

ABATE OF FLORIDA INC.

ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. Saturday, Feb 13, 2021
State Delegates Meeting Vero Beach

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Doc – Pledge and Moment of Silence (2:11)

All attendees must sign in with the COVID-19 Sign in sheet. This sheet is in your packet and must be used at all meetings per Legal. Tallahassee Access is extremely limited. Courtyard is closed. Senate is not allowing anyone in the Senate side. Any appointments for the Senate will be at the Civic Center through Zoom. House of Representatives is requiring a current COVID-19 test for anyone going in. We will schedule for next year in February. This year Forest will host April meeting the 2nd Saturday, April 10th. Chapters mentioned donations to Forest to help with the meeting at VFW Village. John from Forest talked about the goodness of the VFW Village and ask that all donations be made to the VFW Village. He also explained about the lodging. No hotel is a main lodging. Slowmo talked about hotels he stayed at. (See packet for suggestions)

Receipts must have reasons. Accountants say that we are in danger of an audit. No personal use of Chapter money. Print and Signed waivers must be turned in 10 days. If not turned in after that day, chapters can not vote til turned in. Because of lawsuits, these are important documents. No hotel reimbursement for anyone to lives close to the State meeting as per previously voted addendum.

Consulted with Jerry T during the meeting concerning Liabilities with COVID-19 at all meetings. All chapters must use the COVID-19 forms and then send to State Office. Doc stated chapters are to verify if these sign in sheets were individually signed. Guidelines for Delegate Meetings need to be in accordance with current county regulations. August will be the next sign up for State Meeting.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Darrin –

Thank you for coming. Thank You to Treasure Coast. Please follow guidelines for speaking. YouTube podcast, thank you Brandy for speaking about the website and newsletter. New videos will be going on the website to help with chapter positions. Next one is with Laurie and Membership.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lynn – Entertain a Motion to accept the minutes as presented on Facebook. Found meetings were not posted on Facebook. (This has since been corrected). New minutes will be posted on Facebook and Website. Please send each chapter minutes to Lynn at FLAbateSecretary@gmail.com. Thank you to those who have been sending me the minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Debbie – Entertained a motion for the Treasurer Report that are in your packets: Motion made by Forest Chapter, Seconded by Peace River. – New address for Treasurers Report. ALL reports and checks are to be sent to the State office. Fines for late unexplained or incomplete reports will be fined. **SERGEANT-AT-ARMS REPORT: Marcus** – If you do not have security, you don't have an event. No excuse. If you have problems with any Clubs at an event, go to the Bosses. They will usually handle any issues. Remember we have the right to refuse any entry.

STATE OFFICE: Brandy – All flyers must have the new county/state COVID-19 guideline “You must Abide by CDC Guidelines to attend meeting and follow Local County Mandates” Sign in Sheets are required 10 days after the event. Reports – all reports must be complete and show what was purchased, not just the total with the receipt. All reports are to be postmarked by the 5th of the month to allow for State tax reports to be submitted on time. New PO Box for all reports is: P.O. Box 614 Cantonment, FL 32533. Event paperwork must be in the office before any insurance is purchased and event is approved. This includes Flyer, Property Release or contract, insurance request, and a check. If it is an event that is being sponsored by another establishment, we must have a copy of the flyer and it be approved. We must make sure our Name is not associated with the flyer if it has things listed not approved for ABATE of Florida, Inc. (such as drinking or nudity).

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Laurie – Life Membership drawing, Marcus won but opted to let another drawing be done since he already has a life membership. New winner was from Estero River. Congrats!

November: Highest Growth: Gulf Coast, Most New Members: Southern Most. December: Highest Growth: Gulf Coast, Most New Members: Palm Beach. Please tell your Membership people they are doing a great job. There is a new form for Membership that includes the Beneficiary cards. These have been customized for your chapters. They are to be used for New membership, renewal, change of address, Name Update, Transfer of chapter, beneficiary card and update beneficiary. These are on the website and included in your package. If you need a copy of these forms, you can call Laurie and she will get one to you. The next Podcast will be on Membership. Please remember all membership reports are to be postmarked by the 5th and complete. All mail is going to: P.O. Box 614 Cantonment, FL 32533. **VERY IMPORTANT!** Beneficiary cards must be filled out by the actual member and mailed to the State office with Membership Report or else they are invalid. No Patch sales on membership form. The business card membership forms are not acceptable anymore. Lake County is trying a Pilot Program for a Membership Drive. Buy a 5-year membership and receive the 6th year free. State payment will be for the 6 years.

PR/COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: Bill – I will be requesting the State for a grant of Federal Money for Motorcycle Safety. This is under the 501C3 as noted. AAA turned us down for a grant. John at Forest stated he got the application for a grant from Clay Electric.

WEBSITE REPORT/ Masterlink: Brandy – Given the cost to upgrade website and Florida News Service, each chapter is to contribute \$15 monthly (a 50/50 could pay this cost). Old website must stay online for 90 days, after that it will be removed. Any event a chapter shares that is not ABATE related must state “NOT AN ABATE EVENT”. Be careful not to mislead the public in thinking that a meeting correlates with Non-Abate Events. Share other chapters flyers and support ABATE events. We need photos of Safety and Education booths for the Websites.

Facebook (Gulf Coast): Martha – (Carol) Facebook has much better numbers. 448 followers, 1191 post reached. Carol discussed using meeting location to funnel/pinpoint. Chapters can also post info for each chapter.

SAFETY DIRECTOR REPORT: Victor –(Excused) Reports for Safety Booths. It is Important to help us receive Safety Money

PRODUCTS TRUSTEE REPORT: Shayne (Velcro) – Come and see what I have. Thank you Southernmost for buying all the mask.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Darrin – House Bill is not out. Senate Bill is out but in committees yet. Safety Money request is out but not in committees. A Bill for a New drivers license will have an option for Gender Neutral. Next Podcast will have info on another crazy bill. Vintage – a new bill states that you can only participate insports that is your Biological sex. Daytona – questioned 193 Billion to outsourced companies. Velcro – asked about the stats of texting and driving. Carol from Gulf Coast states that most police are still only treating like a secondary offense. Doc is investigating why we cannot use the word “Rally” on our flyers.

LOBBYIST: Doc – Working with the limitations of the Capital shutdowns. Nothing yet on the safety money in the House. When it gets a number, he will go to Tallahassee and testify. The average is 1.6 Million per year for monies collected for motorcycle registrations. Doc explained how the Safety Money was put in a Trust fund during Governor Childs time, and then after several hurricanes it was put into the General fund. Now there is no accountability.

Legal Counsel: Jerry T – All chapters must have individuals sign the COVID-19 sign in sheets. Must be sent back to State.

NCOM UPDATE: Doc –June 19, 20 in Des Moines Iowa. 2022 will be in San Diego

TALLAHASSEE: April 10, Moved to Ocala. Planning for February for next year.

OLD BUSINESS: Gun Drawing for 2020 – Paul Rogers from Southern Most won the Rifle, Rod Littleton from Daytona won the Shotgun. Next years Gun drawing will be for 2 different guns. Henry Gun Company has offered us a discount with their Non-Profit Program. Will be in contact with Lockdown about sending to his shop for pick up. Profits were discussed from Gun Drawing. Byron from Southern Most discussed the ease of selling tickets.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussed the profit from the Membership drawing. Will be selling tickets for the Motorcycle clock for next year drawing.

Good to the Order: Lake County donated a check to the State. Marcus talked about losing Charlie Johnson. Bill Kelly from Southern Most talked about the loss of Little Gary. Lake – Leesburg Bikefest is on.

Motion to Adjourn by Estero River, Seconded by Palm Beach. 5:41pm

Respectfully Submitted by Lynn Corr

Correction to the Minutes from the Delegates Meeting on February 13, 2021

Under Presidents Report states: “Consulted with Jerry T during the meeting concerning liabilities with COVID-19 at all meetings. All chapters must use the COVID-19 forms and then send to State office.”

Correction to be made is: “Consulted with Jerry T during the meeting concerning liabilities with COVID-19 at all meetings. All chapters must use the COVID-19 forms along with regular sign in sheets, and then send original Covid-19 form and regular sign in sheet to the State office. (A copy of the regular sign in sheet is accepted.)”



ABATE OF FLORIDA INC.

April 10, 2021 State Delegates Meeting

2:02 pm

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Doc – Pledge and Moment of Silence – For verification purpose: All reports go to the STATE office. It will then be dispersed to the proper people. All Chapters will be given Gun Tickets. Chapters will support ABATE of Florida, Inc. Chapters will donate the \$15 monthly for Website and News Service Report. It only goes for those 2 items. Just a reminder that all chapter money belongs to the State Corporation. State will also have events to raise money. It has been noticed that some Chapters spend more money than expected for hotel rooms and restaurants. Martha from Gulf Coast disputes the \$15 a month. “As a membership run organization, shouldn’t we have the right to decide if we want to spend the money.” Doc - We are a Corporation; Executive Board of Directors make decisions that are in the best interest for the Corporation. Peace River – Our chapter voted to pay yearly, is that accepted? Doc – Yes definitely. Our 40th year next month as ABATE of Florida, Inc. and we have membership because of the people of all these chapters.

VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Darrin – YouTube – next videos will be of this meeting, and benefits of joining ABATE. Also, leadership seminar videos will be Legislative, and membership. Others to come. Being able to review information will be beneficial for new board members. Doc – a round of applause for the YouTube videos. Other States are asking us how to do it. Also, updates are available. MRF has requested info on meetings. Doc does not want info given to MRF. People can go to meetings and support local chapters.

SECRETARY’S REPORT: Lynn – Mention of accepting minutes from both December and February. December minutes were not displayed on Facebook due to an error. Entertain a Motion to accept the December minutes as presented on Facebook. Polk entertained the motion, Sue from Vintage 2nd. All in favor.

February’s minutes misstated hosting of February’s meeting. Correction noted by John from Forest – Forest chapter did not host this meeting. This is the correction – “Incorrectly stated “This year Forest will host April meeting the 2nd Saturday, April 10th.” Should state Forest chapter will help with the April meeting the 2nd Saturday, April 10th.” Motion to accept February minutes made by Heidi from Southwest, 2nd by Mike at Lighthouse. All in favor except 1 opposed.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Debbie – Entertained a motion for the Treasurer Report that are in your packets: Motion made by Lighthouse, 2nd by Forest. All reports are to be mailed to new State Office. Deb requested an email of the report to fulfill her monthly tax report.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS REPORT: Marcus – Marcus, Sergeant of Arms, has family priority to deal with in Ohio. The Board will make a list of people to choose to finish his term. ABATE of FLORIDA, Inc. appreciates all the work Marcus has done and will look forward to his return.

STATE OFFICE: Brandy – Event insurance for day events is running different prices from \$150 and up. Group Ride insurance is starting at \$360 and may go up. Make sure I have the event insurance request, property release and the flyer. I can send you an invoice for the insurance if you want to pay by credit card, or you can mail in a check. If you pay by credit card, there will be a processing fee added to your amount. Poker Runs still require approved flyers and property releases. Once flyers are approved, they are not to be changed. If the event cancels or must move locations, you will need to contact the State Office. The flyer will need to be approved again and correction made to insurance. Updated flyer will be posted on the STATE website.

Board of Directors need to be updated as necessary and stay current. Martha from Gulf Coast verified that insurance is not required for standard Poker Runs. Yes, that was correct. Poker Runs are individual riders, not a group of riders. Heidi from Southwest asked if the flyer dictated insurance rates. Answer was no. Per Bill

Kelly’s question, Southern Most, what does dictate the price? Doc – insurance is determined by the insurance company payouts. Bridget, Forest, “Do we really need insurance if we don’t have anything?” Doc – Because of past events, chapters voted to continue with insurance. The Board will investigate possible “restructure”. Griz, Lake, explained the meaning listed on flyers – Kickstands Up, Pack Ride. 1st Bike out, last bike in, is a gypsy ride. Doc – 1-million-dollar lawsuit will dissolve the Corporation; it will then be hard to have credibility with law makers with a dissolved corporation.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Laurie – January: Highest Growth: Treasure Coast, Most New Members: Southeast February: Highest Growth: Polk, Most New Members: Forest

Griz – If a member is delinquent for a month, do they lose their benefits? Laurie – if I get their paperwork, they will be covered. A question was made by Martha from Gulf Coast: A) Does the full list of members include deceased Life Members? Laurie – Yes, they are members til the end of ABATE of Florida, Inc. B) Would it be possible to get information on their local AT Large members. Interested in starting a couple new chapters. Laurie – All members privacy is especially important. Information will not be given out. Doc – I will bring it before the Board about making a separate designation for deceased Life Members. Bridget, Forest, is it possible to get the list of endorsed motorcyclists from the State of Florida? Board – there is a cost for this information. It is estimated 1.5 million licensed in Florida. Doc will call on this info. It changes monthly. Griz – Lake, July 2019 there were 622,000 registered motorcycles paying the \$2.50.

PR/COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: Bill – State of Florida will have the Proclamation of May Motorcycle Safety Month in time.

WEBSITE REPORT/ Masterlink: Brandy – The ABATE STATE logo can not be changed, including color or shape. You can only change your local chapter logo. If you send the State your chapter, logo it will be added to the website/Masterlink. Please keep your board meeting info updated and submit the proper paperwork to keep MasterLink information correct. Pictures can be added to the Masterlink and Website if you send to the office.

Facebook (Gulf Coast): Carol - 412 like, 521 members, reached 8022 on Facebook. Like it, share it. Doc – Good job Carol.

