

**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 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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**ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.**

Saturday, April 9, 2022, 2:02pm  
State Delegate Meeting – Melbourne

**PRESIDENTS REPORT: Doc** – Announcement of the loss of Frizz, President of Gator Alley. *Information on the Contract was signed with ALL. Intro of Bill Sauer Public Relation Manager from the Insurance Co, American Income Life. A letter in the mail will also offer more benefits. If you mail the card back, you can participate in other services. You will be contacted for a zoom or tele-conference meeting. They are also offering a health service discount app. Also included will be a child fingerprint app. Also, an insurance needs analysis. Don't send the card if you don't want any of the other services. If you have question, please call Bill. He is trying to be at many meetings to go over the services. 4k Accident/Dismemberment for ABATE has paid 568,000 in claims since 2005. Community Credit Union called and asked if members of the Credit Union can be a member of ABATE of FLORIDA, Inc. Their members need to be a member of a Non-Profit 501c3. We will get a list of the members with their monies at the beginning of each month. These members will be AT Large until they decide which chapter they want to go. This will be a yearly membership and will also receive info on our chapters if they want to join a specific chapter.*

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Darrin** – Excused

**SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lynn** – **A correction to last minutes.** “It was stated under New Business that our “voting is an open stick voting.” That is incorrect, It will be corrected to a Roll Call voting.....”. After this correction, entertain a motion to accept minutes as they are in your packet. SE made a motion to accept the minutes. Peace River seconded the motion. All in favor.

**TREASURER'S REPORT: Debbie** – Reminder about submitting 2 checks with you Treasury Report. One for Sales Tax and one for the 20%. Entertain a motion to accept the Treasurers Report as they are in your packet. Daytona Beach. All in favor but 1 opposed.

**STATE OFFICE REPORT: Brandy**- All reports will now be emailed to the EBoard members of each chapter. This will save money. Brandy will need to be contacted if emails were not received. Daytona asked if SGt at Arms will be included in the email. No, they will not. Only the 4 Emails for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer. It was also mentioned that Staples *can/may* print items for free.

**SERGEANT-AT-ARMS REPORT: Mudder** – Everyone make sure they are visible to all drivers. Saving a life may be your own.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Laurie** -

January - Highest %: Treasure Coast, Most New Members: Estero River  
February - Highest %: Treasure Coast, Most New Members: Forest/Daytona Beach  
GREAT JOB! Keep up the good work.

**PR/COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: Bill** – We are still waiting for the approval of the Proclamation from the Governor's office. Hopefully it will be sent before May.

**WEBSITE REPORT/ Masterlink: Brandy** – Website is up and running. There are still some problems with the previous website that will need Patti Nasarallah to help clean it up. It is not allowing chapters to update.

**SAFETY DIRECTOR REPORT:** Need someone to step up

**PRODUCTS TRUSTEE REPORT: Shayne (Velcro)** – Any deal can be made. Special T-Shirts on sale. Sales Tax certificates available.

**LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Darrin** – Excused

**LOBBYIST: Doc** – No bills were heard this session. It is common for no bills to be heard during an election session. Many bills asking for money were turned down. Doc is getting an appointment with the CFO. There will be many changes in the Legislator. Many have termed out. With little “money” bills heard this time, Doc will be talking to the new Secretary of Transportation, and HSMV. He wants to find out where our money goes. The delegation will decide if we are doing the same bills or include Profiling. We want to make sure that The Clubs will support us. Some Club members do not want to be part of ABATE due to the testifying before the Committees. But standing up in Committees might be what is needed to get them passed. Southernmost asked if the “Ride Smart” program that same as our bills. Doc – Totally different items. Daytona – Should we be approaching law enforcement about endorsing our bills. Doc – Law Enforcement doesn’t like criminalizing everything. Our bills need some teeth, but too strong, it will turn away legislation. Peace River usually uses our bills to entice new members. Forest – Suggested to push Bills and sue for not being allowed to use the money from motorcyclist. The money in the fund is not being used for motorcycles. ABATE of Florida, Inc., has been audited and all its money goes to safety and education. Forest – would the lawsuit include back pay. Maybe they will pass our bill then. Treasure Coast – Will the bills be introduced again? Delegation will have to decide.

