

Secretary's Report for May 3, 2016

President's Report: *Mike Pope*

The president called the meeting to order at 7pm at Kays Bar-B-Que. Mike welcomed everyone to the meeting. Prayer by Garren. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence for our deceased brothers and sisters, and our men and women now serving. He reminded us not to smoke, turn our cell phones off or down, to sign in, buy 50/50 tickets; the money goes to the chapter.

Mike welcomed all the first timers and new members to the meeting. We had 2 new visitors Rocket and Luis from the Saints. Mike told everyone that we are trying to put the chapter back together by next month. We took nominations for elections last month and will continue tonight. We are trying to get enough people to have a board for next year and if we do have enough people to have a board the chapter will survive if we do not have enough people to have a board the chapter will fold and we will move on.

Vice President: *N/A*

No Report

Secretary: *Gwen DiBiase*

The minutes from the last 2 months are on the website. Motion to pass the minutes was given, seconded and passed.

Treasurer: *Jonell Pope*

Jonell gave a short treasury report. The only activity was some checks that had not cleared from previous months. Motion to pass the treasury report was given, seconded and passed.

Sargent-at-Arms: *N/A*

No Report.

Safety/Education/PR Director: *Suz Skinkle*

Both facebook pages up and fully running once more. Posting flyers for any events in Brevard County as I see them and sending to Jonell for website also. So far this is working smoothly. In January I had asked about her getting Safety Proclamations but did not hear back so I do not know if any have been done or not. Mike said that State was wanting them done but was not getting much cooperation from the membership. Since no one was appointed to get them we will not have any to send in.

Legislative Rep. *N/A*

State Delegates: *N/A*

Mary and Mike went to the State Meeting.

We will need to get a different kind of insurance in June for events.

Jonell will talk about the new Membership Incentive.

State is asking for everyone to use the right form when ordering state products.

The Stiffer Penalties Bill died.

We did get money from the Highway and Safety Budget but Governor Scot vetoed it.

There is a Senator Clemens who is running a Helmet Bill. So keep your ears open and Doc will keep us informed.

We will be doing what we can to fight it. As Doc says and Mike agrees it is not about wearing a helmet it is about the right to wear one or not.

INCOM and MRL are fighting the discrimination motorcycle stops.

AMA is still fighting 15 percent alcohol in the fuel.

There is going to be a State Party October 7th thru the 9th at Peace River. There will be camping and vendors. We got an email from Boots: Coming soon to your chapter P.O. Box will be tickets for presale to our Fall State Biker Bash. "Everyone over the age of 18 with proper ID are welcome!" The more entrance tickets we sell, the more successful the event will be.

There will be a Tallahassee Run in 2017 in April more plans will be announced.

There will be Leadership Seminars in July.

State is doing a Gun Raffle this year instead of a money raffle. 1st Place .30-.30 gun and 2nd place a 12 gauge O & U Shotgun. Tickets will be 5 dollars each.

State Nominations were held:

President – Doc Reichenbach no one opposed him he accepted

Vice President – Darrin Brooks he accepted

Secretary – Shelly Johnston she accepted

Treasurer – Patti Nsrallah she has accepted because she found an assistant that will take it over later.

Sgt. Of Arms – Marcus Hotelli who is president of the Vintage Chapter he accepted

Membership – Lory Hale she accepted

Masterlink no one stepped up

PR/Communication – Sally Carol she accepted

Products – Steve knee he accepted

Legislative - Darrin Brooks said he would do both Vice-President and Legislative Trustee

Legal - Larry Crow he accepted

All other positions are appointed.

Chaplain Report: “Ragu”

Ragu was absent. No Report

Membership Trustee: *Jonell Pope*

April I reported 291 member. I deleted 8 members that did not renew from March. We have 2 members that expire in April and 12 members that will expire in May. Renewal cards for May have been sent out. We had 1 renewal for April. Current membership is 283.

New Membership Incentives from State:

Level 1 - Recruit 5 members - get a pin (ABATE wings or Recruiter)

Level 2 - Recruit 10 members - get a pin and t-shirt (life members can get life shirt)

Level 3 - Recruit 25 members - get a pin, shirt and one year membership or choose recruiter jacket instead of Membership

Level 4 - Recruit 50 members - get all of the above and get a \$50 Visa or Mastercard gift card

Membership officers will put in the “Other” section of their reports who, if anyone, recruited that member. I will then add the recruited names to the “Other” section of the Recruiting member’s information in the state database for tracking.

Renewals do not count for this.

Newsletter Trustee: N/A

No report.

Products Trustee: Patches

We have lots of t-shirts we need to get rid of. We have brought some to the meeting for anyone interested. A lot of them are from the Christmas Bike Fest and some Can you see me now. Please come and take what you would like.

Web Site Coord: *Jonell Pope*

Jonell reported the website was up to date with the flyers that she has received. She ask to please send e-mail her a copy of your flyers and she will post them. You may use her personal e-mail gsx700@earthlink.net. All new meeting dates and minutes are posted. Recent newsletter for the past 2 months are posted. Also posted are the most current MasterLink and Bin Newsletters are posted.

Road Captain: N/A

No Report

Photographer: *Miserable George*
No Report.

Old Business:

We have canceled the Can You See Me Now Run. Last month we did say we would have one but there has not been any response and Mike said he does not have the time to do it all. Mike then encouraged everyone to join a run to support the day. He mentioned Space Coast Alliance in Melbourne was having one.

New Business:

Garren ask if Mike could stress how important these elections are. Mike stated if we cannot get anyone to step up to be on the board that the chapter will close.

Elections for 2016 - Mike asked for nomination for President no one stepped up - for Vice-President no one stepped up - For Secretary no one stepped up - for Treasurer no one stepped up - for Sergeant-in-Arms no one stepped up. All other positions are appointed. Mike told everyone to talk up the chapter because if we do not get anyone to step up we will not be voting on elections but for closing the chapter.

Discussion was given on the chapter, its closing and its members.

Discussion was given on the new membership dues. It was decided to table the vote until next meeting. Jonell will send out the information in the Blast.

Good of the Order:

AFMC a party of Saturday, May 21st. Starting at 3:00 with free food.

Next Chapter Meeting: Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at 7PM, Kay's Bar-B-Que

Motion to adjourn was given, seconded and passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm