

ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.
Southernmost Chapter Meeting - 11:00am
August 6, 2017 @ Coconuts BPK

The meeting was called to order at 11:15 am. Pledge of Allegiance was performed. The invocation was given by Robert Botic

Roll Call - the board was present with the exception of Marty Baird/VP, Anna Baird/Editor, Byron Agababian/Legislative Trustee and Coca-cola Annie/Products, (all excused).

President & State Delegate Sandy MacLaren:

President report:

Leadership Seminars took place in Ocala on July 8 - 9th, 2017 - 7 Southernmost ABATE members attended, all went well

State Delegate report:

Insurance presentation regarding life insurance policies, remind member to fill out and mail cards back to them, they will probably call members under 65 about every 18 months.

Continued discussions regarding our \$250k safety money, only 1/3 of money goes to a "safety fund" and 2/3 goes into the General Fund. Doc is trying to get \$300k through the DOT safety grant

ABATE has proposed taking over all State Motorcycle Schools to ensure continuity with safety programs and training courses, MUST pass course before a motorcycle endorsement given. Governor Scott will be termed out, Doc likes Adam Putnam, wants ABATE endorsement.

Remember to plan for our FREEDOM RALLY, Tallahassee, February - 2018, more important than ever for us all to represent ABATE and protect our rights.

Upcoming STATE MEETINGS:

Sunday August 12, 2017, Lake County Chapter
Sunday October 14, 2017, Peace River Chapter
Sunday December 9, 2017, Treasure Coast Chapter

VP Marty Baird: (excused)

Treasurer Lisa Vaccaro: Chapter Update..... Our chapter needs to generate revenue, any/all thoughts on how to achieve would be greatly appreciated. Any member in good standing who has questions regarding chapter finances can contact the treasure and/or president to make an appointment for review.

Secretary Susan Anisko: Ask for motion to accept the minutes as printed in the last newsletter.

Motion: 1st /Gene Nany, 2nd /Joe Stickney

Membership Diane Gaffield:

Southernmost has 346 active members. Life cards available for pick up, see Diane to get them. Remember to watch your expiration dates and renew on time.

Today's Membership drawing winner: Harold Letts

This Aug/Sept was the last mailed newsletter, unless you request that you continue to receive a printed newsletter, Contact Diane @ 305-743-7759. Going forward you will receive an email notification that the Newsletter is ready for viewing on website. So again it is so important to have you contact information correct, so send info to Diane at either (conchsmidg@comcast.net or text 305-414-4262)

Sgt. at Arms Dean Keith: Ride Safe.

Legislative Trustee Byron Agababian: (excused)

Safety Director Byron Agababian: (excused)

Web Master Jim Baker: Our Newsletter is now available from our website,

<http://southernmost.abateflorida.com>

Important to have your email addresses are current, so you will be sure to get notified.

As always, you can get your copy of the Master-link from the STATE ABATE web page. Also, reminds us how convenient and cost efficient it is to eliminate paper newsletter, the STATE and other chapters have been doing it for years.

Products Coca-Cola Annie: (excused)

Donnie Wilson has donated to ABATE patches for Patria Wilson, which is now available for sale.

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 be held Wednesday 8/30/17 - Overseas Lounge in Marathon 7 pm, as always everyone invited to come participate.

Public Relations Jim Baker: 11/26/17 Sunday - "Toy's for Conch Kids" Toy Run - This is our biggest event, so we need to start planning now.

Ad and Event Coordinator Donnie Wilson: - Due to Labor day weekend our 9/3/17 meeting has been moved to the next weekend 9/10/17 - Sunday @ Marathon DAV

Anyone interested in advertising in our newsletter or know anyone who is please see contact him anytime.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

11/5/17 - ABATE Birthday Party @ Marathon DAV immediately following our regular chapter meeting. We need member donations for silent auction items and membership involvement, as well volunteers to participate.

Old Business: Gun Raffle tickets available \$5 donation, only 4000 tickets printed

1st - Henry .30-.30 lever action, 2nd - 12 gauge O & U shotgun

New Business:

none

Good of the Order:

Peterson's poker run - September 2017 continues to be officially canceled, however; people will be riding. Group of us planning to ride down on Saturday 9/16/17.

CMA is still having their Bike Blessing in Key West also music and free food. 11 am - 1pm, in the park near the White Street Pier, all welcome to attend.

Would like to gather some Southernmost members to ride up to Gulf Coast & South East Chapters and attend their chapter meeting. Nice ride and show our support to our ABATE brothers and sisters.

August 5 - 12, 2017 - 77th Sturgis Motorcycle Rally - South Dakota

October 7th - 8th, 2017 - Arcadia, Florida - "Fall State Biker Bash"

Saturday - October 7, 2017, same weekend as State Party the STRIDES walk in Marathon - "Making Strides against breast cancer", (Pink Bra's) a lot of fun and for a good cause.

50/50 - Mark Peirson, donated some back to ABATE, thank you.

Motion to Adjourn: 1st /Gene Nanay, 2nd Harold Letts Time: 11:50 am

Summarized and Submitted by Susan Anisko, Secretary