**LEGAL COUNSEL: Jerry T-** Jerry will be at the June meeting. He also has some items to go over with the delegation.

**NCOM UPDATE: Doc** – June 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> in Nashville. An award will be given to David Alan Coe at the ceremony.

**TALLAHASSEE 2023:** April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Dates were changed and voted on due to Easter. Forest made the motion, and Peace River seconded it. All in favor.

**STATE PARTY: Velcro** – Velcro is looking for a location in Central Florida. Bronson will be reviewed. Shayne still has sponsorship money and challenged the chapters to follow suit.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Nominations for State Office – 2nd Round

*President* - Doc Accepted, Martha Accepted, Griz Accepted

*Secretary* – Lynn Accepted

*Membership* – Laurie Accepted

*Sargent of Arms* – Charlie Accepted

*Legislation* – Darrin Accepted

*Vice President* – Darrin Accepted

*Treasurer* – Deb Accepted

*Public Relations* – Bill Accepted, Bridget Accepted

*Products* – Shayne Accepted

*Masterlink* - Brandy Accepted

June will be the time to decide on the Lobbyist

**NEW BUSINESS:** Treasure Coast requested the voting to be changed to secret ballot. Because of the vote last meeting, it will remain the same. To be brought up at next election. Discussion was brought up on the reason for his request. Bylaws were read to clarify election process. Bill Bird stated that all elections were done vocal and ballots since he’s been Election Officer and explained why. Gulf Coast stated that each chapter has chosen the delegates to be their voice concerning the election. Lake county reminded everyone that the chapters are the final word especially for the election.

**GOOD TO THE ORDER:** Chapter events were shared. 50/50 drawn. Drawing numbers read. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Corr

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 endorse 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>.

**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

ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.  
August 13, 2022  
State Delegates Meeting – Lake County  
(2:00 pm)

**PRESIDENTS REPORT: Doc** – Excused

**VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Darrin** – Welcome to all. Hoping to have a rapid meeting. Request to change the meeting from every other month to quarterly. Jan, April, July, October. This is to be discussed later. Reason – previous years when this was set forth, technology wasn’t as prevalent. This would save money for all with gas, and expenses for both Chapters and the State Office. Motion to make meetings quarterly – Daytona Beach seconds. John (Forest) enjoys meeting. Polk asked to recognize a member and he stated that we need to continue. After discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT: Lynn** – Entertain a motion to approve the minutes as were sent to each Chapter Board. SW made a Motion, Polk 2<sup>nd</sup>. Added to the agenda under Old Business – Lobbyist voting

**TREASURER’S REPORT: Debbie** – Treasurer report is unavailable due to problems with QuickBooks. Read totals from the bank account. Insurance Account funds. Listed outstanding bills. Vintage Chapter – What about the C3 Corp? The ABATE of Florida Safety and Education orders items safety and educational items. Darrin – Having the Safety and Education on the agenda with be on the next meeting paperwork. Mudder explained the use of the funds. Forest stated that they were disappointed with the products they received from the ABATE of Florida safety and education. When are the meetings for this organization? Vintage – Clarified who is on the Board. Doc, Darrin, Patti Nasarallah, Shelly Johnson. Palm Beach – any purchases are tax free. Yes. Lighthouse – Does it come from the Chapters? No  
Lake – The money is to be used on Safety and Education only? Laurie – Is there a minimum required to keep the account open. How much? Unknown currently. Deb, Wells Fargo requires \$1,000. Forest request to table this till new Board.? Approved.

**SERGEANT-AT-ARMS REPORT: Mudder** – After the election, we need to keep the meeting orderly.

**STATE OFFICE : Brandy** – If your members receive a second AIL letter, please disregard. If you have sent to the Office, this is an overlap. If you send back to AIL, you will get a solicitation from them. Please stop taping receipts to your main papers. Forest – a member was told that people over 65 weren’t eligible for the insurance. There is no age limit. It’s a \$4000 total payout.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Laurie** –

**May:** Highest Growth: **Freedom Chapter** , Most New Members: **SE Chapter**

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

Because of several address kick-backs; membership has to verify those addresses. Send Laurie the list after each chapter confirms the addresses. Congratulation to SE for getting a new Life Membership. Every chapter is doing a great job.

