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Executive Board of Directors - Regular Business Meeting - April 2005

Meeting Location – Brookens Hall – Rm. 475
University of Illinois at Springfield, One University Plaza
Springfield, Illinois 62703

Executive Board Members Present

1. State Coord.-Greg 'Sidecar' Wagner
2. Ass't State Coord. (Interim)-Jim 'Legs' Korte
3. Secretary-Linda Pasetti
4. Treasurer-Julie Bacon
5. Office Manager-Pauli Ward
6. Legislative Coord - Cheryl Pearre
7. Safety & Ed Coord-Paulette Pinkham
8. Newsletter Coord.-Ray Heck
9. Public Relations Coord-Ruth Allan
10. NE Region Coord.-Ed Domine
11. NW Region Co-Coord.-Todd 'Turk' Nichols & Roger Larson
12. EC Region Co-Coord.- Sharilyn Kibler-Russell - arrived 10:40 AM
13. SE Region Co-Coord.- Rick 'Doc' Jones
SW Region Coord (Interim)-Bob Meyers

Executive Board Members Absent

1. Activities Coord.-Carl Shamhart
2. Products Coord.-Renee Rumble
3. Bike Raffle Coord-Gus Miller
4. WC Region Coord.-Mike Straker

Others Present

1. Pete Walters –Chicago
2. James Viverito – Chicago/Off Roads
3. Razor & Barb Swinda–Freedom by Choice
4. 'Aloha' Terry Hopkins – Dukane
5. Eric Hedman – Dukane
6. BJ Wagner – Brothers of Grundy
7. Dan Harper– Chicago/ABATE PAC
8. Make May – Thunder Rock
9. Kristin Koller – Thunder Rock / NW Region Assistant

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 10:22 AM, with the pledge of allegiance, and several tardy board members were asked to arrive in a more timely fashion for E Board meetings.

Approval of Mar 2005 minutes

Protected Funds-Governor Raids – ‘may not be advisable’ was changed to ‘would be premature’, and ‘A letter ‘is also being circulated’ was changed to ‘was asked for’.

Safety & Ed Report – ‘Mike Prickle’ was corrected to ‘Mike Prindle’, and ‘motorcycle rider training’ was corrected to ‘ABATE’s MAP (Motorcycle Awareness Program).

Treasurer’s Report – ‘Paperwork for 2006 E Board budgets’ was changed to ‘Paperwork for all 2006 budgets’.

Todd ‘Turk’ Nichols motioned to approve the Mar. minutes as amended. Jim ‘Legs’ Korte seconded, and the motion carried without opposition.

Old Business

2006 Budget Requests

Treasurer Julie Bacon reported that she has received only five returns from the 2006 budget packets she distributed last month, and she would like to present preliminary numbers to the E Board at the next meeting. Discussion ensued on finances for 2006 Heartland Steam, which will held be in Illinois. State donations will be received this May at the 2005 event, and used to fund the event. No city for the 2006 event has been decided on yet. **Rick 'Doc' Jones motioned that the Assistant State Coord. will oversee arrangements for Heartland Steam Event in 2006. Ed Domine seconded, and the motion carried without opposition. # E2005-026**

Products Report

The balance sheet report from Products was not received until late Thursday evening, so the CPA was unable to include it in the BOD report, as was motioned by the E Board in Mar [# E 2005-022]. Also, in order for the state office to start paying invoices due, with checks from the state office, the Products Coord will need to send a payment to the office. State Coord will call Renee Rumble and discuss the situation with her. Board agreed that the Products report should be at the state office by Monday, in order to prevent future time constraint problems.

License Plates

Clarification was made that 2006 ABATE license plates could be paid for with credit cards, thru the ABATE state office. Suggestion was made to distribute plates thru Products, but discussion ensued that Products is already a labor-intensive department, and no decision was reached. Order dates, procedures and display date options for next year's plates were discussed.

Julie Bacon moved to close Old Business. Ed Domine seconded and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

New Business

Insurance Deductibles

A second bill was received from our insurance company, asking for an additional \$2,250 of the liquor liability deductible due from an incident that occurred after the Peo-Taz Grand National event last year. Peo-Taz chapter has voluntarily paid the above amount on the \$5,000 deductible being assessed. Per motion # E 2005-013, **[any chapter requesting Liquor Liability insurance for an event will be held responsible by the state for any deductible due as the result of a claim from their event]**, approved by the E Board in February 2005, only chapters holding events where liquor is sold are currently liable for the deductible. Per the State Office Manager, chapters use the state Liquor Liability Insurance about 20 times a year and they are billed \$250 per day for the coverage.

Pauli Ward also stated that even under the general liability policy, ABATE is

liable for a deductible whenever any claim is made. Since no general liability claims have been filed by ABATE in the past, the issue of who (the state or the chapter) would actually pay a general liability deductible, has not been addressed. Responsibility for General Liability deductibles will need to be handled on a case-by-case basis, for now.

It was discussed that chapters should be notified of their (possible) liability for the deductible amount on a claim, with a letter that could be included with the state office billings, sent when chapters request the insurance, or when their certificate is sent out. Discussion ensued that chapters could then purchase additional 'loss coverage' for the deductible, if it is available.

Requiring vendors to carry liability insurance for vending at state events was discussed again, but no decision was reached on requiring it.

State Treasurer announced that the 12 chapters who used Liquor Liability in 2004 would have to provide income statements from their events for an insurance company audit.

Service Area – ThunderRock / Kishwaukee Valley

NW Region Coordinators and members from ThunderRock chapter discussed issues the chapters are having about service coverage in Boone, Winnebago and Ogle counties. Some areas are not being serviced at all and meeting schedules may be causing a general loss of membership and participation in those areas. Cooperation between chapters and possible meeting schedule changes, as well as the possibility of an additional chapter needed in Winnebago County were all discussed. Numerous meetings between NW Region Coordinators and chapter presidents, as well as E Board attention in the past, has not resulted in solutions to their issues. It was clarified again, that chapters **DO NOT HAVE TERRITORIES** and chapters runs can go anywhere thru the counties. As a member driven organization, ABATE chapter presidents and boards need to be responsive to member needs & suggestions, and be prepared serve their members effectively.

State Newsletter Address Labels

Per the State Office Manager, changes in the state newsletter address labels are causing mail return charges and missed newsletters for members. Newsletter Coordinator, Ray Heck stated that the printer has changed from labels to imprinting the addresses electronically, and that the run will be watched closer this month for bad labels.

Green Ribbon Rally / Non-Preferred Vendor List

In response to inquiries from members in her region, State Secretary asked for clarification on which doctors from the University of Chicago hospital had actually lobbied for helmet use, and when. Legislative Coord stated that she didn't know, but would check with the ABATE Lobbyist to see if he remembered. Jim Viverito from Chicago chapter had attended a meeting with

Green Ribbon event organizers in 2003, and was requested to leave after he asked for assurance that the hospital did not now, and would not in the future, lobby in favor of helmet laws. It was suggested that while the hospital may not have actively lobbied, individual doctors may have used their hospital credentials to further their influence. Specifically noted was a House hearing where a University hospital doctor testified against an ATV bill with State Representative Don Trotter.

South Suburban – Donation

An e-mail being circulated by Michael Hupy suggested that So Suburban chapter had recently accepted a donation from him. NW Region Coord and So. Suburban member Ed Domine was asked for verification and explanation. While not on the chapter board himself, Ed stated that he was told that the board had accepted the donation. It was unclear if Hupy had made the donation personally as a So Suburban member, or if it was a donation from his personal injury law firm. **Rick ‘Doc’ Jones motioned that Ed Domine ask for that information from the So Suburban board and report back at the next E Board meeting. Julie Bacon seconded. The motion carried with no opposition. #E 2005-027**

State Party – Gate

Office Manager stated that two chapters had volunteered to work the first shift front gate at the state party. Since both letters were postmarked on the same date, a drawing will be held at the BOD meeting this afternoon and the winner will get the shift. Discussion ensued on who is allowed enter the grounds early to help set up for the state party. In addition to chapter members pre-arranged to help, it was asked if some band members were going to be allowed in Thursday night. Activities Coord. Carl Shamhart was not present, but will be asked who has been authorized to come in early.

ABATE License Plates

Question was raised as to who would get plate # 1 next year. In years past, Jack Wheeler had issued the number to himself. Suggestions were made that in future years it could be issued to the State Coordinator, or auctioned off for PAC income. **Julie Bacon motioned that the ABATE 1 license plate be issued to the ABATE State Coordinator in future years. Rick ‘Doc’ Jones seconded. Motion was carried without opposition. # E2004-028**

State ABATE PAC Patches

Dan Harper, chairman of ABATE State PAC announced that the PAC is selling “I Vote Motorcycles” patches for \$5 each, as a PAC fundraiser. Chapters may also purchase them in bulk for resale to their members.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 PM on a motion made by Ray Heck. Todd ‘Turk’ Nichols seconded and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

**Attachments (distributed at meeting)
Apr. E Board agenda**

**Products Balance Sheet
So Suburban - Donation Letter**