

**ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.**  
Southernmost Chapter Meeting - 11:00am  
MAY 1, 2016 @ OCEANVIEW - MM84.5.

The meeting was called to order at 11:18am. Pledge of Allegiance was performed.  
The invocation was given by Sonny Ignacio

Roll Call - the board was present with the exception of Anna Baird/Editor, Rupert Staudner/Safety, Diane Gaffield/Membership, Coco-Cola Annie/Products and Kyle Rizzo/Treasurer (excused).

**President & State Delegate Sandy MacLaren:**

President report: Our Election process has started. We really need everyone to get involved. It is a great organization and we would like it to continue to grow and be better than ever.

June 5<sup>th</sup> - ELECTIONS, No proxies allowed, you must be present to cast your vote.

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month - Meetings all month, we want as many ABATE members to attend as we can.

Memorial Ride - Starts at Stock Island Sheriff's Station, Kickstands up 10:00 AM See you there!

State Delegate report:

Last State Meeting - Saturday April 9, 2016 Brevard County

Next State Meeting - June 11, 2016 Interstate

Sandy leaving Layton Friday 6/10/16 - 8am

Sandy Rice -

- Ethanol discussion, BAD for Bikes!!!
- December 10, 2016 drawings \$5.00 / 5000 tickets printed  
Henry 30/30 riffle -or- 12 gauge shot gun
- Leadership Seminars are scheduled for July 2017
- State Party - 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in October 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - same time as spooks & Scoots, Peace River Chapter/Punta Gorda - \$35 ticket/tent Advanced purchase \$30. If RV Camping you need to make private arrangements.
- STATE has (3) proposals regarding the Membership Dues:

SOUTHERNMOST - VOTED UNANIMOUSLY FOR Proposal #3 (\$30 annual and \$300 life)

Discussed details of Marty's proposal regarding chapter yearly fee, would help raise money for State and encourage chapters to host events. Will continue discussions at next State meeting, and keep us posted on the outcome.

Next State Meeting - Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Interstate Chapter  
Sandy leaving Layton on Friday June 10<sup>th</sup> at 8 am

### 2016 STATE MEETINGS

August 13, 2016 Forest

October 8, 2016 Peace River

December 10, 2016 Gator Alley

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

#### VP report:

Memorial Day Ride Flyers are available on our web site, Print off some and spread the word. And 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: 1<sup>st</sup> /Joe Stickney, 2<sup>nd</sup> /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.

**Legislative Trustee Byron:** Thanks to Holly for speaking to our Chapter today. Need her help to secure Capitol schedule for the April 2017 Tallahassee trip

**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 Joe Stickney

**Editor Anna Baird:** (excused) April newsletter deadline is Thursday 5/19/16 and the folding will be Wednesday 5/25/16 - DAV in Marathon 7 pm, as always everyone invited to come participate.

**Products Coca-Cola Annie:** (excused) Got a lot of new shirts in stock, come check them out and buy a few.

**Ad and Event Coordinator Garry Finch:** - Just a reminder our next Chapter meetings, 6/5/16 - Sunday at the D.A.V, Marathon @ 11 am. Our Elections will take place, and then immediately following the Spaghetti Dinner event. \$10.00 Ticket, eat in or take out.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- May - Motorcycle Awareness Month
- May 29<sup>th</sup> - Sunday Memorial Day Ride
- June 5<sup>th</sup> - ABATE ELECTIONS and Father's Day Spaghetti Dinner

**Public Relations Julie Johnson:** May is Motorcycle Awareness Month, many council meeting scheduled for the month of May, Members need to try to attend as many as possible.

June 5<sup>th</sup> - Stay for our 2<sup>nd</sup> 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! Announced he will not seek re-election this year, his wife Bonnie has become ill.

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

**Skip Wirth:** Today we continue our Election process. Nominations were offered, accepted and/or rejected to Southernmost Chapter, will be re-organized by Skip and prepare for Elections at our June Chapter meeting.

**New Business:**

**Good of the Order:**

- Holly Rachein - Spoke to our chapter regarding many session updates.
- Trish Docherty Gibson, running for Public Defender, addressed our chapter.
- Bonnie Mathews, has fallen ill. We send her our thoughts and prayers, and we wish her a speedy recovery

Adjourn - 12:28pm Motion: 1<sup>st</sup> /Garry 2<sup>nd</sup> /Skip

Summarized and Submitted by Susan Anisko, Secretary