

ABATE of Illinois E Board Meeting – June 11, 2005

These minutes approved on Aug 20, 2005

State Office - ABATE of Illinois
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Executive Board of Directors - Regular Business Meeting – June 2004

Meeting Location – Brookens Auditorium
University of Illinois at Springfield, One University Plaza
Springfield, Illinois 62703

Executive Board Members Present

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

Others Present

1. BJ Wagner- Brothers of Grundy
2. 'Razor' Swinda- Freedom by Choice
3. Barb Swinda-Freedom by Choice
4. John Burgett-Liberty
5. Mary Burgett-Liberty
6. Dan Harper-Ass't Legislative
7. Terry Hopkins-Dukane
8. Eric Hedman-Dukane
9. Crystal Reed-Ass't Activities
10. Rich Fulk-Crossroads
11. Neal Toepfer-Freeport
12. Jim Viverito-Chicago

Executive Board Members Absent

1. Legislative Coord - Cheryl Pearre
2. Activities Coord.-Carl Shamhart
3. Bike Raffle Coord-Gus Miller

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 10:05 AM.

Approval of April 30, 2005 minutes (May Meeting)

Discussion ensued on recording the reason for E Board member absences in the meeting minutes. It was decided that if an E Board member notified the State Secretary of the reason they would be absent, it would be entered in the minutes.

State Office Report – Chapter using the 'Bears for Lil Buddies' slogan was changed from Peo-Taz to Lincoln Land.

Renee Rumble motioned to approve the April 30th minutes as corrected. Bob Meyer seconded, and the motion carried without opposition.

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Old Business

Safety & Ed Recognition

In response to chapter questions, it was stated that reasons for reporting the number of students and S&E presentations were legislation and reporting to the organization. Seminar awards and plaques are given at the discretion of the Coordinator based on the numbers turned in, cash donations to the program, and volunteerism, but are not standardized.

Heartland Steam

ABATE of Illinois will host the Heartland Steam even during the last full week in April next year. Bids in Peoria and Springfield were considered, and the Ramada Inn and Stoney Creek Inn, both in Peoria, were reviewed. Meeting rooms will not be charged extra at either site. Banquet prices and the number of lower priced room available at either site were unknown. **Ray Heck motioned to hold the Heartland Steam event at the Ramada Inn in Peoria. Rick ‘Doc’ Jones seconded and the motion carried without opposition. # E 2005-031** Price and design of 200 commemorative pins to be ordered for the event were discussed. Rick ‘Doc’ Jones noted he had some from previous years that could be used as a model. Instead of hosting this event for two consecutive years, SMROs are now being given the option of hosting it for just one year. **Rick ‘Doc’ Jones motioned to take the option of hosting the Heartland Steam event for one year only instead of for two consecutive years. Linda Pasetti seconded, and the motion was carried without opposition. # E 2005-032**

2006 State Seminar

A contract has been signed for the 2006 seminar at the Northfield Inn in Springfield. Jim ‘Legs’ Korte will notify the Northfield Inn that no Thursday events will be included.

Webmaster Pay

Ernie Steele has been sending updates to the state office and he has been paid to date for maintaining the state website. Discussion ensued on his pay being sent by the 20th as referenced in the website report distribute to E Board members.

Insurance

Pauli Ward supplied a summary of the state insurance policy that will be given to all chapters today. She clarified that there is a \$5,000 deductible on the general liability policy, but no deductible on the liquor liability policy, and that the deductible could be lowered if a higher premium were paid. Per Rod Taylor, chapters holding events where liquor is provided should also have their chapter name added as a rider on the liquor liability policy the business holds.

Renee Rumble moved to close Old Business. Ray Heck seconded and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

New Business

Liquor Liability

Already discussed earlier under Insurance.

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Peo-Taz Letter

A letter from Peo-Taz chapter questioning meeting procedure at the April BOD and a reply from Greg 'Sidecar' Wagner was discussed as requested by the letter's author. Points discussed today and responded to in the reply, included the procedure used to recognize chapters at BOD meetings and the difference between a personal attack and general concerns about the performance and scope of E Board responsibilities. No specific instances of personal attacks could be remembered by the E Board, or were found on the tape recording from the April BOD meeting. But in the reply letter, Peo-Taz president Thomas Pinkham was given the option of listening to that tape and was asked to allow the State Coord to review a recording tape of his chapter's meeting when these complaints were lodged.

