

## Secretary's Report for April 5, 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 Dave Durden. 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. Mike gave a short explanation of what took place recently with the past board resigning. Mike did say there was no illegal actions with the past board the State was just looking into what they heard and the board took it personally. Mike mentioned Gwen had resigned before this happened but he ask if she would consider coming back until June elections she said yes. Mike ask the members if they would accept her a motion was given, seconded and passed for Gwen to remain as secretary.

Mike gave an explanation of how he became interim president until June. When he heard what was happening he felt the chapter may be closed and he felt he did not want to see that happen without the member having a say. He contacted Doc and was appointed President until June. In June we will either elect a new board or vote to close as a chapter.

At this point we need to appoint a couple of position. Mike ask 3 times for volunteers to step up as Vice-President no one responded. Brad S. ask what was the duty of the Vice-President. Mike gave him a short explanation saying that from now until June not much. We are looking to have a Can U See Me Now Run and if we do then we have a task at hand from now until May 21 to organize it. If we do have a run than the vice-president is in charge of that committee he does not have to do everything but he is in charge. Basically it is just a position until June. Mike ask Brad if he was interested and he said he would have to think about it. He wanted to see if the other position were filled. Mike said that it was more importation for someone to step up in June than now. Mary K. said she would help anyone that was willing to take the position, she would but her husband would devoice her. No one stepped up so Mike moved on to the next position. Mike ask 3 times for someone to step up as Treasurer and no one responded. Mike mentioned that State said they would train Jonell to do the books. There is no by-laws that say she cannot be treasurer it just says she and Mike cannot sign checks together. Mike ask for a motion to accept Jonell as Treasurer. Motion was given, seconded and passed. Mike than asked for volunteers to step up as Sergeant-at-Arms. Marcus Hotelling stepped up as Sergeant-at-Arms.

Someone ask Mike about some folks that have not received their money since losing a love one. Mike gave an explanation that ABATE is not responsible to make this happen but the insurance company itself. Mike said it is important to fill out the beneficiary card and get it in. Jonell said you can get your beneficiary information to Boots and the company will not come out and bug you.

Mike said that they will be using the BLAST as the newsletter to get info out to the members as to what is happing for the month. Additional ones may be sent out if something important comes up in the month. We want to keep our members in the know.

### **Vice President:** *N/A*

No Report

### **Secretary:** *Gwen DiBiase*

She had the minutes from last meeting and will get them to Jonell to put them on the website. Motion to pass the minutes was given, seconded and passed.

### **Treasurer:** *Jonell Pope*

We have not had a treasury report since January but Patty from State did the reports for January and February. Jonell gave the report for December, January and February. Mike gave an explanation as to the reason we have a savings account. Someone asked about the Toy Fest report and Mike said we would get to that later. Someone asked about the expenditures in February and Jonell gave a detailed explanation. Mike gave a detailed Toy Fest report. Mary ask what we are going to do with the extra T-shirts. Mike mentioned we will talk about it later. Motion was given to accept the Treasury reports, seconded and passed.

**Sargent-at-Arms:**

No Report.

**Safety/Education/PR Director:**

Suz restarted Brevard Bike Event Page also our ABATE Facebook page. So far both are taking off and reestablishing faster than I expected. Whoever takes over safety she will help train and help as much as she can with her crazy system till they get settled in and learn dropbox the way I got it set up and get things sorted out. I'm willing to do media and PR from up here. Brevard has hit a bump in the road. The chapter was strong and with the right people the chapter can still continue, we must try for the kids we help each year with our toys. And time is hitting hard for our toy fest.

**Legislative Rep.:**

Discussion on the Vulnerable Vehicle Users. It has since died. They did add back in Motorcycles.

**State Delegates: N/A**

No Report. Mary said that she would step in with Mike for the State Meeting on Saturday.

**Chaplain Report: "Ragu"**

Ragu was absent.

**Membership Trustee: Jonell Pope**

March I reported 295 members. I deleted 4 members that did not renew from February. We have 8 members that expire in March and 2 members that will expire in April. Renewal cards for April have been sent out. We had 0 renewals for March, only 1 deceased member. Current membership is 291

**Newsletter Trustee:**

No report.

**Products Trustee:**

Patches had agreed to take over Products until June.

**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](mailto: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:**

No Report

**Photographer: Miserable George**

Invited everyone out on Saturday to the Sheriffs law ride.

**Old Business:**

Brad S. ask what happened because he was late so Mike ask Scott to give a short explanation.

**New Business:**

Can U See Me Now Run – Mike would like to see this happen. Discussion was given on whether we should have a run or not. Garren said how awesome it would be to have the roadways blanketed with motorcycles one day a year that would get people to notice. It was established that we would be planning a run on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Toy fest T-shirts – We should get them out to the community. Not sell them but give them away. Motion was given to give away the Toy Fest T-Shirts, seconded and passed.

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. As for the trustees – Patches stepped up for Products. 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.

Mike gave some final remarks on how he feels.

**Good of the Order:**

AFMC is having National Potato Day on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

Also on April 17<sup>th</sup> will be the Wall Exhort.

Bin Run on April 16<sup>th</sup>

Spirit Rider's Bike Blessing on April 10<sup>th</sup> at Space Coast Harley.

50/50 was drawn and won.

Motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed.

**Next Chapter Meeting:** Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at 7PM, Kay's Bar-B-Que

**Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm**