

State Meeting Notes – Greg and Christine Marshall, Cape Coral, Florida

- President's Report:
 - State is in deep financial trouble (Lake chapter is presently paying office rent and phone)(**Does Black Creek wish to donate to State?**)
 - Membership and 20% chapter submissions do not cover expenses.
 - No more donations to MC's or charities – but charity runs are ok.
 - Avon Park Event:
 - "ABATE of Florida Safety and Education, Inc Presents Avon Park Autumn Bike Fest, Sponsored by Aid to Injured Motorcyclists". Flyer is on line.
 - Oct 1, 2015: set-up. Oct 2,3,4: event dates. Oct 5: final cleanup.
 - All chapters needed! PEOPLE are needed to fill slots – not money! (Insurance has been totally picked up by sponsors). All sponsors' contributions will be tax free (501.c.3)
 - The "Mall" area is electrified (free electricity to us). Vending fees are all ours. Beer garden receipts are all ours, but all tips must go to corp. (all permits have been waived). 1-year contract, renewable in perpetuity.
 - We are responsible for trash pickup, post-event cleanup, general security (Avon Park is providing two officers with arrest privileges), and manning the beer tent. There will be a camping area (dry camping) outside of town (cost to us presently unknown) where volunteer will be able to stay for free..
 - Present volunteers: Brevard Chapter – Beer tent; Polk – Bike Games; Lake – campground; Gator Alley – liquor bar;
 - Volunteers needed: Security, poker run, and trash and cleanup (**Black Creek Volunteers?**)
 - Mudder (VP) is the point of contact for all volunteers/ questions
- VP Report – nada
- Secretary's Report – no changes. Minutes approved
- Treasurer's Report -
 - New chapter treasurer's report form (also available on website)
 - 501.c.3 has been approved (report in packet). New corporation treasurer's report to be added once it's up and fully operating.
 - Presently, the link between the two corporations is being kept "fuzzy" due to possible litigation regarding the accident in the Brevard Toy Run.
 - Financial committee floated several ideas for chapter consideration. See packet.**Chapter input.**
- S-a-A Report – inventories due
- State Office –
 - all drawing tickets due
 - Chapters delegates **MUST** be paid-up members in good standing! (some names checked after delegate registration were NOT so!)
- Membership –
 - Next State Mtg in Tally – please provide any new fallen members to State
 - Brevard had most new members and highest % growth in Dec.
- Masterlink – on line!
- PR/Communications –
 - Contact Sara Beth for Proclamation template info for May proclamations
 - Taking submissions/suggestions for "Full Throttle" magazine articles.
- Website –
 - See Masterlink articles for hints and helps
 - Bob thinks all pages/forms, etc are up-to-date. Contact him if problems exist.

- Safety Director –
 - Life Mgmt classes good option for schools with no driver's ed
 - Presently meeting with a district supt to discuss safety materials
 - By Fla law (statute stated), \$1000 minimum fine for crash w/ fatality – more info to come, to educate judges.
- Products – Angel bells a hot seller. Ordering more
- Legislative –
 - Vulnerable Road Users Bill (HB231) written up. Uses much of our language, but focuses more on bicycles
 - Session starts March 3rd
 - A “Sin Tax” Bill is in the works.
 - A DC-based organization is advocating Federal all-rider motorcycle helmet laws. Their report and Darrin's comments are in the packet (link?)
- Lobbyist – Purple Heart tag issue was discussed with the (then) head of the dept, who has since been appointed to head of DOC. Doc will re-visit issue with the NEW head of dept.
- Legal – no claim presented as yet regarding Brevard accident (rider HAD signed event waiver!)
- NCOM – in Denver this year – May 8-10
- MRF & AMA – sponsoring anti cycle only stop/check point bills
- Bike Week –
 - drawing at Deland office March 14, at noon
 - May not have another drawing next year – insufficient funds to pay out winner.
- Tallahassee 2015 –
 - State Meeting Sunday 4/19/2015, Ride to the Capitol 4/20/2015
 - Staging behind the Super 8 & Days Inn, Exit 225 and I-10
 - This is the 20th Anniversary Run. 100 commemorative patches (\$5 each) will be sold to the first 100 riders requesting them. Other riders may prepay for a patch (to be delivered at the next State meeting)
- Old Business – nada
- New business – nada
- Good of the Order –
 - DOT now putting warnings on roads re: road conditions for motorcyclists (thanks to Doc)
 - Should the 2015 Leadership Seminar be moved to Vero Beach next year? (less isolated) Ask Chapter. The leadership Seminars are presently being covered by Hillsborough. Who will pick up costs?
 - A delegate suggested a \$50-\$100 fine for chapters not sending presidents or their delegates to State (or other required) meetings - including leadership seminars - or to raise the fee for re-chartering a chapter to \$100. (Presently, any chapter not represented for two consecutive meetings must re-apply for their charter at a cost of \$25). **Ask chapter for input.**

Enclosures

Membership update report

Tallahassee flyer

Financial Committee Ideas

All-Rider Motorcycle Helmet Law Report

New chapter treasurer/Membership forms and into letter

State financial report

Laminated Sales Tax Deferral document (to be used any time products are sold), with cover letter.