Discussion ensued on BOD motions to 'call the questions and if debate should be allowed to go on when a vote is called to close discussion. It was noted that the BOD members should decide when to close debate, but if he deemed it necessary, the chair could point out that not every chapter had spoken on the issue.

Meeting Attendance

Already discussed earlier during approval of past minutes.

Pocket Calendars

Jim 'Legs' Korte quoted costs and questioned if chapters should order and pay for the pocket calendars themselves, instead of receiving them free at the Dec BOD meeting, as has been the case in the past. He suggested the Products Coord take orders and payment for future pocket calendars and distribute them. Products Coord. Renee Rumble agreed to do that.

State License Plates

Artwork to be used on the 2006 ABATE plates is being advertised for in the newsletter now, and must be received by the license bureau 6 months before a plate is issued. Jim 'Legs' Korte will need suggestions by the August BOD meeting. Previous designs and numbers issued are on a CD to be retained by the Ass't State Coord.

MRF SMRO Supporting Member Positions

Nominations are now closed and known candidates are Carol Simpson and Steve Zimmer. Two positions are open and will be filled in the fall election, so there is no choice to be made at this time. The state office usually receives these ballots in Oct.

Products Accounting

Treasurer Julie Bacon reported that Products accounting still does not balance and so nothing is being reflected on the monthly state Treasure's report. A short meeting has been held between Renee Rumble and Julie where the problem was discussed, but no follow up has taken place by either of them. At issue seems to be how Products equipment and inventory is valued, and the reporting method Products software uses (i.e cash method versus accrual method), etc. Suggestion

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was made that the State Treasurer, the Products Coord, and the State Coord. meet with the state CPA to resolve the differences. Treasurer will arrange a Sat meeting with the CPA before the next E Board meeting.

Lobbyist Contract

Legislative Assistant Dan Harper asked the E Board to recommend that the BOD accept the 2006 Lobbyist contract as written. No changes have been made since last year, with the exception of the dates. **Paulette Pinkham motioned to recommend that the BOD accept the 2006 Lobbyist contract, supplied in their June Legislative packet. Renee Rumble seconded, and the motion was carried without opposition. # E 2005-033**

Proposed 2006 Budget

Some questions were raised about the proposed budget created by the E Board last month. No actual vote was taken to recommend the proposed budget to the BOD, and no provision for a MRF donation was included. State Office noted that the current 2005 budget is at a \$15,000 deficit at this time. Some expected chapter donations and projected event income have not been received. Suggestion was made to avoid confusion, the 2006 budget projections not be changed today, but the BOD could adjust any items they deemed necessary in August. Also noted, was that budgeting is simply a prediction of expected income/expenses, but will never be an exact projection. Suggestion was made that the BOD should be given copies of requested increases on the proposed budget so they would better understand what is being funded. **Linda Pasetti motioned to recommend the BOD approve the proposed 2006 budget. Renee Rumble seconded. Motion failed with agreement from Pasetti, Rumble, Heck, Domine and Larson, and opposition from Jones, Korte, King, Meyer, Bacon, Ward, and Pinkham. # E 2005-034** Suggestion was made that for clarity, zeros could be put on the budget chart when nothing is budgeted, instead of the cells being left blank.

Legal Services

Clarification was asked on Motion # E 2005-030 passed by the E Board in at it's May meeting [*Ed Domine motioned to ask the BOD to vote annually on the choice of Rod Taylor as the approved attorney to administer ABATE Legal Services for ABATE of Illinois, Inc. Cheryl Pearre seconded and the motion was carried without opposition.*]. Since the intent of the motion was to limit the amount of time being spent on this issue, an annual vote may not accomplish that end. Question was also raised as to who was actually filing the contract with the state of Illinois every year. **Rick 'Doc' Jones motioned that the recommendation of motion #E 2005-030 be postponed until the issue could be researched further. Jim 'Legs' Korte seconded, and the motion was carried without opposition. # E 2005-035**

Pauli Ward moved to close New Business. Paulette Pinkham seconded and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

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Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 AM on a motion made by Rodger Larson. Ray Heck seconded and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

Attachments (distributed at meeting)

June E Board agenda

Website Report

Peo-Taz Letter & State Coord's Rely

Insurance Summary

2006 Lobbyist Contract