SAFETY DIRECTOR REPORT: Victor (excused) Magnets are great. Both big and small. Heidi- Southwest, when people know they are magnets, they remove them from vehicles. Forest has asked for anyone not using their pull up Safety banners to please pass them on. Sue – Vintage, would love key chains to give out. Please limit handing out safety items to out of state people. To be used for Florida riders. Bridget – Forest, Black and white stickers are popular. First Aid kits as well. Children’s coloring books that Lake developed will be put on the State website for all to use. Steve – Treasure Coast, How about window decals? Griz – Lake, we cannot get magnets and such from the prison because they were hacked. Pilgrim will be checking on this. Also, all products need to have ABATE of Florida, Inc., on items. Ride Smart money comes from DOT.

PRODUCTS TRUSTEE REPORT: Shayne (Velcro) – Lifetime shirts sales. Will be checking on V necks for women. All lifetime shirts are gray.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Darrin – HB 2489 Safety Money has passed its first committee. Florida found money. Legislature is sweeping more Trust funds in general budget. Latest is the big educational fund being stripped. VRU bill, SB 278, is waiting for 1st committee and it is not on any agenda right now. HB 1643 Criminal Justice and Public Safety committee meetings are closed. Sessions ends April 30th. SloMo – Palm Beach, isn’t it a violation of sunshine law if not open to Public? No, they are using Zoom. Bridget – Forest, should we talk to local news about the \$2.50 belonging to Motorcyclists? “Can we get a STATE-Wide call out to get the News Channels to address “our money”?”. Doc has talked to several news outlets. And they mostly are not interested. Johnny Rose – Southeast, why can’t we get into schools? Griz – Lake, we are trying. Shared details on an accident involving a motorcycle death, possible no charges to car driver. Doc – Discussed several times where motorcyclists were killed, and car drivers not charged. Lack of people calling legislatures representatives show we do not care. John Banta – Daytona, No-name accident deaths make it hard to calculate information of who have been affected by motorcycle deaths. Let us stand up for those who cannot speak.

LOBBYIST: Doc – When going to the Capital, he had to show Vaccine Passport. Talked to Representative McClain pushing for amendment. Things have been cut, but the State of Florida found money. Doc is pushing for some of those funds. PSA is to be made. John Banta- Daytona, Repeal of No-Fault reports shows some good information. Talked about a bill concerning the “hold up of traffic”. Doc – we always talk to local cops and work with them.

Legal Counsel: Jerry T – It is encouraged that all sign a form of the COVID-19 sign in sheets.

NCOM UPDATE: Doc – June 19, 20 in Des Moines Iowa. 2022 will be in San Diego. Doc may not go this year but send a couple of Board members to discuss YouTube videos TALLAHASSEE: February 13th, 14th 2022

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing

NEW BUSINESS: SloMo – Palm Beach, do we discuss chapter hosting at June meeting. No, it is August. Next meeting is St. Augustine with Vintage (new meeting place), August is Lake, October Gulf Coast, December is Peace River.

Good to the Order: Talked about old ABATE Flag, using as a gift. Forest did a special drawing; Joyce with Lake was the winner. Lighthouse reported some errors with paperwork. Doc will address. Gator Alley donated to State. Palm Beach has a May 2 event, Lake – Leesburg is now Nov 12,13,14. Lake, May 22 – Can You See Me Now escorted ride. Polk – May 8th Rodeo. Bell Ringing at next meeting in St. Augustine please send names to Darrin.

50/50 - Sandy from Vintage

Motion to adjourn Sharon, 2nd by Sue

Respectfully Submitted by Lynn Corr

(who is human so if you find any mistakes let me know)



June12, 2021
State Delegates Meeting in St. Augustine

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Doc – Introduced Mudder as new Sergeant-At-Arms and Kenny as his Assistant learning the ropes. Read letter from Jerry T. Just as a reminder, only delegates speak at the meetings. Any other person must be introduced by the delegates. Our Country is having issues with riots and warp teaching to our children, but I thank God every day for our Police and Military. Daytona Chapter: what is the proper use of a “down biker” funds. Discuss protocol of cancellation during hurricane storm. 7-Day notice for cancellation? Found out Hotel policy for cancellation. Chapters are limited to \$100 for donations to outside organizations without being cleared by the Board of Directors. As an example: Gris and John from Forest asked about certain items. Clear everything with the Board. Need reports for outstanding events from chapters. Also, need receipts for expenses.

VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Darrin – Thank you for coming and Vintage for hosting. Please remember in this small room conversations carry.

