrade of Quickbooks. All in favor.

STATE OFFICE: Brandy – QR Codes are now active. Each chapter has a code to use that will give them credit with membership. Daytona Beach is going above and beyond when using these codes. With chapter elections, it is necessary to update the Board of Directors with the STATE office.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS REPORT: Mudder – Stressed the importance of staying hydrated in this summer heat. Ride Safe.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Laurie –

March: Highest Growth: Polk, Most New Members: Polk.

April: Highest Growth: Polk, Most New Members: SouthEast.

Please tell your Membership people they are doing a great job. Laurie also read the Bylaws when it came to voting and members At-Large. You must be a chapter member in *good standing* to vote in chapter elections. A newly enrolled member must have their information at the State Office before they can vote. She also relayed the effectiveness of the QR codes but stressed that we have over 300 returns after a mailing because of incorrect addresses. It is important to get these up to date.

PR/COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: Bill – May Proclamation was posted after the State made a couple of changes to the verbiage. This is something the State of Florida does often. Plus, it was discovered that another organization used our Proclamation for their own.

WEBSITE REPORT/ Masterlink: Reminder about chapter updates going to the State so it can be updated on the web page and Masterlink. “Any changes need to be done ASAP especially with membership, because unless the State has the information, it isn’t active.

PRODUCTS TRUSTEE REPORT: Shayne (Velcro) – Explained that the QR code is now being used with the products so that credit cards can be used. I can always make a deal.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Darrin – Legislators are back in their local offices. Now is a great time to contact them about ABATE of Florida, Inc. and educate them on their local chapter. Stressed the importance of the local Primaries. It’s important to introduce yourself to these people right away if you haven’t already.

If you no longer want to be on the Legislative emailing, please email Darrin and he will remove you from the list.” Slo-Mo asked about local election notices, you must contact your local Supervisor of Elections. Spoke about how to indorse to candidates as a private citizen.

LOBBYIST: Doc – Session is over. There will be many new legislators this coming year. There are also new district lines. Check your voter cards to verify if you are still in the same district. Also, with this district change, Florida picked up a new Congressional Seat. Upcoming Speaker of Senate hasn’t always been friendly to motorcyclist. But many of the House are asking if we are doing the same bill. Doc responded “yes”. Senator friendly to Abate said he will support the bill. The biggest item right now is the election. Go to candidate meetings. Learn about the candidates.

Legal Counsel: Jerry T – The elections have been moved to August 13th due to the fact that Lake County didn’t hold their elections at their meeting. Bylaws were read to clarify voting procedures. Since there is not a provision for email voting, it cannot be used at this time. But the bottom line is that the members have a right to vote and holding a “special” meeting doesn’t allow those who plan to attend the regular meeting a chance to vote. With this unusual issue, some have asked if there should be a voting freeze. But since the vote hasn’t been brought to the delegation, the chapters can make that decision. Polk had a question concerning the rights of Lake chapter to vote. This was later clarified that they are voting at their next meeting. Their right to vote and have their vote counted was not denied. Forest chapter questioned the June to June session for officers, and it was stated that the Board has the right and duty to adjust elections due to unforeseen circumstances. (ie Hurricanes, Covid...) Lake stated that the people were represented at the “special” meeting. Jerry stressed that not all members were able to attend the “special’ meeting and we need to postpone til August. Daytona asked why didn’t the people vote. It was an oversight of the existing Board and the incoming Board. Discussion evolved asking about multiple issues. Gris explained the situation the vote should have happened at “Old Business”, and took blame along with Tate. He also made a motion that the meeting move along. It was seconded, voted on and motion carried. Jerry offered his number to anyone in the organization that needed to talk with him concerning legal items.

NCOM UPDATE: Doc – to be held in Nashville on June 17th, 18th.

TALLAHASSEE: April 2, 2023 to be the meeting, and April 3, 2023 to be the Ride to the Capital. Brandy reminded everyone that this has not been approved by the State of Florida yet.

STATE PARTY: Shayne – Due to Family issues, I have not been able to address it as I would like. But I still have 2500 in sponsorship and challenged the delegation to match it. We are looking for the center of the state that has facilities. If you have a lead, call me. Vintage suggested the local fair grounds. Shayne requested the info be sent to him again. Gris suggested a State Park.

OLD BUSINESS: Treasure Coast asked about the 501c3 Abate of Florida Safety and Education. Doc reminded everyone that it is a separate account from ABATE of Florida, Inc. Forest asked about decisions made for that Corp. Doc stated it was a separate corporation. Questions were asked about monies raised at Avon Park. Doc reminded them that the only money made were the 2 donations given by 2 organizations/sponsors.

NEW BUSINESS: Daytona made motion for a new bill concerning Profiling. Doc read the existing bill. Daytona stated that profiling was bad in their county and the bill needs to have more direct language. Being more specific to motorcyclist is needed. Estero seconded the motion. All in favor. Gulf Coast requested the Statute Number. Palm Beach brought up some items of concern especially in their area. “Bringing forth a lawsuit for the monies not received for over 10 year, Investigation concerning the lack of distribution, and work on a new bill for “Aggressive Drivers”. They believe they should lose their vehicles. Drivers Education is needed as well.” Doc responded with “put these down on paper so I can present. We will be having new legislators and we need to get them on our side. Lake asked about billboards and whose paying for them. SE

stressed the inability to get into the school system. Deaths dropped when people are educated. Doc stressed the lack of importance has resulted in the poor turn out of the Capital Run.

Good to the Order: Patti Nasarallah presented ashes and patches of Richard and handed those out to members that wanted “to take him out for 1 last ride”.

50/50 a new member won.

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Corr