**PR/COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: Bill** – Over the last couple of years, many websites and magazines have started. Please let me know if any new avenues open for PR. Darrin said to keep an eye out for Podcast as well.

**WEBSITE REPORT/ Masterlink:** Check the website for all of the flyers, lots going on the state. If you don’t have a current website manager, link to your Facebook form the States site.

**PRODUCTS TRUSTEE REPORT: Shayne** - Come up and make a deal with me. Check out the new shirts.



**LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Darrin** – Primaries are happening. PLEASE get your members out to vote! Local political parties will be able to give you updates on where local candidates stand. Forest Legislative meeting. Talked about bills they want heard. 1) Safety Money. 2) Vulnerable Road Users. 3) Anti-Profiling Bill. 4) Dead Red – Motorcycles are not recognized at some red lights. 5) Mandatory Drivers Education. We would like to bring to the delegation to decide which of these to bring forth. Polk – thinks any new driver license person should have motorcycle training. Darrin – just remember I am just the Lame Duck sit in for now.

**LOBBYIST: Doc** – Excused

**Legal Counsel: Jerry T** – From a legal view, Gov removed an attorney from Hillsborough which was well needed. It all starts on the School Board level. This position is very important.

**NCOM UPDATE:** Phoenix 2023

**TALLAHASSEE:** April 2<sup>nd</sup> for the Meeting, April 3<sup>rd</sup> for the Tallahassee Ride

**STATE PARTY – Shayne:** No new developments

**OLD BUSINESS:** (Sue from Vintage thinks we needed more info about the Lobbyist)

Lobbyist Vote - Doc wins.

President vote – Gris, PR – Bill Bird

Griz – It's not I, but we to make it work. I want to visit all the chapters in the next couple of months. Thanks to Vera for standing beside me. Plus, there will never be no hard feelings for Doc. He is my friend, and he deserves respect.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Meetings Places for 2023

February/June – TBD between Treasure Coast and SW Chapters

April – Tallahassee

August – Peace River

October – Lake

December – Forest

**Palm Beach** – Made a motion that the Lobbyist needs to have more accountability. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Forest. Every State meeting should have a report given to the delegation and Board. New President agreed. Question was brought up about an Intern Lobbyist to learn the “Ropes”. Legal Counsel stated that it is not in the by-laws. Hillsborough Chapter wanted to know how and when the Intern would be paid. Interns don't get paid. Griz – Take this Motion back to your Chapter and brainstorm a way to pay for the Lobbyist. Frenchie was recognized and talked about how Doc leads the Corporation for 31 years as a Lobbyist. “Where were you during this time?” the Lobbyist is a sub-contractor. He told you each year what was happening with Bills and people that we were working with to get the Bills passed. It is not the responsibility of the Lobbyist to detail his day but to get the work done. You never ask Jerry T what he did to fight for ABATE during any of our cases. Gris has 3 months to sit down with Doc and discuss the position with him to see if he even wants it. “When you ask a question of someone, be smart about it.” If you have questions about the legislative work, you have Darrin on the Board who will answer your questions. Remember that the Lobbyist is a 1099. Johnny Rose – talked about professional lobbyist don't give personal and daily details. SW – “Don't confuse accountability with Results.”

**Good to the Order:** Forest – This was the worst election ever. Griz is now the President, let's move forward. Polk – We need a new plan. We need a goal. Safety Programs are the best way to fight legally. Laurie – talked about the ride that SW has for Veterans. Her daughter would like to make lap blankets to hand out but could use some donations to help cover the cost. Some donated for the event. Griz made a motion to adjourn; Treasure Coast 2<sup>nd</sup> it. (5pm)

No Meeting in October  
Hurricane Ian