

## **Secretary's Report for 7 July 2009**

Meeting called to order at 7:35 PM at the American Legion Post 22 with Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, and moment of silence for our deceased brothers and sisters and our service men and women now serving. Welcome to new members and guests in attendance, we had 18 members present.

### **President's Report: *Mike Pope***

Recognition was given to Independence Chapter Past President, Dave, and current President, Bear.

The Chapter has purchased a used golf cart to support the annual Toy Run activities. Needs a little work but will be very useful.

### **Vice President: *Mike Bowden***

No information to report at this time.

### **Secretary: *Ken Hill***

The minutes were published in the newsletter, posted on the web site and available on the back table. There were no changes or corrections to the minutes. A motion to accept the minutes as published was presented and accepted.

For member awareness - Alachua County Chapter is proposing three ABATE by-law changes; Executive Officer or Trustee resignations will be effective immediately and not be reinstated at State level without a 2/3s vote of state delegates, lobbyists may not be executive or trustee member of the Board of Directors, an at-large delegate wishing the floor may be recognized by any chapter delegate.

### **Treasurer: *Diana Canady***

Finance report was given. Motion for acceptance was presented and accepted.

### **Sergeant-at-Arms: *Greg "Hoop" Hooper***

No information to report at this time.

### **Safety/Education Director: *Suz Skinkle***

Various "safety" items were available on the back table. An order is about to be placed for items to be available at the Toy Run event.

### **Legislative Rep.: *Mike Bowden***

Two legislative bills have been signed by the Governor; one bill addressing motorcycle tag attachment and position and the other bill limiting expenses that a person may be charged for "first responders" support to an accident.

### **State Delegate: *Theresa Clifton and Mike Bowden***

It is critical to have as many signatures as possible on the ABATE event insurance waiver. Life insurance forms have been mailed out.

Bikeweek 2010 Motorcycle Raffle tickets are now available. See Theresa for tickets.

The ABATE Safety grant money was awarded and was given to the Division of Motor Vehicles.

NCOM 2010 will be held in Orlando on May 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. It was recommended to attend.

The next State Meeting will be on August 8. The Flashback State Party is September 4-6, Labor Day weekend. See ABATE web site for details.

The Chapter Officers Leadership Training Seminars will be held July 25 and Presidents/Vice Presidents meeting will be on July 26 in Deland. Details are on the ABATE web site. Chapter will reimburse attendees for fuel. See Diana Canady for details.

A proposed change to the State and Chapter by-laws was discussed requiring the Executive Board and the Board of Directors members at State and Chapter levels to have a valid vehicle operator license with motorcycle endorsement. The Chapter delegates were instructed to vote "No" to the proposed changes.

### **Chaplain Report: *Padre/Carmine DiBiase***

Padre shared a testimony of his faith and provided fellowship. He also thanked those bikers who have attended his Biker Church services.

### **Membership Trustee: *Jonell Pope***

For June, we had 2 new members and 3 renewals. Current membership count is 354; down slightly from last month. Quite a few renewals are due in June, July and August. The renewal list was published in the last

newsletter but if anyone knows of someone's membership expiring, remind them to renew. Suz is helping distribute the membership trifolds. If any member wants to help with placing the trifolds in businesses please see Jonell.

**Newsletter Trustee:** *Dan DeBaca (Absent) Jonell Reporting*

Newsletter was mailed out about three weeks ago and is also available by email. Contact the Chapter e-mail address listed in the newsletter with your name, membership number and email address to begin receiving the electronic version. Pictures are needed for the publication so pass them to Jonell. Dan is still recovering from his accident.

**PR Comm. Trustee:** *Dan DeBaca (Absent) Suz Reporting*

Chapter activities were posted on Craig's List and in the Port St. John "Hello Neighbor" magazine. Membership trifolds have been placed in several businesses in the Port St. John area. Additional businesses will receive trifolds in the next couple weeks. Suz is doing a great job and received thanks from Mike Pope.

**Products Trustee:** *Charlotte Henry*

Products were available at the meeting. An ABATE products catalog is available at the State web site and can be ordered through Charlotte. An order will be made for Life Member patches so see Charlotte if any other items are wanted. ABATE stickers will be ordered also.

**Web Site Coord:** *Theresa Clifton*

The Chapter web site has been updated with current information. Meeting minutes will be posted on-line for two months. Everyone was reminded that if they wanted to receive Chapter e-mails they should clearly print their email address on the email list located in the back of the room.

**Road Captains:** *Greg "Hoop" Hooper*

Charlie has moved to another area and has resigned as Road Captain. Hoop will fill in until the position is filled with another volunteer. The possibility of an evening poker run was discussed. Hoop will explore the possibility.

**Events Coordinator:** *(Vacant)*

Mike Pope reviewed the Calendar of Events for the next three months. The Brevard Second Annual End of Summer Run needs to be planned. Mike Pope and Hoop will explore possibilities.

**Old Business:**

Several draft logos were passed around and discussed. The Toy Run 2009 logo must be selected at the next membership meeting on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Mike Bowden gave his thoughts on the logo and tee shirt. The Toy Run planning meetings will now be held at Uno's located in front of Merritt Square Mall. The Toy Run planning meetings will be at 6:30 pm on July 14, August 11, September 8, October 13, November 10, 17, 24 and December 1. The last Toy Run planning meeting scheduled for December 1<sup>st</sup> will be in conjunction with the membership meeting at the American Legion Post 22. Volunteers are needed for various committees so please step up to help out.

Uno's will give the Brevard Chapter 20% of the receipt if an ABATE member shows their membership card while eating there.

**New Business:**

No New Business items were presented for discussion.

**Good of the Order:**

The Brevard Chapter will support the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Critter Run scheduled for November 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Chapter Bike Nights are at the Saints Club House located at 3926 Brown Court in Cocoa on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of each month from 7:00 to 9:30. Chapter members were encouraged to attend.

Several other motorcycle runs and events were also announced by various people. Run flyers and other information were available on the back table for pick up.

The next Board Meeting will be held on 4 August at 6:30 PM at the American Legion Post 22 and any member is welcome to attend.

**Next Chapter Meeting:** 4 August 2009 at 7:30 PM, American Legion Post 22.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM**