

ABATE of Illinois Board of Directors Meeting – June 11, 2005

These minutes approved on Aug 20, 2005

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

Meeting Location – Brookens Auditorium

University of Illinois at Springfield, One University Plaza
Springfield, Illinois 62703

Chapters Present

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| 1. Apple Creek | 13. Freedom Valley | 24. NW Suburban |
| 2. Backroads | 14. Freeport | 25. Open Roads |
| 3. BOG | 15. Fulton Co. | 26. Peo-Taz |
| 4. Central | 16. Great River | 27. Piasa-Gateway |
| 5. Chicago | 17. Heart of Illinois | 28. Salt Creek-left at
2:49 PM |
| 6. Crossroads | 18. Heartland | 29. So. Suburban |
| 7. Dukane | 19. Illinois River | 30. So. DuPage |
| 8. Eastern Illinois. | 20. Kishwaukee
Valley-left at
3:02 PM | 31. ThunderRock |
| 9. Flatlanders | 21. Lincoln Land | 32. Twin Rivers |
| 10. Ford Co. | 22. Midstate | 33. Westgate |
| 11. Freebird | 23. Northern | 34. Will County |
| 12. Freedom by
Choice | | |

Chapters Absent

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| 1. Arrowhead
Valley | 9. Heritage Trail | 19. Shoal Creek |
| 2. Black Diamond | 10. Hubbard Trail | 20. So. Freedom |
| 3. Blackhawk | 11. Iron Riders | 21. So. Illinois |
| 4. Children of the
Corn | 12. Jasper Co. | 22. St. Clair Co. |
| 5. Crawford Co. | 13. Lamoine Valley | 23. Starved Rock |
| 6. Embarras Valley | 14. Liberty | 24. Tri-County |
| 7. Franklin Co | 15. Old River | 25. Union Jack |
| 8. Freedom Riders | 16. Pike Co. | 26. Wabash Valley |
| | 17. Prairieland | 27. Wayne Co. |
| | 18. Shawnee Hills | |

Executive Board Members Present

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| 1. State Coord.-Greg 'Sidecar' Wagner | 9. Public Relations Coord-Deb King |
| 2. Ass't State Coord. Jim 'Legs' Korte | 10. NE Region Coord.-Ed Domine |
| 3. Secretary-Linda Pasetti | 11. NW Region Co-Coord.- Roger Larson |
| 4. Treasurer-Julie Bacon | 12. SE Region Co-Coord.- Rick 'Doc' Jones |
| 5. Office Manager-Pauli Ward | 13. SW Region Coord Bob Meyer |
| 6. Safety & Ed Coord-Paulette Pinkham | |
| 7. Newsletter Coord.-Ray Heck | |
| 8. Products Coord.-Renee Rumble | |

Executive Board Members Absent

1. Legislative Coord - Cheryl Pearre

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| 2. Activities Coord.-Carl Shamhart | 5. EC Region Coord.- Sharilyn Kibler-Russell |
| 3. Bike Raffle Coord-Gus Miller | |
| 4. NW Region Co-Coord.-Todd 'Turk' Nichols | 6. WC Region Coord.-Mike Straker |

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 1:08 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Quorum was present, but it was noted that if quorum was lost, state business could not be conducted and the meeting would become informational only.

Approval April 2005 Minutes

No changes were offered to the Apr. minutes

Crossroads moved to approve the April minutes as written. Fulton Co. seconded, and the motion was carried without opposition.

Old Business

Strat Planning Questionnaire

Questionnaires were passed out to everyone present, asking for long range planning input. It was asked that all questionnaires be returned today.

Web Master Contract

Heart of Illinois motioned to award the bid for website maintenance to Ernie Steele, with a contract to be submitted by Ernie to the Aug BOD. Kishwaukee Valley seconded. While some other bids had been received, none were satisfactory or as affordable as Ernie's. In a website report submitted to the E Board, he asked to be paid regularly without interruption, and stated a contract would be ready for the BOD by August. **Motion was carried without opposition. # B2005-035** Discussion ensued on where the money to pay for website maintenance would come from since the TAP budget was now empty. **Dukane motioned to take the money for website maintenance from the 'operating fund' (commonly known as 'savings'). Kishwaukee seconded, and the motion was carried without opposition. # B2005-036**

Hupy Complaint - Distribute

In response to past questions for information on the Hupy issue, copies of the complaint filed with the Illinois State Disciplinary Commission against Michael Hupy and his response, were prepared and distributed today to all chapters present.

MRF Donation

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Per a BOD motion from last August, MRF funding was cut by half and only \$6,000 was given to the MRF in Jan 2005. *[Chicago motioned to fund the MRF for 2005 at a minimum rate of \$.50 per member, to be pledged at the Meeting of the Minds 2004 and given no later than January 2005, and after 6 months to review, assess and fund the MRF accordingly if needed. The 2005 MRF funding should be taken from our operating reserve, commonly known as savings. Mid-State seconded. Motion was carried with Heart of Illinois, Peo-Taz and ThunderRock opposing. # B2004-048]* Chicago asked that the full MRF funding of \$1.00 per ABATE member be restored at this time. **Mid-State motioned to postpone discussion of restoring MRF funding until the August BOD, when funds from the state party will be available. Fulton Co seconded and the motion was carried. Opposing were with Central, Dukane, Westgate, NW Suburban and Chicago. # B2005-037**

Fulton Co. motioned to close Old Business. Flatlanders seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

New Business

2006 E Board Nominations

State Coord - Greg 'Sidecar' Wagner - nominated by ThunderRock and seconded by Mid-State - Nomination accepted

And Jim 'Legs' Korte - nominated by Freedom by Choice and seconded by Fulton Co - Nomination accepted

Ass't State Coord – Ed Domine - nominated by Westgate and seconded by Piasa-Gateway - Nomination accepted

Secretary – Linda Pasetti – nominated by So. DuPage and seconded by NW Suburban - Nomination accepted

Treasurer – Paul Truax – nominated by Lincoln Land and seconded by Mid-State – Nomination accepted.

And Julie Bacon – nominated by Crossroads and seconded by Backroads - Nomination accepted.

Legislative – Cheryl Pearre – nominated by Piasa-Gateway and seconded by Eastern (Not present to accept or decline)

Bike Raffle Coord – Gus Miller – nominated by Heart of Illinois and seconded by Central (Not present to accept or decline)

Safety & Ed Coord – Paulette Pinkham – nominated by Piasa-Gateway and seconded by Will Co - Nomination accepted

Activities – Carl Shamhart – nominated by Heart of Illinois and seconded by Ford Co (Not present to accept or decline, but sent word by proxy that the position had too many events in the first half of the year for him to handle.)

Carl was contacted by phone later during the meeting, and accepted the nomination.

Newsletter Coord – Ray Heck – nominated by Freedom by Choice and seconded by So DuPage - Nomination accepted

Public Relations – Deb King – nominated by Piasa-Gateway and seconded by Crossroads - Nomination accepted.

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And Kristen Koller – nominated by ThunderRock and seconded by Dukane - Nomination accepted

Product Coord – Renee’ Rumble – nominated by Freeport and seconded by Heart of Illinois - Nomination declined.

And John Hagstrom – nominated by Lincoln Land and seconded by Heart of Illinois – Nomination declined

NE Region Coord – Ed Domine – nominated by NW Suburban and seconded by Dukane – Nomination declined.

And ‘Mad’ Max Meier and Tom Olson as Co-Coord – nominated by Dukane and seconded by Chicago - Neither was present to accept or decline

NW Region Coord – Todd ‘Turk’ Nichols and Roger Larson as Co-Coord – nominated. - Roger accepted, ‘Turk’ not present to accept or decline

EC Region Coord – Sharilyn Kibler-Russell – nominated by Heart of Illinois and seconded by Eastern (Not present to accept or decline)

And Denny ‘Spam’ Turner nominated by Ford Co and seconded by Ford Co – Nomination declined.

WC Region Coord – Rodney Stage and Steve ‘Rat’ Surratt as Co-Coord – nominated by Fulton Co and seconded by Lincoln Land - Nomination accepted

And Mike Straker – nominated by Great River and seconded by Freebird – Nomination was declined by proxy

SE Region Coord – Rick ‘Doc’ Jones – nominated by Crossroads, nomination failed with no other SE Region chapters present to second

SW Region – Bob Meyer – nominated by Piasa-Gateway and seconded by Backroads - Nomination accepted

Nominations will be opened again at the August BOD meeting and then closed, with elections taking place at the October BOD meeting. Secretary was asked to contact absent nominations and ask if they would accept the nomination.

Lobbyist Contract

Copies of the proposed 2006 Lobbyist contract were distributed to the BOD. It was noted that the E Board voted today to recommend that the BOD approve the new contract, which is substantially the same as the 2005 contract.

Freeport motioned to accept the 2006 Lobbyist contract as presented. Thunder Rock seconded and the motion was carried with opposition from Fulton Co. # B2005-038

2006 E Board Budgets

Proposed 2006 E Board budgets were supplied to all BOD Reps today. Reps are asked to discuss them with their chapters and be prepared to vote on the issue at the August BOD meeting.

DNR Rep Nominations

Due to state requirements that a DNR nomination be submitted by October, nominations were taken for the two year appointment at this meeting.

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DNR Rep. – Terry Hopkins - nominated by Chicago and seconded by Thunder Rock - Nomination accepted

Nominations will be reopened in Aug, and a final vote will take place at that meeting.

Flatlanders motioned to close New Business. Apple Creek seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

E Board Officer Reports

Legislative Coordinator

Cheryl Pearre was absent and Dan Harper, Ass't Leg. Coord. distributed a packet of legislative information to BOD members and gave the report. Great River chapter was asked to describe some issues they were having with muffler ordinances in their area. After favorable meetings with the local police department, they requested 500 of the 'Ride Respectably' bumper stickers and tri-folds, but were told by the Leg Coord there was no money available in the budget. **Great River motioned to create a fund from chapter donations, to be used by any chapter for written legislative materials needing immediate financing, with the fund to be controlled thru the Legislative department. West Gate seconded.** Discussion ensued on the cost of bumper stickers and tri-folds, other options for financing when budgeted funds aren't used, and the urgency of these materials when needed. Per the bylaws, any E Board Officer can spend up to \$500 of unbudgeted money at anytime, and with the agreement of three other E Board officers, up to \$5,000 can be spent.

Motion failed on a vote of 12 to 19. In favor were ThunderRock, Freeport, Twin Rivers, Great River, Freedom Valley, Illinois River, Flatlanders, Mid-State, Kishwaukee, Apple Creek, Piasa-Gateway, and Backroads. Opposing were Chicago, Central, Fulton Co, Freebird, Heartland, Dukane, Eastern, Lincoln Land, So Suburban, So DuPage, Northern Illinois, Heart of Illinois, NW Suburban, Open Roads, Brothers of Grundy, Crossroads, Freedom by Choice, Will Co and Ford Co # B2005-039

Local Issues - McHenry County was considering a noise ordinance recently, but due to ABATE involvement, an advisory panel is now being considered instead. Chicago helmet and seizure ordinances have not been re-introduced. An ordinance banning motorcycles in parades was revised after the AMA (American Motorcycle Assoc.) was contacted and got involved.

E Peoria riders who have been ticketed while riding on their own property are still being sought.

State Issues - Cycle Riders Training Fund has been taken off the Governor's sweep list, but the Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Grant Fund may still loose \$244,000. All chapters and members are being asked to keep all communication on the lawsuit ABATE filed May 13 at a minimum in order to protect the court case. Please direct inquiries to Cheryl Pearre or Greg 'Sidecar' Wagner.

Shawnee Forest Land Management comments were submitted by ABATE of Illinois, and are posted on our state website. Members are also encouraged to

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submit their own comments. Illinois Motorcycle Dealers Assoc have joined ABATE, to get ATV's back into the Shawnee forest.

State Legislature is out of session – See the Legislative report for progress on bills ABATES is involved with.

National Issues – See the Legislative report for progress of ABATE issues. Chapters are asked to please send Senator Obama thank you notes for his help in defeating the Lautenberg amendment, which proposed cutting funds to states without helmet laws.

Legislative Coordinator is requesting input on the 2006 ABATE of Illinois legislative agenda. Please submit suggestions in writing to Cheryl Pearre by Sept 1.

State ABATE PAC

Mary Burgett reported on State PAC funds and activities. Fund requests from elected politicians can be forwarded to her via the PAC. Attendance at fundraisers by ABATE member is needed, so please go if you are called by the PAC. Some potential state candidates are already asking for ABATE endorsements. Chapters are reminded to wait until the PAC makes their selections before supporting any candidates, or allowing them access to chapter activities.

FED PAC

Mike 'Boz' Kerr reported for FEDPAC. He discussed US Rep. Jerry Costello, his help on the TEA Conference Committee, and with federal funding. Congressman Costello is an A-rated ABATE candidate for the Nov 2006 election. Attention will also need to be focused on retiring Congressman Hyde's seat and other expected available seats.

Please support the FED PAC 'weekend get away' raffle.

A FEDPAC meeting is scheduled for Aug 13 (NOT Aug 11) in Lewistown, IL, which is also the date and location of the Fulton Co Chapter Rodeo.

Mike also thanked the BOD for their support of him, on behalf of the MRF FEDPAC.

Safety and Education

Paulette Pinkham announced student and class totals and stated that presentations to adults, as well as windshield washes done for May Awareness month, would now be included in those totals.

The script for the new school training video is completed and shooting is scheduled. It is expected to be complete by Aug. A meeting for chapter Safety & Ed presenters to be held at Brookens auditorium in Springfield, is scheduled for Aug 20 at noon, to preview the video. She also needs a count of how many tapes or DVD's each chapter will need of the new video. Chapters are not being charged for the videos, but donations can be made to the video associate fund if desired.

Paulette also discussed the donation of copies of the video to other states for use in their classroom presentations. Chapters are being asked to write or e-mail her with their suggestions on how to finance the distribution of the video to other states, if it should be charged for, presented to them free of charge, or supplied

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with no profit to ABATE of Illinois. Her suggestion is a donation of \$10 or less per copy, which is expected to cover copying and mailing costs only.

Break at 2:50 PM- 3:15 PM

Paulette also noted that state police are pushing 'Click it or Ticket' seatbelt enforcement this year and that the primary goal is to ticket people in cars not wearing seatbelts.

It was noted that Bob Young (IDOT chairman) publicly thanked ABATE of Illinois for their efforts to protect the Motorcycle Training funds from raids by the Governor.

Products

Renee Rumble displayed the new state party tee shirts, which will be available at the party June 17-19.

She also announced that Products would give the state a check for \$3,000 of income from the sale of products.

Heart of Illinois motioned to move the Aug 20 BOD meeting to Peoria, since it falls on the same day as the Peoria TT's (motorcycle races). Fulton Co seconded. Motion failed. Voting in favor of the motion were ThunderRock, Fulton Co, Freebird, Peo-Taz, Freedom Valley and Heart of Illinois. # B2005-040

Secretary

Linda Pasetti had nothing to report.

Ass't State Coord.

Jim 'Legs' Korte reported that a contract for the 2006 State Seminar has been signed with the Northfield Inn for the dates of Jan 20 –22, 2006

Artwork for the 2006 license plate is needed as soon as possible, see ad in state paper.

Pocket calendars will be made available for purchase this year instead of free, as has been the case in previous years. Price of \$1.81 each was quoted and he took some orders today.

Office Manager

Pauli Ward reported that an insurance summary was included in each chapter's packet this month. She clarified that there is no deductible on the current policy for liquor liability coverage, but there is a \$5,000 deductible for general liability coverage. If the deductible is lowered, then the policy premiums will rise. No claims to date have ever been filed against the general liability policy.

Membership applications are available today to take back to the chapters.

Public Relations

Acting Coord. Deb King reported that ABATE chapter presidents had all received letters concerning the suit filed against the Governor

Letters of thanks were sent to several Legislators from the Freedom Rally.

4 x 8 ABATE of Illinois, Inc. banners are still available from her at \$35.00 each.

Special thanks went to several chapters who hosted veteran groups riding to Washington DC last month.

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A PR report and chapter information sheet was submitted to the Secretary.

Treasurer

Julie Bacon reported that some chapters have still not turned in their liquor sales numbers for the insurance audit. Info is needed from Embarras Valley, Chicago, Freedom Valley and Blackhawk chapters.

Backroads chapter is requested to have their chapter name put on their checks.

No Products report is listed on the Treasurer's report this month because the numbers still do not balance.

She also reported that nothing had been put in the proposed 2006 budget for website maintenance, so chapters would need to allow for it from somewhere.

SECRETARY'S NOTE – It was reported from the state office the following week, that a line item entry allowing for \$2,600 for Website Maintenance HAD BEEN FOUND in the 2006 budget under the State Office heading.

Activities Coord.

Carl Shamhart was absent and assistant Crystal Reed reported on state party arrangements. The Altamont fire department will be hosting a breakfast on Sat morning from 6-10 AM at the firehouse. Cost is \$5 each for advance tickets. Several other activities will be going on in Altamont that weekend, so our field events and parade will have to be coordinated with them. Help at the front gate and with security is still needed for several shifts. Rich Falk detailed registration and other arrangements for the party. Photo Id's and ABATE or other SMRO (**State** Motorcycle Rights Organizations) cards will be needed for admittance to the party. AMA and HOG are NOT considered SMROs.

Lincoln Land motioned to have Region Coords. put back in charge of organizing the swap meets in their regions as was done in the past, instead of the Activities Coord. as is now the case Heart of Illinois seconded and the motion was carried without opposition. # B2005-041 Discussion ensued on the procedure books already in use that outline event planning for the Springfield Swap Meet and the Freedom Rally. Carl was contacted on the break and agreed to accept his nomination as Activities Coord. if the swap meets were not included in the position.

Newsletter Coord.

Ray Heck had no report.

Bike Raffle Coordinator

Gus Miller sent no report.

Regional Reports

NE Region

Ed Domine had no report.

NW Region

Rodger Larson had no report

EC Region

Sharilyn Kibler-Russell was absent.

WC Region

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Mike Straker was absent.

SE Region

Rick 'Doc' Jones thanked chapters for attending the last region meeting and announced that another region meeting would be held Sat AM at the state party.

SW Region

Bob Myers discussed the Region's Marble Run and State Police activity in that region.

Panel & Committee Reports

AMA Dist #17 Rep.

Dick 'Heavy' Carr sent no report.

MRF Rep

Jim 'Legs' Korte reported that he still needs assistant state MRF reps (not assistant State Coordinator help) for some regions.

DNR

Kevin Omera sent no report.

Off Road Panel

Chair Jim Viveritto reported on the last Off Road meeting and current activities. He submitted meeting minutes and his report for distribution with these minutes. Neighbor to Neighbor pamphlets as well as that program in general, will be promoted more in the future, and 1,000 of the pamphlets are available today. Next panel meeting is Monday July 11 at 7 PM, via conference call, and Off Road Rider membership in ABATE will be discussed. **Brothers of Grundy moved to add Jeff King to the Off Roads advisory panel. Crossroads seconded, and the motion was carried without opposition. # B2005-042**

Bylaw Review

Ed Domine reported no changes were submitted and no actions or meetings have taken place since the April BOD.

Conservation Congress

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

Strategic Planning

Kristin Koller asked that all planning surveys be turned in.

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

Membership drawing was held.

4:17 PM - The meeting was adjourned on a motioned by Crossroads, seconded by Apple Creek, and carried with a unanimous vote carried.

June Attachments (distributed at the meeting)

BOD Agenda

Legislative Packet with Lobbyist Contract

Membership Count & Insurance Summary

Treasurer report (please contact Treasurer for copies) and **Proposed 2006 Budget Requests**

FEDPAC Report & Register

State ABATE PAC Register

PR Report

Off Road Minutes & Report

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BOD 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.

Note – All 2005 BOD meetings will be held at Brookens Auditorium, U of I campus in Springfield, with the E Board meeting preceding at 10 AM.