SECRETARYS REPORT: Lynn asked to entertain a motion to accept the minutes as they were on Facebook. Treasure Coast stated that the minutes could not be read from her phone. April minutes were then sent to all Presidents. No motion was made. To be presented again at the August meeting.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Debbie – Entertained a motion for the Treasurer Report that are in your packets – Forest made a motion, Hillsborough seconded. Treasurers PO Box is closed. All mail to be sent to the State Office. Invoices for late fee will be sent out on the 15th of the month unless a phone call or email with a legitimate late reason. Late notices will be sent for the State payment for the Website/News Service. In the future, late fees will be deducted from Chapter accounts. After State audit, personal items were found on Chapter Bank Statements. These will be paid back to the chapters.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS REPORT: – Introduction to new Sergeant of Arms, Mudder. Kenny to learn the ropes to take over next year. Word to wise – dehydration is dangerous to Bikers.

STATE OFFICE: Brandy – After elections, all New Board member forms need to be submitted to State Office asap. As per protocol, each Executive Board member can hold only 1 Executive position. Verification of signers on the checking account is to be sent to the State Office. 2 Signers are required. When any changes are made to the checking account, State Treasurer needs to be on conference call (or speaker at Bank) during these changes. President Books will be sent to the Presidents. They are then responsible to give to their Board Members.

*MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Laurie – Life Membership drawing
March: Highest Growth: Vintage Most New Members: SouthEast
April: Highest Growth: Vintage Most New Members: SouthEast*

Congratulations to Vintage for all their hard work along with SE. Safety booths are key. Thank you to all the Chapters membership people. Doc stated that we are the 3rd largest ABATE in the US. Thank you.

PR/COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: Bill – PR is to be the administrator on all Facebook accounts under ABATE of Florida, Inc. Chapters. Please discuss with Bill Bird to make sure this is done in a timely manner. Passwords will need to be available as well. Everyone (Presidents) will be getting an email concerning this item. ABATERights is the Facebook account to be added as administrator on all Facebook accounts. All Facebook passwords will be stored at the State Office.

WEBSITE REPORT/ Masterlink: Brandy – Send info for chapter events to be put on the Website. Also, any issues or corrections with the website needs to be addressed to Brandy at the State Office. Updates to be completed.

SAFETY DIRECTOR REPORT: Victor – Looking into small magnets and pens. John from Forest, (Lake) made a motion to take back the request to the chapters to donate to the ABATE Safety and Awareness program, 501c3. This will enable us to buy in bulk much needed safety products. Seconded by SouthEast. Unanimous vote, carries.

PRODUCTS TRUSTEE REPORT: Shayne (Velcro) – Ladies V-Neck will be available soon. Also, new products on the table. 2x, 3x will be pre-ordered only. John from Forest won the Trivia.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Darrin – Special Session occurred in May. Mostly concerning gambling. Vulnerable Road User Bill was not even on the agenda. Pandemic was the excuse for Tallahassee not going through so many bills. Discussed the price of Space Junk compared to the life of a motorcyclist. Jail time for Space junk, not for the biker death. Explained how no legislature sign up to help co-sponsor the bill. Keep this in mind when they show up for votes. Please give Darrin the names for the Bell Ringing.

LOBBYIST: Doc – None of our items passed. Hopefully, the Capital will open soon so Legislators can be addressed more easily. The State has cut back on everything this year. Bill will be submitted again. Doc has requested to meet with the Governor.

Legal Counsel: Jerry T – Letter in Packet was read at the beginning of the meeting.

NCOM UPDATE: Doc – in Des Moines July 23, 24. Darrin won the Silver Spoke Award for media with his Podcast.

TALLAHASSEE: February 13th, 14th 2021. Motion was made by Gris to move the Delegate meeting from Saturday to Sunday. Seconded by Hillsborough. No Discussion was warranted.

OLD BUSINESS: - State party, suggested that 1 person from each chapter attend the organizing committee. Trying to make the event at a centralized location. This meeting will take place in Clermont at the next Delegate meeting in August. Velcro is chairing, Darrin will assist. Brandy stated that there are only 8 books of Gun Tickets left. Treasure Coast asked about the Moose Charities. Even though this is a great way of making money, we must have the prize money first. That is not possible now.

Ringing of the Bell

NEW BUSINESS: August will be the State Meeting assignment from the Chapters. If no meeting is assigned, State will host the meeting at the VFW Retirement grounds. There will be no Leadership Seminar this year. Thank you to Vintage for hosting and to all those that worked hard to make this meeting possible.

GOOD TO THE ORDER: Lake County gave State a donation from passing the hat.

