

ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.
Southernmost Chapter OCTOBER Meeting - 11:00am
AUGUST 7, 2016 @ SPRINGER'S BPK

The meeting was called to order at 11:10am. Pledge of Allegiance was performed. Invocation was performed by Ken Wells.

Roll Call - the board was present with the exception of Sandy MacLaren/President, Marty Baird/ VP, Anna Baird/Editor, Jim Baker/Web Master and vacant/Safety (excused).

President & State Delegate Sandy MacLaren: (excused)

President report: - **Byron Agababian**, introduced our GUEST SPEAKERS: Candidates for Monroe County Clerk of Court:

Amy Heavlin - incumbent

Kevin Madok - candidate

** Each spoke regarding their individual goals and accomplishments

State Delegate report:

Next State Meeting - August 13, 2016 Forest Chapter

2016 STATE MEETINGS:

October 8, 2016 Peace River & State Party/Arcadia

December 10, 2016 Gator Alley

Our governor has not been "motorcycle friendly" - 2017 FREEDOM RALLY, Tallahassee, April 8, 9, & 10th, 2017 - We will be going with or without confirmed courtyard use.

Vice President Marty Baird: (excused)

Web Master Jim Baker: (excused) 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 /Garry, 2nd /Bill Rizzo

Treasurer Kyle Rizzo: Chapter is financially sound, for now. We need to increase our revenue. We are counting all members to become involved and think of ways to raise money for our organization. As always, any member in good standing who has questions regarding chapter finances can contact the treasure and/or president to make an appointment for review.

Legislative Trustee Byron Agababian:

ABATE STATE Legislative /Darrin "Scribe" Brooks

Governor Scott has taken our safety money. Every registered motorcycle contributes \$2.50 toward a motorcycle safety fund, ABATE requests money from that fund so we may continue to provide safety education and resources. A last minute addition to the bill, states 'or into the general fund', therefore; the money has not been coming to us. Governor Scott continues to veto our requests.

We are continuing to work on the "vulnerable road users" Bill. It will allow Judges options for increased maximums and stiffer penalties.

It remains important for ABATE to become involved with local politicians so they can accurately and personally represent our important ABATE issues. It is always possible that local politicians will progress upwards through the political ranks and they can always be helpful for our ABATE organization.

ABATE needs group participation for all our important bills. The ones we support and oppose.. We must continue to improve our letter writing campaigns, including email !!!

Check out our latest newsletter for the list of "motorcycle friendly" candidates for the Senate/House 2016 races.

Membership Diane Gaffield: Southernmost has 314 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 Lee Cranmer

**** MEMBERSHIP dues = \$20 yearly & \$600 life member.

Editor Anna Baird: (excused) Because our last newsletter was 2 months, August/September newsletter there is no folding this month, however; there still is a B.O.D. meeting and will held Wednesday 8/31/16 - DAV in Marathon 7 pm, as always everyone invited to come participate.

Products Monkey Mary: All products update.

8/21 - American Legion Event - Will have ABATE products booth at final stop set up, be sure to stop by and buy some items.

Ad and Event Coordinator Garry Finch:- Due to Labor day weekend our 9/4/16 meeting has been moved to next weekend 9/11/16 - Sunday @ OV (Ocean View Lounge)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 23, 2016 - "Biker Bruch" D.A.V. 10am - 1pm

\$10 tickets, all you can eat, either eat in or to go. Include beverages, juice and/or coffee.

Flyers and Tickets are being prepared to sell for Bruch event by our September chapter meeting.

Gene Nanay - sausage and gravy/biscuits and banana bread, Jim Baker - Eggs have already committed items. "Ready to go" food items will be best. Get inventive for food items. Breakfast/brunch type items, pancakes, hash browns, etc...

We need member donations and membership involvement, for the breakfast/brunch. As well volunteer to participate. WE have a volunteer list for you to sign up, please come to table after this meeting.

Public Relations Julie Johnson: STATE DRAWING, Kyle has tickets for the December 10, 2016 drawing, Henry 30/30 riffle -or- 12 gauge shot gun. \$5.00 / only 4000 tickets printed
**** We need to sell as many tickets as we can, the sooner the better

Safety Director / Position Vacant:

Sgt. at Arms Dean Keith: Sunday 8/21/16 - ABATE will be assisting the American Legion with -
Poker Run/Scavenger hunt - Get involved and help out anyway you can.

Old Business: October 8th - 9th, 2016 - Arcadia, Florida - "Fall State Biker Bash" Party Peace River Campground -- Food, Beverages, Vendors, Motorcycle Games, Live Bands and 50/50's, also, Scavenger Hunt & Swap meet. Purchase price is \$30 in advance or \$35 at gate, primitive camping included. Call 863-494-9693 for RV camping options and/or more info. Mention ABATE and get 50% off RV sites

New Business: ABATE assisting the American Legion Post 154 with Poker Run/Scavenger hunt event to be held Sunday 8/21/16, 10am - 4pm and ABATE receiving 1/3 of profits as a donation.

We need 8 people to commit to help out with the event stops.

- 1) American Legion / Stock Island -
- 2) Mangrove Mama's -
- 3) Looe Key -
- 4) Springers -
- 5) American Legion /Marathon -

Kyle has the volunteer list for you to sign up, please come to table after this meeting.

\$10 all you can eat, Pig Roast, raffles, entertainment, games and more!!

Poker hands \$10, Scavenger hunt \$5 or package deal \$25

Poker hands: \$250/best & \$Worst/\$50 Scavenger hunt - Most items found/\$100

Scavenger hunt items could be photographed, however; person must be in photo to confirm they indeed found the item themselves.

All poker hands must be turned in by 4:00 pm

Good of the Order:

August 8 - 14, 2016 - Sturgis, South Dakota

September 15th - 18th, 2016 - Peterson's Poker Run

October 8th - 9th, 2016 - Arcadia, Florida - "Fall State Biker Bash

October 23, 2016 - "Biker Bruch" - Southernmost

November 2016 - Southernmost ABATE Birthday Party

50/50 - none

Adjourn - 12:04pm Motion: 1st /Gene, 2nd /Jock

Summarized and Submitted by Susan Anisko, Secretary