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Executive Board of Directors - Regular Business Meeting - ~~November 2004~~Jan. 2005 |

Meeting Location – Northfield Inn
Northfield Dr.
Springfield, Illinois 62702

Executive Board Members Present

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| 1. State Coord.-Greg 'Sidecar' Wagner | 14. EC Region Co-Coord.- Sharilyn Kibler-Russell |
| 2. Ass't State Coord.(Interim)-Jim 'Legs' Korte | 15. WC Region Coord.-Mike Straker |
| 3. Secretary-Linda Pasetti | 16. SE Region Co-Coord.- Rick 'Doc' Jones & Wendell Ellis |
| 4. Treasurer-Julie Bacon | 17. SW Region Coord (Interim)-Bob Myers |
| 5. Office Manager-Pauli Ward | |
| 6. Safety & Ed Coord-Paulette Pinkham | |
| 7. Activities Coord.-Carl Shamhart | |
| 8. Newsletter Coord.-Ray Heck | |
| 9. Products Coord.-Renee Rumble | |
| 10. Public Relations Coord-Ruth Allan | |
| 11. Bike Raffle Coord-Gus Miller | |
| 12. NE Region Coord.-Ed Domine | |
| 13. NW Region Co-Coord.-Todd 'Turk' Nichols & Rodger Larson | |

Executive Board Members Absent

1. Legislative Coord - Cheryl Pearre

Others Present

1. Crystal Reed-Ass't. Activities
2. Kristin Koller-Strategic Planning

Note - All references to the Executive Board herein, will be as 'E Board', and all references to the State Board of Directors will be as 'BOD'.

Motions to accept minutes, reports and adjournment are not numbered.

Call to Order

State Coord. 'Sidecar' Wagner opened the meeting to order at 10:04 AM.

Approval of Dec 11 minutes – Regular E Board session

Mike Straker motioned to approve the Dec. minutes as written. Ed Domine seconded, and the motion carried without opposition.

Approval of Oct and Dec Executive Session minutes

10:06 – Guests were asked to leave and E Board went into Execution Session to approve past minutes.

10:10 – Executive Session was adjourned and guests returned.

Carl Shamhart motioned to accept the Oct Executive Session minutes as amended. Rick 'Doc' Jones seconded, and the motion passed without opposition. Four motions recorded in the Oct Execution Session were moved to the Oct Regular Session minutes, per RRoO (Robert's Rules of Order). New copies of the Oct Regular E Board meeting minutes were distributed to the E Board.

Rick ‘Doc’ Jones motioned to accept the Dec. Executive Session minutes as written. Mike Straker seconded, and the motion passed without opposition.

Old Business

Hupy

President of Central chapter is handling current developments. On a recommendation by the State Coordination, **Mike Straker motioned to file a complaint with the Illinois State Bar Association against Attorney Michael Hupy for using the ABATE of Illinois organization’s name in his advertising and for repeatedly harassing the organization. Paulette Pinkham seconded, and the motion was carried without opposition. # E2005-001** State Coord will file a ‘Request for Investigation’ form with with the state ARDC.

Apple Creek Charter Review

Apple Creek chapter having missed the last ten consecutive BOD meetings, will be called into the Feb BOD for a charter review. State Secretary will send letters to all chapter members, and they will also be given the option of speaking at the Feb E Board meeting. Chapter will be asked to bring any available documents that may show why this review should not take place.

Carl Shamhart moved to close Old Business. Mike Straker seconded and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

New Business

MRF Election

Dave Dwyer and Penny Adams are both running for MRF Supporting State Rights Organization Board Member, and have asked for support from ABATE of Illinois. Per a recommendation from Mike ‘Boz’ Kerr (MRF & ABATE of Illinois FEDPAC Chairs), **Jim ‘Legs’ Korte motioned to cast the Illinois vote for Dave Dwyer. Gus Miller seconded and the motion carried without opposition. # E2005-002**

Draft Auditor Report

The auditor distributed draft copies of his report and explained the process he used to compile the report and his suggestions.

The report contained:

- Statements of Financial Position (balance sheet)
- Statements of Accounts (statements of income and expenses)
- Statements of Cash Flows (balancing of all accounts)

His recommendations highlighted the areas of:

- Internal Accounting Controls
- Budget & Tax Year Accounting
- Product Accounting Procedures

Various changes for product accounting were discussed, focusing on centralizing procedures, regular reporting to the BOD, and easing the labor and time required to coordinated the products inventory and sales.

The auditor suggested, since the E Board was elected to guide the day to day operations of the organization, that the E Board identify and suggest policy changes to the BOD, instead of asking all 61 chapters to discuss the suggestions he gave and come up with solutions. The audit report can be presented to the BOD, and their questions answered, but the BOD does not need to approve the audit report. **Paulette Pinkham motioned to table further discussion on the auditors report and bring in suggestions later for any changes needed. Carl Shamhart seconded and the motion carried without opposition. # E2005-003**

Tracking Chapter Changes

Jim 'Legs' Korte inquired on how members transferring chapters are tracked and if a procedure to record problems with certain members could be set up. It was suggested that a problem with a member would need to be addressed on the chapter level first (that is, member would be removed from the chapter) and ~~would~~ could then be brought to the BOD as an FYI to other chapters, or for removal from the state organization. Office Manager will check the fields available in the membership program to keep track of changes or to keep notes on specific problems with members.

Event Dates

Discussion ensued that the Heartland Steam event date is April 29 – May 1, 2005, which overlaps the ABATE of Illinois Freedom Rally. ABATE of Neb had previously agreed to schedule the event for the last full weekend in April, but due to site availability had to change the weekend.

Todd 'Turk' Nichols motioned that the monthly E Board meeting be scheduled on the Sunday after the State Seminar, in future years. Linda Pasetti seconded, and the motion carried without opposition. # E2005-004

Bob Sumption 'Letter of Intent'

Linda Pasetti asked how to advise chapters who have asked about publishing Bob Sumption's letter of Intent for Ass't State Coord., which has been circulated to several chapters. Since he has been placed on the Non-preferred Vendors list, some chapters have questioned publishing his letter in their chapter newsletters. It was decided that Bob Sumption had been barred from advertising as an accident investigator, but NOT as a member. While the state does not require chapters to publish anything in their newsletters, it also does not prohibit them from publishing this letter. Letters of intent submitted to the state Newsletter Coord will be published.

Jim 'Legs' Korte moved to close New Business. Paulette Pinkham seconded and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

Officer Reports

Legislative

Cheryl Pearre was absent, but sent some inquiries with Bob Myers. Mary Burgett and Mike Kerr will head up the Washington trip in March and will need a credit card for expenses. State Office will look into obtaining a temporary

card for Mary. Gypsy Passion has not been contacted yet about stating her sources when quoting ABATE of Illinois information. State Coord will contact her this month. Newsletter Coordinator has contacted Motorcycle Consumer News about re-printing their articles in the newsletter, but he received no reply. Per Cheryl's notes, Congressman Tim Johnson continues to state that the AMA claims that they represent ABATE of Illinois. She supplied a letter to the AMA requesting they not claim this and asks that the State Coord. sign it on behalf of the E Board. The letter was read. Discussion ensued on sending the letter to the entire AMA board, and on the probability of Tim Johnson being able to back up those statements. **Paulette Pinkham motioned that the State Coordinator sign a letter prepared by Cheryl Pearre to be sent to the entire AMA board, requesting that that the AMA stop stating they represent ABATE of Illinois. Jim 'Legs' Korte seconded and the motion carried without opposition. # B2005-005**

PAC Reports

No report was sent, but both PACs held successful fundraisers at the seminar this weekend.

Safety & Education

Paulette Pinkham discussed her seminar workshops and agreed to get new bumper stickers made. The misspelled versions from last year are still showing up. ~~It was also noted that some members have stated slogans being used were too obscure to be of benefit with most motorists.~~

Products Coord

Coord. Renee Rumble had nothing to report.

Assistant State Coordinator

Acting Ass't Coord. Jim 'Legs' Korte had nothing to report.

State Secretary

Secretary Linda Pasetti had nothing report.

Treasurer

Treasurer Julie Bacon stated that several chapters had not returned their 990 tax information and per the state bylaws, would not be able to vote at the Feb BOD. Chapters who have not turned in their info (or whose info was incorrect) are;

Children of the	Hubbard Trail	Wabash Co.-
Corn	Iron River	incorrect
Crawford Co.	Old River	Dukane –
Freebird, Eastern	Piasa-Gateway =	incorrect
Free Bird,	<u>incorrect</u>	Tri-County –
Freedom Valley	Shoal Creek	<u>incorrect.</u>
Great River	Salt Creek St	<u>Pike Co.</u>
Heartland	Clair	

Discussion ensued on BOD voting procedures and quorum needed to meet. It was decided that a vote is different from a quorum, and per the bylaws, the BOD meeting could proceed if a majority of chapters were present. Chapters losing their voting privileges does preclude conducting state business.

Activities

Coordinator Carl Shamhart reported that a check from Michael Hupy for \$500 had been returned and that Hupy would not be allowed to advertise at the state party in June. State party flyers and other arrangements are currently being worked on. Freedom Rally will be held May 1.

Public Relations

Coord. Ruth Allan distributed draft copies of a 'Media Guide' she is putting together, and asked for board input and suggestions. She will distribute an up to date version to E Board members by e-mail later this month. She also discussed plans for a hospitality suite again next year at the 2006 state seminar.

State Newsletter Coord.

Editor Ray Heck had nothing to report.

Bike Raffle Coord.

Coordinator Gus Miller had nothing to report.

State Office

Office Manager Pauli Ward had nothing to report.

Regional Reports

NE Region – Coord. Ed Domine thanked everyone for their help at the state seminar. The weekend of Jan 27, 28, & 29th was set as the possible date for 2006.

NW Region – Co-Coord. Rodger Larson discussed the Wisconsin Motorcycle Memorial and it was decided that Public Relations Coord. would donate \$100 from her budget to have ABATE of Illinois represented on a plaque there.

EC Region – Coord. Sharilyn Kibler-Russell had nothing to report.

WC Region – Coord. Mike Straker will talk to chapters in his region.

SE Region – Co-Coord. Rick 'Doc' Jones and Wendell Ellis had nothing to report.

SW Region – Coord. Bob Myers will also contact chapter officers in his region.

Discussion ensued about TAP members and the lack of response to requests for items to be put on the state website. Several posting request have been ignored, or not done in a timely manner. In Dec. the BOD reseated the panel in absentia, but none of the members had responded indicating their acceptance. **Paulette Pinkham motioned to request that all TAP members attend the Feb BOD meeting and discuss being reseated and response to state website inquiries and updates. Carl Shamhart seconded, and the motion carried without opposition. # B2005-006**

Secretary will send each TAP member a letter.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 12:29 PM on a motion made by Mike Straker. Ruth Allen seconded and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

Attachments (distributed at meeting)
Jan E Board agenda
Motions added to the Oct 2004 E
Board Reg. Session minutes

MRF Election Info
Audit Report
AMA Letter
Media Guide