Motion to Adjourn by SouthEast, Seconded by Hillsborough. 5:04

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Corr



ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.
August 14, 2021
State Delegates Meeting in Clermont

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Doc – At the last State Meeting, Lighthouse was spoken to about getting the Board and Chapter in order. After not showing today and no final paperwork has been sent, they are officially suspended. Just to be clear, only State products are sold at Delegates meeting. All updated Bylaws must be sent to the State Office. A reminder about calling current Board members with issues, not previous Board Members.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Darrin – Thank you for coming. Thank you, Ladies of Lake, especially for the hospitality. Sgt of Arms and Legislative podcast are done. Products, PR, and Secretary videos are to be coming soon.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lynn – April minutes approved Motion by Forest, seconded by Lake. Motion was made by Treasure Coast, seconded by Gator Alley for June minutes. Both were approved,

TREASURER'S REPORT: Debbie – excused

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS REPORT: – Please give the new Sergeant at Arms my number 407-925-4307. Have them call me if they need assistance.

STATE OFFICE: Brandy – Each chapter needs to send the originals of the reports to the State Office. Gun Tickets/checks needs to be done monthly. You must let the State Office know of the changes in your chapters so the website and Masterlink stays current.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Laurie –

May: Highest Growth: Vintage, **Most New Members:** SE.

June: Highest Growth: Forest, **Most New Members:** SE.

Membership Trustees are doing a great job. Thank you. SE stated that “We network and talk to everyone. Membership Packet. Martha from GulfCoast explained that a report that was to be postmarked on the 5th was delayed due to the weekend. After discussion, no fine will be levied.

PR/COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: Bill – Susan Hurst did an interview with Doc for an article for “Born To Ride” magazine. It was put in your packet, emailed to Presidents and Darrin’s email list. This is a perfect tool to teach and tell people about A.B.A.T.E of Florida, Inc. Please put on your chapters Facebook and share. Tallahassee flyer has been distributed to several Biker outlets. All chapters with a Facebook account contact Bill Bird to collate each chapters Facebook password so when people change, access is still available.

WEBSITE REPORT/ Masterlink: Brandy – State website is current. Due to changes, please make sure your chapter website is up to date. If it isn’t, the link may not work from the State website to the Chapter.

SAFETY DIRECTOR REPORT: Victor – It was discussed to send donated money to safety account. Voted on by individual chapters. Lake donated money, Forest chapter voted to donate when their treasury is better. State will also contribute.

PRODUCTS TRUSTEE REPORT: Shayne (Velcro) – “Come and see me, everything is on sale”, Laurie says she will also sell Velcro if the price is right.....

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Darrin – Legislative session will start on Jan 11th, ending Mar 11th to allow for campaigning. There will be 6 interim sessions starting in September. Bills will be the same. After they are drawn up, they will then be assigned a number. When they are sent to committee, Darrin will send out an email so contact can be made with Legislators. “When we go to Tallahassee, most of the committees will already hear the bills. The time is now to contact your legislators.” Discussed NCOM speaking points. Look at the latest YouTube video as he talks about the Electric Motorcycle.

LOBBYIST: Doc I will meet on Monday with legislators to finalize drafting of the bills. “Supposedly, last year, State of Florida was Broke. This year should be better.” This is still our money.

Legal Counsel: Jerry T – Received his plaque from us and was very grateful.

NCOM UPDATE: Doc – Next year NCOM will be in Nashville, June 23rd-25th. Darrin had a seminar on Social Media to explain the worthiness for each organizations own Social Media. Not as big as previous but was a great way for Clubs and Organizations to work together.

TALLAHASSEE: Set for Feb 14th 2022 with the meeting on the 13th. We will monitor the progress of the Capital to make sure it will be open.

OLD BUSINESS: - Next year Meeting Places – Feb will be Tallahassee, April Ocala, June Forest, August Ocala, October Lake, December Gator Alley.

NEW BUSINESS: None

GOOD TO THE ORDER: Lake thanked everyone for coming. Invitation for their 34 year Birthday Party upstairs.

Motion to Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted by Lynn Corr

ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.

Saturday, October 9, 2021

Delegate Meeting – Pensacola, Gulf Coast Chapter (2:12 – 4:45)

Pledge and Welcome – Thank you for coming

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Doc - 2 Chapters donated monies for safety products. State also donated in kind. We have magnets again and keychains for safety. 2000 of both. Plus, the orange and black pens. Very productive talks concerning Lobbyists. Palm Beach donated to safety.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Darrin – Welcome – Update on YouTube Videos for leadership. PR, newsletter, Safety, and Legislative left to finish. Please reach out to the current State board member for clarification if needed. The YouTube podcast concerning leadership will always on the website, ABATEFLORIDAINC.com. Thank you to Gulf Coast for hosting. Requested not to post Leadership YouTube videos on public or personal sites.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lynn – Entertain a motion to accept the minutes as they are in their packets. Polk County made a motion to accept the minutes. Seconded by Palm Beach. All in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Debbie – Entertain a motion to accept report that's in the packet. Peace River made a motion, Polk seconded it. All in favor. Forms must be current with Cantonment address.

STATE OFFICE REPORT: Brandy – Please use current forms for all reports. Everything is online. If you can't open a report or form, contact Brandy. Insurance is taking almost 60 days to complete. Please get all info in early for any event.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS REPORT: Mudder - We have a new Asst. Sargent of Arms: Charlie. Inventory forms must be turned in at December State Meeting. Every month that is late, \$25 a month fee will be assessed.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Laurie -

JULY MOST NEW MEMBERS: SE HIGHEST % OF GROWTH To Be reevaluated at Dec Meeting.

PR/COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: Bill – I've been working on a Grant from AAA. This is for Safety Products. Finding it to be challenging. Sue/Vintage Chapter – Ride Safe Florida doesn't show anything about safety. Doc/this program is funding from DOT.

WEBSITE REPORT/ Masterlink: Brandy – Any changes to your BOD or meeting times, needs to be updated with website. Also, all Social media paperwork HAS to be turned in to the State Office and to Bill Bird, PR Trustee.

SAFETY DIRECTOR REPORT: New Products in for Safety – magnets are here, new keychains are here, and black/orange pens are available. Thanks to Lake and Polk for their donations. If you take safety products, you will need to show how they are being used. Looking for a new safety director. If you are interested, please contact Doc or any Board member.

PRODUCTS TRUSTEE REPORT: Shayne (Velcro) – Always something on sale. Several shirts requested and are here. New flashlights, poker chips. December will have a special sale.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Darrin – - As of 10/6/21 the bills have not been released from Bill Drafting. As soon as they are, I will send info to the mailing list. Sen. Books, who is promoting that any confederate design to be

removed, is also doing SB 258 which is concerning Motor vehicle racing or illegal Street Racing. 1 section had to deal with Organized Rides. Her definition for the organized rides are including the people that impede traffic to allow for the race. There is a Big concern because **Words mean things**. After a discussion with Darrin, they changed the wording to "Take over Rides". Sen Wright from Daytona area, the Space Junk bill writer, wants help to deter events that allow "take over" events of the cities, such as Bike Week. There are Gun Bills – variety of both Pro and against. A lot of Woke Bills. A good Litmus test of what the legislature will be looking for. Forest Chapter – It would be a good idea to look at the Bills being issued.

LOBBYIST: Doc – The bills are in. During a Marion County delegation, I was discussing our bills and what happened in the past. Explained about our money put in the General Fund. These were newer Legislators. During the talk, Doc requested a cashier check for the money that should have been given back the motorcycles. After a longer discussion, Doc asked for these new people to look at our bills and consider supporting them. Doc stressed the importance of going and listening to what your county or city is doing and passing. If you want to speak about ABATE and need assistance on wording for phrases, call Darrin or Doc for assistance.

LEGAL COUNSEL: Jerry T- Will be at the next meeting in Peace River.

NCOM UPDATE: Doc – June 23, 24 in Nashville. Darrin's corrected plaque was given.

TALLAHASSEE 2022: February 13th (Meeting), 14th (Ride to Tally) Still waiting for approval from Tallahassee. Should know something in December.

STATE PARTY: Velcro – Checking out several venues. Will meet after the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: 5 Star on May 14th, 2022. (approx. 11-5). At this time – Lighthouse Chapter has fulfilled their paperwork and has been reinstated. All monies (except for a check that is in the mail) have been updated. There was a question concerning the chapter meeting during suspension. It was explained and approved. Doc – there are other chapters that are not following through with requirements. If all reports, especially treasurer are not completed, chapters will be suspended. Due to the current administration and their new tactics especially concerning taxes, we must be vigilante with our paperwork. Steve – Treasure Coast will host April meeting. Lake made a motion, Polk seconded it. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS: None

GOOD TO THE ORDER: Strongbo at Palm Beach passed. Vintage – Sgt at Arms in Hospital and his wife as well. Lake – Leesburg Bikefest in Nov 11-14. Hillsborough – the "Memorial" is available from Spooks and Scoots. Take back to chapters. Boots is not doing well. Keep her and Buc in your prayers. Lake (Vera) spoke of a special thank you? Ideas to be discussed. Donations? Lighthouse suggested a cards from each chapter and give a gift card. Talked about a Flag on the Capital with "to Ms ABATE, You will always be on our list". Lighthouse – Motion to bring cards and or gift cards to December Delegate State meeting. Estero seconded. All in favor. Lighthouse – motion – to have flag flown and give her the flag at June meeting. Seconded by Treasure Coast. All in favor.

We all make mistakes; the idea is to not make the same mistake twice. The Board appreciates everything that you do. To the Presidents of the Chapters here, it's not an easy job. Be fair to your people, take care of them and they will take care of you. Many ask how ABATE of FLORIDA, Inc. does it. It's because of our people. Use our \$4k insurance policy as an incentive for membership. Polk County – Dec is the 38th annual Toy Run. Forest has 2 events in October, and November. Breast Cancer Awareness and VFW Veterans home repair. To all Veterans – if a person thanks you, all tell them thank you for your support.

50/50 Winner – Russ from Forest. Donated it back. Respectfully Submitted by Lynn Corr.

*ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.
Saturday, December 11, 2021
State Delegate Meeting Port Charlotte*

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Doc - Lighthouse Changes – President was removed, a new President was appointed. Situation came up at the American Legion. Conduct was unbecoming as a member or President of ABATE of Florida. Bylaws state that all contracts are to be signed by the President of the State. The President can give the chapter President authority after it is in writing. If Doc doesn't answer his email, please call him. Problems with emails. Washington is cracking down on Corporations. We have to abide by the rules set forth by the government to avoid any audits. We don't want to have to pay back taxes on any given items. We don't want to see any chapter fold. If any chapter has financial issue, the State will try and help keep the chapter going. But any chapter that the leadership "goes rouge", will be removed.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Darrin – Welcome, always happy to come to Peace River. Items for drawing tickets, silent auction has special items from Peace River.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lynn – Entertain a motion to accept minutes as they are in your packet. Motion by Gator Alley, seconded by Forest. Unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Debbie – Entertain a motion to accept the Treasurers Report as they are in your packet. Motion made by Southwest, seconded by Forest. Unanimously approved.

STATE OFFICE REPORT: Brandy – Please send all paperwork to State Office. This includes minutes, sign in sheets, membership, and Treasurers report; as well as any booth presentations. Do not staple any paperwork, this includes checks. Thanks to the chapters that sent gift cards to Boots and Buck. Remember any Gypsy/Poker Runs do not require insurance. Birthday parties/Gatherings, Cookoffs, Escorted Runs, and Rodeos do require insurance. If you are not sure, contact Brandy at the State Office. She will be glad to help. REMEMBER – Abate of Florida, Inc. does NOT sponsors events for others especially needing insurance, but can help in supporting with volunteers.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS REPORT: Mudder – Today is the day that the inventory is due. If paperwork isn't in by the end of the month, a fine will occur. Ride Safe.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Laurie -

August Highest %: Lighthouse, Most New Members: Lighthouse

September Highest %: Treasure Coast, Most New Members: Forest

October Highest %: Treasure Coast, Most New Members: SE

Everyone is doing a great job.

PR/COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: Bill – After a recent phone call, Bill was asked to speak to other bike groups about our bills. After the event, we gained a new member, and someone texted his Representative at that moment of the bills.

WEBSITE REPORT/ Masterlink: Brandy – Please share events with Brandy so she can forward on. All Facebook and Websites are property of ABATE of Florida, Inc. All passwords need to be given to Brandy.

SAFETY DIRECTOR REPORT: Unexcused

PRODUCTS TRUSTEE REPORT: Shayne (Velcro) – No deal will be un-noticed.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Darrin – HB 743 is out “Violation to Vulnerable Road Users” but no Committees yet. Safety Money HB 2573 “Abate of Florida Safety and Education” Bill. Please contact your local Legislators. I attended Collier County Legislative Delegation meeting with Lynn. I explained the Bills being presented and how important it is for their vote. Explained where the money that we are asking for comes from. Stressed for our Delegation to start using emails instead of calling.

LOBBYIST: Doc – Tallahassee could still be shut down. Will let the chapters know if we hear of any changes. “Would it help if we let our Representatives know that we want it open?” Dan. It depends on the virus records at that time. Also Re-Apportionment will determine if the Capital closes.

LEGAL COUNSEL: Jerry T- Unable to attend due to personal issue.

NCOM UPDATE: Doc – June 23, 24 in Nashville – will get info on hotels when it becomes available.

TALLAHASSEE 2022: February 13th (Meeting), 14th (Ride to Tally) Approved, but we will have to leave in groups. Per Capital Police. To be confirmed.

STATE PARTY: Velcro – Oct 28th, 29th, 30th TBD

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Election nominees will be at the next meeting for June Elections. Report to be made on the 501 3c.

GOOD TO THE ORDER: Boots cards to her. Southwest Chapter – Christmas Run. Forest – Chili Cookoff.

Gun Ticket Drawing – For the 44 Sharon Balocki (sold by Vintage), For the 22 – Bernie Cooper (sold by Polk)

Motion to Adjourn SouthEast, Seconded by Lake

4PM

Respectfully Submitted by Lynn Corr

