

## Minutes of Dixie ABATE meeting, May 22, 2010

### **Members in attendance:**

Kaye Farley  
Brian "Fatdog" Farley  
Kris Cook  
Geoff Tuggle  
Matthew Schroeder  
Val Courtney  
Shane Coker  
James "Ghost" Johnson  
Tommy Hazelrig  
Rick Maddox  
Rodney L. Pitts

### **Prospective members in attendance:**

Dianne N. Pitts

At a regular meeting of Dixie ABATE, held at the conference room at Strutts, in Oxford, Alabama, on May 22, 2010, the Executive Director, Geoff Tuggle, called the meeting to order at 2 PM. Minutes from the last meeting were read and approved, and a treasurer's report was read.

### Items of old business:

1. A vote was taken on the three officer positions to be filled. By unanimous consent, Geoff Tuggle is Executive Director, Brian "Fatdog" Farley is Deputy State Director, and Kris Cook is Secretary.

### Items of new business:

1. Geoff reminded those present that no ABATE items can be purchased without going through proper channels.
2. We have double sided flyers now, with information about ABATE on the front, and a membership form on the back. We need to put stacks of these in all the motorcycle and parts shops that will let us. Contact Kris for these materials.  
<http://www.dixieabate.org/images/membershipFlyer.pdf> is the flyer, and our membership form will soon be on the website as well. Members are free to print as many as they wish.
3. Easy Rider won't have a bike show in a state without an ABATE organization, so maybe once we get established, they will think about bringing a bike show here.
4. We need members in all areas of the state. Once we have more members in other locations, meetings will be on a regional basis and people won't have to travel so far to meetings.
5. We discussed fundraising. Tommy commented that a well-organized poker run is an excellent way to raise funds. Tommy will handle organizing one, maybe on June 19,. From Ollie's Tavern to the Drifters Bike Show in Rainbow City.

6. In the latter part of July, we are making plans for a membership drive at Cheaha, with a band.
7. We can sponsor a poker run or any ride that benefits ABATE or any other 501 (c) organization.
8. Pam and John, of 411 Biker Shack, have been instrumental in the nurture of the newly-formed Dixie ABATE. Geoff recognized their contributions.
9. We discussed giving a t-shirt with paid membership in the future. The matter is tabled for now.
10. We will have a booth at the Drifters Bike Show June 19.

**Next meeting: 2 PM Saturday, June 19, at the Drifters HDRC Clubhouse, 520 Perman Lake Road, Rainbow City, Alabama.**