

## ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.

Southernmost Chapter Meeting - 11:00am  
April 3, 2016 @ D.A.V.

The meeting was called to order at 11:09am. Pledge of Allegiance was performed. The invocation was given by Doug Leps

Roll Call - the board was present with the exception of Anna Baird/Editor, Rupert Staudner/Safety, Diane Gaffield/Membership, and Garry Finch/Ad & Events (excused).

### **President & State Delegate Sandy MacLaren:**

**President report:** Our Election process is getting started. We really need everyone to get involved. It would be terrific if we can get some new people with fresh ideas. It is a great organization and we would like it to continue to grow and be better than ever.

### **State Delegate report:**

Next State Meeting - Saturday April 9, 2016 Brevard County  
Sandy leaving Layton Friday 4/8/16 - 8 am

2016 STATE MEETINGS  
June 11, 2016 Interstate  
August 13, 2016 Forest  
October 8, 2016 Peace River  
December 10, 2016 Gator Alley

### **VP & Web Master Marty Baird:**

**VP report:** Web Master report: We apologize for the web site being down, potentially hacked, has since been resolved, so check out our New & Improved web site. As always, you can get your copy of the Master-link from the STATE ABATE web page.

### **Secretary Susan Anisko:**

Ask for motion to accept the minutes as printed in the last newsletter.  
Motion: 1st /Joe Stickney, 2nd /Bonnie Mathews

### **Treasurer Kyle Rizzo:**

Chapter is financially sound. Any member in good standing who has questions regarding chapter finances can contact the treasure and/or president to make an appointment for review.

\$10,000 Drawing Was Held on March 12, 2016

Congratulations To Our 2016 Winners:

\$7,000 First Prize, Rich Loghry of Clay County, FL

\$2,000 Second Prize, William "Grizz" Deaver of Lake County, FL

\$1,000 Third Prize, Christine Marshall of Bradford County, FL

**Legislative Trustee Byron:** There has been too many amendments added to our Bills, therefore; the Bill has been rejected, it's gone. Florida Legislature has finished for the year, again our Governor has vetoed safety money. However; we did receive some money from our local sheriff's office which we are using to purchase bumper stickers and other safety related items. Thanks again to Sherriff Ramsey.

Unfortunately, with new districting, Sen Bullard is no longer our Representative. We need to get back to basics, organize hand written campaigns to all our Senators, House of Representatives, Governor and Local officials.

Doc suspects the upcoming House & Senate are not going to be particularly motorcycle friendly because

of possible newly elected officials.

We need to support only politicians that support ABATE !!!,

**Membership Diane Gaffield:**

(excused) Southernmost has 318 active members. Life cards available for pick up, see Diane to get them. As always, reminds us to keep her updated with your current contact information. Membership drawing was won by Gene Nanay.

**Editor Anna Baird:**

(excused) April newsletter deadline is Thursday 4/14/16 and the folding will be Wednesday 4/20/16 - DAV in Marathon 7 pm, as always everyone invited to come participate.

**Products Coca-Cola Annie:** Got some new shirts in stock, come check them out and buy a few.  
March 6, 2016 @ D.A.V.

**Ad and Event Coordinator Garry Finch: (excused) -**

Just a reminder our next Chapter meetings, 5/1/16 - Sunday at the Ocean View (OV) Islamorada @ 11 am. We are working on new locations for all our upcoming meetings.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

April 21st thru 24th - Leesburg Bike Fest

May - Motorcycle Awareness Month

June 5th - ABATE ELECTIONS and Father's Day Spaghetti Dinner

**Public Relations Julie Johnson:**

June 5th - Stay for our 2nd annual Father's Day Spaghetti Dinner immediately following our Election process.

\*\* Need donations food items

\*\* Need volunteers for 50/50 drawing

**Safety Director Rupert Staudner:**

(excused) Reminds us that May is Motorcycle Awareness Month, many commission meetings thru the process, please consider participating in some or all meetings.

**Sgt at Arms Mike Mathews:**

As always, while riding, pay attention to your surroundings, a lot of traffic on Keys roads. Ride SAFE!

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:** 2016 SOUTHERNMOST ABATE ELECTIONS !!

Skip Wirth: Today we start our Election process. Nominations were offered to Southernmost Chapter, will be organized by Skip and presented at our next Chapter meeting. Think about running this year, become involved in the June Elections !!!

**Good of the Order:**

Today's invocation was given by Doug Leps for the last time We are sorry to see him and his wife go, Thank you for the blessings you've provided our ABATE organization. You will be missed. The good news is that Rico Petrozelli will be back and again providing us with inspiration.

Thanks to everyone who showed up to help out at the Marathon Seafood Festival ABATE booth.

Marathon American Legion Poker Run, Great turn out. To everyone who participated, thank you.

4/17/16 - Vineyard Community Church, Blessing of the Bikes 11 am thru 12:15pm

Adjourn - 12:08pm Motion: 1st /Gene 2nd /Byron

Summarized and Submitted by Susan Anisko, Secretary

