

ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.

Southernmost Chapter Meeting - 11:00am

January 10, 2016 @ D.A.V.

The meeting was called to order at 11:03am. Pledge of Allegiance was performed. The invocation was given by Ricco

Roll Call - the board was present with the exception of Anna Baird/Editor, Diane Gaffield/Membership, and Kyle Rizzo/Treasurer, Byron/Legislative, Coco Cola Annie/Products, Julie/P.R. (excused).

President & State Delegate Sandy MacLaren:

President report:

We apologize for the confusion and if no one received their notice your email must not be current, please see us after the meeting to confirm you email address.

State Delegate report:

Highway motorcycle only check points have been stopped. All agreed it was definitely illegal.

No Tallahassee Freedom Rally this year, the Governor is in charge of the courtyard, and will not make a decision on who uses it in less than a 30 day notice, which is impossible to plan that event. There is no value in making the trip the second weekend in February, and that Monday is Presidents Day, and no one will be at the capitol anyway. So the Next State Meeting will be held February 13th, 2016 at the Community Life Center in Port Charlotte, meeting starts at Noon and Delegates meeting at 2:00.

Sandy leaving Layton Friday 8 am anyone wants to meet ride up together.

VP & Web Master Marty Baird:

VP report:

Web Master report: 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 /Gene, 2nd /Norma-Jean

Treasurer Kyle Rizzo: (excused) 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.

- 2016 STATE drawing tickets we got more from the State and are available to sell

Drawing is March 2016 - Cash prizes, 1st=\$7,000, 2nd= \$2,000 and 3rd = \$1,000

Legislative Trustee Byron: Going into session this week, haven't heard any updates for our Bills, will keep us posted once he hears anything.

Membership Diane Gaffield: (excused) Southernmost has 328 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.

ABATE membership dues have increased, the life membership is now \$600.00 and yearly membership is \$30.00

Editor Anna Baird: (excused) Newsletter deadline will be Thursday 1/21/16 and the folding will be Thursday 1/28/16 - in Marathon 7 pm, as always everyone invited to come participate.

Products Coca-Cola Annie: (excused) All products update. We received some pocket calendars from the State, anyone interested, come up after meeting to get one.

Safety Director Rupert Staudner: (excused) Ride Saf

Ad and Event Coordinator Garry Finch: We sent a last minute email blast of our last weekend's January 3rd, 2016 Chapter meeting was changed from the Ocean View (O.V.) - to here today at the D.A.V. Due to the time of year all establishments have been too busy to accommodate us, so we will have all of our chapter meetings here at the D.A.V. in Marathon through April, 2016.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- CHILI-COOKOFF January 31, 2016 - Coconuts - BPK
Need donation Items for Silent Auction.
- Tallahassee - Freedom Rally was **CANCELED**, State meeting rescheduled for February 13th, 2016 in Port Charlotte

Public Relations Julie Johnson: (excused) - CHILI-COOKOFF 1/31/2016 - Get your recipes ready!!!!

Encourage everyone to submit chili entry, ABATE will provide condiments, paper products, etc...

Also we have 50/50 drawing and a Silent Auction.

Sgt. at Arms Mike Matthews: Need help with parking at the Chili Cook-off event.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Good of the Order: Sandy and Carol had to say goodbye to the sweet little dog Gizmo

Thanks again to the D.A.V. for accommodating us.

50/50 - none

Adjourn - 11:42pm Motion: 1st /Ricco 2nd /Little Garry

Summarized and Submitted by Susan Anisko, Secretary