

ABATE of Illinois Board of Directors Meeting – Aug 20, 2005

These minutes approved on Oct 15, 2005

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Board of Directors - Regular Bi-Monthly Business Meeting – Aug. 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. Ass't State Coord. 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. Products Coord.-Renee Rumble
10. Interim Public Relations Coord-Deb King
11. NE Region Coord.-Ed Domine

12. NW Region Co- Roger Larson
13. EC Region Co-Coord.- Sharilyn Kibler-Russell
14. WC Region Coord.-Mike Straker
15. SW Region Coord-Bob Meyers

Executive Board Members Absent

1. Activities Coord.-Carl Shamhart
2. Bike Raffle Coord-Gus Miller
3. NW Region Co-Coord.-Todd 'Turk' Nichols
4. SE Region Co-Coord.- Rick 'Doc' Jones

Chapters Present

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| 1. Arrowhead Valley | 18. Freeport | 38. So. Suburban |
| 2. Backroads | 19. Fulton Co. | 39. So. DuPage |
| 3. Black Diamond | 20. Great River | 40. So. Freedom |
| 4. Blackhawk | 21. Heart of Illinois | 41. St. Clair Co. |
| 5. BOG | 22. Hubbard Trail | 42. Starved Rock |
| 6. Central | 23. Jasper Co. | 43. ThunderRock |
| 7. Chicago | 24. Kishwaukee Valley | 44. Twin Rivers |
| 8. Children of the Corn | 25. Liberty | 45. Union Jack |
| 9. Crossroads | 26. Lincoln Land | 46. Wabash Valley |
| 10. Dukane | 27. Midstate | 47. Westgate |
| 11. Eastern Illinois. | 28. Northern | 48. Will County |
| 12. Embarras Valley | 29. NW Suburban | 49. Freedom Valley |
| 13. Flatlanders | 30. Old River | (Secretary note- added per Oct / Nov 2005 E Board minutes) |
| 14. Ford Co. | 31. Open Roads | |
| 15. Franklin Co | 32. Peo-Taz | |
| 16. Freedom by Choice | 33. Piasa-Gateway | |
| 17. Freedom Riders | 34. Prairieland | |
| | 35. Salt Creek | |
| | 36. Shawnee Hills | |
| | 37. Shoal Creek | |

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Chapters Absent

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| 1. Apple Creek | 6. Heritage Trail | 12. Tri-County |
| 2. Crawford Co. | 7. Illinois River | 13. Wayne Co. |
| 3. Freebird | 8. Iron Riders | |
| 4. | 9. Lamoine Valley | |
| 5. Heartland | 10. Pike Co. | |
| | 11. So. Illinois | |

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 1:11PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval June 2005 Minutes

No changes were offered to the June minutes

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

Old Business

2006 E Board Nominations

State Coord - Greg 'Sidecar' Wagner – accepted in June

And Jim 'Legs' Korte – accepted in June

Ass't State Coord – Ed Domine – accepted in June

Secretary – Linda Pasetti – accepted in June

Treasurer – Paul Truax – accepted in June

And Julie Bacon – accepted in June

Legislative – Cheryl Pearre – declined today

And Dan Harper - nominated, seconded and accepted today

Bike Raffle Coord – Gus Miller – accepted in June

Safety & Ed Coord – Paulette Pinkham – accepted in June

Activities – Carl Shamhart – accepted in June

Newsletter Coord – Ray Heck - accepted in June

Public Relations – Deb King – accepted in June.

