

## **Secretary's Report for 6 October 2009**

Meeting called to order at 7:36 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 3 guests in attendance, we had 24 members present.

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

A brief review of the Toy Run deadlines was given.

The Chapter lost two members recently; Just Bob (Spirit Riders) and Diamond Dave (Patriot Guard Riders). Padre added a few words about both lost members.

Ron Kluewer's condition was also discussed.

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

No information to report.

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

The minutes were published and were 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.

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

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

### **Sergeant-at-Arms:** *Greg "Hoop" Hooper (Absent - Excused)*

No information to report.

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

Suz is working to have a Safety booth at the following events:

October 24 – Cocoa Village Bikefest is a possibility, Suz will follow-up.

November 13 & 15 – Brevard County Fair will have a Safety booth but volunteers are needed to man the booth. If no volunteers, a Safety booth will not be set up. Contact Suz to add your name to the volunteer list.

New safety items are available and are now being provided by Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) not ABATE of Florida, Inc. The number and variety of safety items now being provided is not as comprehensive as provided in past years. The possibility the Chapter purchasing safety items will be considered and discussed after the Toy Run event is complete.

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

Legislation pertaining to road debris was discussed. Bills pertaining to limiting scope of Federal power, regulation of firearms, healthcare services, use of wireless communication devices while driving, FDOT licensing fees, and street racing were also discussed. More information is available on the ABATE of Florida, Inc. web site.

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

The next State Meeting will be October 9 – 11 at San Antonio in conjunction with the Spooks N' Scoots event. There will be a memorial for brothers and sisters that have been lost. Camping is available and participation is highly recommended.

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

Padre spoke of the events involving Just Bob, the awareness of one's mortality and not waiting to accept one's Savior. Biker Sunday will be 25 October.

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

For October the Chapter had 7 new members and 4 renewals. Current membership count is 354.

### **Newsletter Trustee:** *Dan DeBaca*

Chapter newsletters are being set up so send inputs to Dan or Jonell. Deadline is the second week of the month.

### **PR Comm. Trustee:** *Dan DeBaca*

Activities are continuing toward get the 2009 Toy Run information out to various media outlets including radio stations. Flyers and posters will be distributed.

**Products Trustee:** *Charlotte Henry*

Charlotte is taking requests for products from the ABATE of Florida, Inc. catalog and will order them at the State Meeting.

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

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.

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

**Road Captains:** *Montana*

Montana has stepped up to fill the position of Road Captain. A membership vote of confidence confirmed his position. A run to the Tampa Shirmers Hospital should be planned for the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week of April.

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

Open position, looking for someone to fill this position, nothing to report.

**Old Business:**

The Toy Run planning meetings are being held at Uno's located in front of Merritt Square Mall. The Toy Run planning meetings are scheduled for 6:30 pm on October 13, November 10, 17, 24 and December 1 (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month). 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 and all aspects of the event so please step up to help out.

The Beneficiary Families activity that the Chapter supports has one family that has submitted the needed information. If anyone knows of other needy families please pass that information to a Board Member. Mary will head up the Beneficiary Family activity.

To increase Chapter membership, a coupon book worth \$20.00 will be given to new members.

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

Bike Week 2010 Raffle tickets have been sold at the products booth. It was discussed that the tickets should be sold at a separate booth and it was commented that it would be good to have a "representative" bike on display or a large poster of the bike.

**New Business:**

No new business items were presented for discussed.

**Good of the Order:**

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 are always welcome and 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 and on the web site. Flyers will also appear in the Chapter newsletter.

The Chapter will support the Cocoa Riders annual event scheduled for 27 March 2010 and set up a Products booth. The possibility of a combined Chapter and Cocoa Riders run will be discussed in the future.

The next Board Meeting will be held on 3 November at 6:30 PM at the American Legion Post 22 and any member is welcome to attend.

**Next Chapter Meeting:** 3 November 2009 at 7:30 PM, American Legion Post 22.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM**