

ABATE of Illinois Board of Directors Meeting – Feb 19, 2005

These minutes approved on April 16, 2005

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Board of Directors - Regular Bi-Monthly Business Meeting – February 2005

Meeting Location – Brookens Auditorium

University of Illinois at Springfield, One University Plaza

Springfield, Illinois 62703

Executive Board Members Present

1. State Coord.-Greg 'Sidecar' Wagner
2. Secretary-Linda Pasetti
3. Treasurer-Julie Bacon
4. Office Manager-Pauli Ward
5. Legislative Coord - Cheryl Pearre
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

14. WC Region Coord.-Mike Straker
15. SE Region Co-Coord.- Rick 'Doc' Jones
16. SW Region Coord (Interim)-Bob Myers

Executive Board Members Absent

1. Ass't State Coord. (Interim)-Jim 'Legs' Korte
2. EC Region Coord.- Sharilyn Kibler-Russell
3. NW Region Co-Coord.- Roger Larson
4. SE Region Co-Coord.- Wendall Ellis

Chapters Present

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| 1. Apple Creek-left at 1:51 | 17. Freedom by Choice | 29. Lincoln Land |
| 2. Arrowhead Valley -left at 4:37 | 18. Freedom Riders | 30. Midstate |
| 3. Backroads | 19. Freedom Valley | 31. Northern |
| 4. Black Diamond | 20. Freeport | 32. NW Suburban-left at 4:11 |
| 5. Blackhawk | 21. Fulton Co.-left at 4:35 | 33. Old River |
| 6. BOG | 22. Great River-left at 4:42 | 34. Open Roads |
| 7. Central | 23. Heart of Illinois | 35. Peo-Taz |
| 8. Chicago | 24. Heartland-left at 3:50 | 36. Piasa-Gateway-left at 4:55 |
| 9. Crawford Co. | 25. Heritage Trail-NO VOTE - left at 4:45 | 37. Pike Co.-NO VOTE – left at 4:05 |
| 10. Crossroads | 26. Jasper Co. | 38. Prairieland |
| 11. Dukane | 27. Kishwaukee Valley | 39. Shawnee Hills |
| 12. Eastern Illinois. | 28. Liberty | 40. Shoal Creek |
| 13. Embarras Valley | | 41. So. Suburban |
| 14. Flatlanders-left at 4:37 | | 42. So. DuPage |
| 15. Ford Co. | | 43. So. Freedom |
| 16. Franklin Co | | |

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| 44. St. Clair Co. | 49. Union Jack- left | |
| 45. Starved Rock | at 2:05 | |
| 46. Tri-County | 50. Westgate | |
| 47. ThunderRock | | |
| 48. Twin Rivers | | |
| | 3. Hubbard Trail | 8. So. Illinois |
| Chapters Absent | 4. Illinois River | 9. Wabash Valley |
| 1. Children of the | 5. Iron Riders | 10. Wayne Co. |
| Corn | 6. Lamoine Valley | 11. Will County |
| 2. Freebird | 7. Salt Creek | |

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 Coordinator Greg 'Sidecar' Wagner opened the meeting to order at 1:10 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval Feb 2005 Minutes

No changes were offered to the Dec. minutes

Twin Rivers moved to approve the Dec. minutes as written. Lincoln Land seconded, and the motion was carried without opposition.

Old Business

990 Tax Info

All but two chapters have returned their information. Hubbard Trail and Pike Co. chapters will not be allowed to vote at BOD meetings (as per the bylaws), until their information is received and approved by the State Treasurer.

Apple Creek Charter Review

Ford Co motioned to ask the Board Rep from Apple Creek why that chapter hadn't been represented at any of the last 10 BOD meetings. Dukane seconded and the motion passed without opposition. # B2005-001 Angie Merriman, the chapter rep stated that while personal issues had prevented her from attending, she would now be available. No other chapter members were present, tho all were notified by mail that a charter review would take place. **Ford Co. motioned to postpone the Apple Creek charter review until the April BOD meeting, with the Apple Creek chapter president in attendance. Heart of Illinois seconded. Opposed were Chicago, St Clair Co, Thunder Rock, Crawford Co, Dukane, Fulton Co, Great River, NW Suburban, Heartland, Franklin Co, So Freedom, Old River, Heart of Illinois, Brothers of Grundy, Freeport, Crossroads, Twin Rivers, Prairieland, Freedom by Choice.**

Agreeing were Jasper Co, So Suburban, Great River, Embarras Valley, Arrowhead Valley, Flatlanders, Mid-States, Shawnee Hills, Tri County,

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Lincoln Land, So DuPage, Open Roads, Starved Rock, Ford Co, Kishwaukee, Freedom Riders, Peo-Taz, Central, Shoal Creek, West Gate, Liberty, Backroads, Blackhawk, Freedom Valley, Piasa-Gateway. Motion was carried by the majority, 25 to 19. # B2005-002

Discussion ensued as to what course of action should be followed in April. **Heart of Illinois motioned to send registered letters to all Apple Creek chapter members and request the chapter president attend the April BOD meeting. Without chapter compliance, the Apple Creek charter will be removed, and the state organization will reorganize or dissolve the chapter. Lincoln Land seconded, and the motion was carried without opposition. # B2005-003**

Non-Preferred Vendor List

Thunder Rock motioned to pass the Non-Preferred Vendors list as written, and Chicago seconded. Discussion ensued and clarification was made that chapter newsletters as well as the state newsletter were included, and that the 100 mile radius was only for the state events listed and non-ABATE events. **Opposing the list were Embarras Valley, NW Suburban, Fulton Co, Open Roads, Kishwaukee, Ford Co, Northern Illinois and So Suburban. Motion was carried by the majority. # B2005-004** List to included with these minutes.

Nominations for Ass't. State Coord.

Nominations were opened for the 2nd time and no new nominations were received. Nominations were closed and election will take place at the April BOD. Current nominee were asked to speak today, Ed Domine noted his long service to ABATE and the many offices he has held at both the state and chapter levels. Bob Sumption and Jim 'Legs' Korte were both absent. A letter from Bob will be included in the March state newsletter.

Event Flyer Policy

On a request from the State Coord., **Thunder Rock moved to postpone discussion of the Event Flyer policy until a few additional points could be added. Chicago seconded and the motion passed without opposition. # B2005-005** Event Flyer policy will be revised and distributed with these minutes.

Audit Update

Draft audit results were presented to the E Board at the Jan meeting and will be mailed to each chapter with hard copies of these minutes. Auditor will be present for questions after chapters and reps have discussed the report as written.

ThunderRock motioned to close Old Business. Dukane seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

New Business

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TAP

Letters were sent to all TAP members, but the only response was a resignation from Evan Bryen. Lack of website updates and no response to phone calls, e-mails and hard copy letters has been a re-occurring problem during the past year. Discussion ensued on the time necessary to maintain the website and the option of paying someone to do it. **Heart of Illinois motioned to pay past webmaster Ernie Steele, \$200 monthly, on a month by month basis, to update the current state website. Funds will come from the existing TAP budget and position will be advertised for bid in the state newsletter for two months, where upon the BOD will vote on bids received. Black Diamond seconded, and the motion passed. # B2005-006** Bid included with minutes.

EC Region

Mid States nominated Stan Phillips as Co-Coord for the EC Region. Eastern seconded, and the motion carried without opposition # B2005-007

Conservation Congress Presentation

Terry Hopkins presented a brief presentation on the merits of a purchase of land by ABATE of Illinois in the near future. Land could be used for ABATE events and/or an off road park, etc, and could be financed in large part by state grants. Hopkins asked reps to take the handout he has prepared back to their chapters and discuss the idea with members. In April, the BOD reps will be asked to vote on whether to proceed with a plan to purchase land or abandon the idea. Since strong chapter level support would be needed to secure and maintain land, chapters need to be heavily involved in the decision process.

Use of Chapter Positions & Titles

Chicago chapter read a proposed motion. **Chicago motioned to prohibit use of ABATE titles or positions for personal gain. Heart of Illinois seconded, Opposing were Kishwaukee, Peo-Taz, Freedom Valley, Northern Illinois and Liberty. Motion was carried by majority. # B2005-008**

Verbiage and intent of motion as read : Effective immediately: It is the policy of A.B.A.T.E of Illinois that no member, chapter officer, or officer of the corporation may use his/her membership, position as an officer, or the name of A.B.A.T.E of Illinois or any of its chapters in any for profit venture, solicitation or advertisement, including their employment, without the express consent of the Board of Directors of A.B.A.T.E of Illinois. **Except as follows:**

- Any individual or entity that is eligible to advertise in an official A.B.A.T.E of Illinois publication or A.B.A.T.E of Illinois Chapter publication may include the words A.B.A.T.E member in the advertisement.
- A.B.A.T.E of Illinois membership and experience while serving as an officer or volunteer may be included in a resume'.

Hog Rock Newsletter Ad

Southern Freedom moved to stop accepting newsletter ads for the 'Hog Rock' event, until it's clear that the colors issue is resolved. Heart of

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Illinois seconded. Discussion ensued that since this is a private event, ABATE cannot force them to set or change their entrance policy. While a ‘No Colors’ policy has been ruled as illegal in Illinois, current Hog Rock ads do not state their policy either way. Some chapters feel that any support of this event by ABATE should be curtailed until the organization agrees not to enforce a ‘No Colors’ policy. **Opposing the motion were Mid-State, Shawnee Hills, Salt Creek, Ford Co, Franklin Co, Back Roads, Central, Liberty, Thunder Rock, Freedom Riders and Piasa-Gateway. Motion was carried by a majority. # B2005-009** Newsletter Coord. stated that the March edition of the state newsletter had already gone to print.

Swap Meet Waivers

Lincoln Land Moved to discontinue the signing of waivers at swap meets and events open to the general public. Heart of Illinois seconded. Motion amended to cover only the Springfield Swap Meet to be held on Feb 20. Heart of Illinois agreed to the amended version. Opposing were Chicago, Children of the Corn, Fulton Co, Dukane, Thunder Rock, Eastern, Freeport, Brothers of Grundy, Crossroads, Central, Prairieland, Northern Illinois, Freedom by Choice, Starved Rock and Open Roads. Motion was carried by the majority. # B2005-010

Consent Agenda

No items were submitted for the consent agenda this month.

Black Diamond motioned to close New Business. Piasa-Gateway seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Break at 2:44 PM- 3:05 PM

E Board Officer Reports

Legislative Coordinator

Cheryl Pearre distributed a packet of information to BOD members, containing local, state, federal details, etc, and a letter she has written to protest raiding of the Cycle Riders Fund (all included with attachments). Cheryl then discussed the merits of HB-1148, a snowmobile helmet law for minors that has been introduced in Illinois. As it is a restriction of choice on helmet use she stated that her opinion was that ABATE should actively fight the bill. ABATE State Lobbyist Todd Vandermyde spoke against fighting the bill, stating that the snowmobilers were not opposing it. He also felt that “political currency” used up on this issue was likely to hurt ABATE concerns later this session when other, more relevant, motorcycle issues came before the Congress. Both agreed that ABATE involvement would probably not be enough to stop passage of the bill in the House. **Liberty motioned to follow Legislative Coordinator recommendation and oppose HB-1148, requiring that minors on snowmobiles wear helmets. Midstate seconded. Opposing were Chicago, ThunderRock, So Suburban, Dukane, NW Suburban, Brothers of Grundy,**

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So DuPage, Black Diamond, Freedom Valley and Franklin Co. Motion was carried by the majority. # B2005-011

March 9, 2005 will be ABATE Legislative Day in Springfield. Chapters are asked to send as many members as possible to visit their state Congressmen and women that day. Dan Harper was announced as the new assistant state Legislative Coordinator.

State ABATE PAC

Dan Harper reported on State PAC funds and activities. NW Region held a chili party that raised almost \$800 for the PAC and Kishwaukee chapter presented a check for \$1,000. New State PAC products will be available soon, and compiling a biker friendly business guide is being discussed. Register report is included with attachments.

FED PAC

Cindy Lannom reported for the FEDPAC. A summer raffle fundraiser for a Labor Day weekend get away is being held, and future fundraiser events were announced. Written report and the PAC register is included with attachments.

Safety and Education

Paulette Pinkham asked for chapter class totals to be sent to her.

Cycle Rider Training classes will be announced early in March, check their website for details.

A new NHTSA website, with legislative info is available. Paulette, Cheryl Pearre, Ed Domine and Jim 'Legs' Korte will be attending the Lifesavers Conference in No Carolina this April. Six motorcycle issues will be included, along with many other NHTSA concerns. A written summary of the conference will be available at the April BOD meeting.

Training video transfer is still being discussed, and 300 ABATE yard signs are available.

Off Road panel chair brought to Paulette's attention that an Off Road training school, given workshop time at the state seminar, only promoted their dirt bike training classes, instead of offering an off road safety overview, as was advertised in the program description. Privatization of training is being contested by ABATE of Illinois, so he felt it was a conflict of interest for Safety & Ed. to ask the Off Roads panel to stand down on developing an ABATE training program, but allowed the school this time to promote themselves. Paulette was not aware of the program content when she arranged for the school to do the workshop, and she will follow up.

Products

Renee Rumble announced that a new ABATE hat is now available and other new products are being planned. She related the advantages of purchasing a scanner for product inventory. Cost is estimated at about \$1,500 for the scanner and necessary software. **Heart of Illinois motioned to allow the Products Coord. to purchase an inventory scanner costing up to \$1,5000, to be paid for with receipts from products already sold. Freeport seconded.** Discussion ensued on amounts projected and actually received by the state, from product sales in the past. Reduced income was cited as a reflection of the poor

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economy in the last few years, as well a large backlog of inventory items.

Motion was carried by the majority with Fulton Co opposing. # B2005-012

Secretary

Linda Pasetti presented Prairieland chapter with a certificate in appreciation of providing bi-monthly meeting space for the E Board in 2003 & 2004.

Office Manager

Pauli Ward reported that she will be working out of her home for 2 – 4 weeks longer and then will be returning to the state office.

Treasurer

Julie Bacon distributed budget reports and asked that Pike Co and Hubbard Trail contact her about their 990 tax info, as she would not send them any more request letters. Apple Creek Rep agreed earlier to supply another copy of their report, as it has been mislaid.

PR Coord

The Secretary read a report from Ruth Allan. Media Guide is being reworked; please do not distribute draft copies received at the seminar.

Newsletter Coord.

Easy Rider magazine will print an article by our Off Roads chairman, originally printed in the Feb state newsletter.

Activities Coord.

Carl Shamhart reported that Black Oak Arkansas will headline for this year's state party, instead of Blackfoot which he had announced earlier. The main stage will be moved from the track area and other bands will also perform during the weekend. Volunteer signup sheets are available, to be submitted starting on April 1. Questions were raised during the bike raffle report about ATV field events scheduled last year and discussion ensued about this year's field events.

Bike Raffle Coordinator

Gus Miller reported that bike raffle tickets are available from him or Pauli at the office. He reminded the BOD that all proceeds and ticket stubs needed to be turned into the office by August, as the drawing is held on Labor Day weekend

Regional Reports

NE Region

Ed Domine thanked everyone who helped out at the seminar and the Chicago bike shows this year. Raffle ticket sales broke all previous records at the Rosemont event, with over \$5,700 worth of tickets sold that weekend. The first NE Region flag event was taken by NW Suburban and coming event were announced.

NW Region

Todd 'Turk' Nichols thanked volunteers for the chili cook off.

EC Region

Sharilyn Kibler-Russell was absent.

WC Region

Mike Straker had nothing to report.

SE Region

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Rick 'Doc' Jones asked chapters to be sure chapter addresses and contacts were updated with the state office. Coming chapter events were announced.

SW Region

Bob Myers announced coming chapter events.

Panel & Committee Reports

AMA Dist #17 Rep.

Dick 'Heavy' Carr sent no report.

MRF Rep

Jim 'Legs' Korte sent no report.

DNR

Kevin Omera sent no report.

Off Road Panel

Chair Jim Viveritto discussed recommendations the Off Road had brought to the BOD last year. He felt Off Road issues should be handled by the Off Road panel with input by the Leg Coord, and not solely dictated by the Legislative department. **Brothers of Grundy motioned to remove references to Off Road agenda issues from the Legislative agenda for 2005. So DuPage seconded.**

Since the Leg. Coord had left the meeting earlier, **Liberty moved to postpone discussion on the Off Roads issues until the Legislative Coord was present. Freeport seconded, and motion was carried by the majority with opposition by Crawford Co, Dukane, Brothers of Grundy, Heart of Illinois, So DuPage, Chicago and Crossroads. # B2005-014**

ByLaw Review

Ed Domine reported no changes were submitted, no actions/meetings took place.

Conservation Congress

Terry Hopkins had no report, as Conservation Congress is not in session.

Strategic Planning

Kristin Koller report that much interest in the panel was shown at the seminar workshop. E Board survey responses are requested, as well as responses from all members.

TAP

Already discussed in business session.

Motion to accept all reports was made, seconded, and carried without opposition.

5:06 PM - The meeting was motioned and seconded to adjourn, and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

Feb Attachments (distributed at the meeting)_BOD agenda

Consent Agenda Reports

- None Submitted

Audit Report

Revised Event Flyer Guidelines

Non-Preferred Vendors List – Accepted

Website Bid – Ernie Steele

Land Proposal Presentation-Terry Hopkins

Legislative Packet

Membership Count

Treasurer report (please contact Treasurer for copies)

FEDPAC Report & Register

State ABATE PAC Register

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During winter months, Reps are advised to call the state office answering machine for information on meeting cancellations. Weather disturbances anywhere in the state could impact the meetings. Message will be updated by 6 AM on the day of the meeting, anytime a board meeting is being cancelled.

As of this date – All 2005 BOD meetings will be held at Brookens Auditorium, U of I campus in Springfield.