And Kristen Koller – accepted in June

Product Coord – No nominations accepted

NE Region Coord – 'Mad' Max Meier and Tom Olson as Co-Coord – declined today

And Rick 'RO' Olson and Mike Ryan as Co-Coord - nominated, seconded, and accepted today

And - 'Mad' Maxx Meier as Coord - nominated, seconded and accepted today

NW Region Coord – Todd 'Turk' Nichols and Roger Larson as Co-Coord – accepted in June

EC Region Coord – Sharilyn Kibler-Russell – accepted in June – accepted today as Co-Coord

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AND Jeff Marsh as Co-Coord.– nominated, seconded and accepted today
WC Region Coord – Rodney Stage and Steve ‘Rat’ Surratt as Co-Coord – accepted in June

SE Region Coord – Rick ‘Doc’ Jones and Bill Chapman – nominated, seconded, and accepted today

SW Region – Bob Meyer – accepted in June

2005 Interim E Board Positions

Deb King was nominated, seconded and accepted today to fill the Public Relations Coord position until the October election.

Bob Meyers was nominated, seconded and accepted today to fill the position of SW Region Coord until the October election.

Deb King as PR Coord and Bob Meyer as SW Region Coord were duly elected today, without opposition, to fill their respective positions until Nov 1, 2005. # B2005-043

Web Master Contract

Contract submitted by Ernie Steel was distributed to both boards today. E Board recommended acceptance by the BOD with a date change. **Motion to accept the Web Master contract, submitted by Ernie Steel, with change of effective date to Nov 1, 2005, so this contract will run concurrent with the state’s fiscal year. Motion was seconded, and carried without opposition # B2005-044**

2006 State Budget

Discussion ensued on two proposed state budgets. In addition to a budget proposed by the E Board, another proposal was circulated later by mail from Jim ‘Legs’ Korte. **Motion to include the changes from a budget proposed by Jim Korte with the E Board proposed budget was made, seconded and passed on a vote of 17 to 8. Opposing were Chicago, Lincoln Land, NW Suburban, Crossroads, Brothers of Grundy, Northern, So DuPage and Dukane. #B2005-045**

Motion to combine the budgets and send them to back to the E Board for discussion in Sept, with the resulting changes to be sent to chapters before the Oct BOD was made, seconded and carried without opposition. # B2005-046

DNR Rep

Due to state requirements ABATE’s DNR Rep. was elected today instead of in Oct when other positions are filled. **Terry Hopkins was nominated, seconded and accepted as the 2006 DNR representative for ABATE of Illinois, Inc. Motion was passed without opposition# B2005-047**

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

New Business

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Proposed State Budget to BOD in April

Liberty's motion to ask for state budget proposals to be available to the BOD in April, instead of June as is currently done, was withdrawn due to bylaws that state "*shall present a draft of the proposed budget for the following fiscal year, two Board of Director meetings prior to the date it will be ratified*". It was decided that a bylaw change would be needed to require the budget proposal be made in April.

State Newspaper Ads

Liberty chapter motioned to ban state newsletter advertising for any ABATE event ads that included references to "Must Be Over 21 to Attend". Motion was seconded and discussion ensued. Included were issues of 18 year old ABATE members not allowed into their own events, references to state and area age restrictions on attendance, difficulty and liability of alcohol control at events, and loss of revenue for chapters who could no longer use the state paper to advertise their events. **Motion failed with 3 chapters in favor and the majority opposing. # B2005-048**

Donated PC's

Four used PC's have been donated to the SW Region Coord for use by this organization. **Motion was made and seconded that the 4 PCs donated to ABATE of Illinois, Inc. would be given to the PACs to be used as they see fit. Motion was carried without opposition. # B2005-049**

State Newsletter Delivery

Newsletter Coord stated that the late delivery of many Southern Illinois state newspapers was caused when a driver neglected to turn in his paperwork and the state papers sat on a loading dock for almost three weeks. The trucking company will make restitution for advertised events in the Aug issue that were affected by this delay.

Dukane Chapter Letter

Dukane President Make Garrison read a letter of issues his chapter has encountered with state services. (Letter included with attachments.) Included were problems obtaining Safety & Ed bumper stickers, legislative concerns and problems obtaining membership information.

Products Review Report

On a recommendation from the state audit that was recently preformed, the State Coord asked for an internal audit on the Products books and a physical inventory of all merchandise. Report of the findings was distributed to all present today (included with attachments). Conclusions reached were:

- Products accounting books are now standardized and reliable as a reference for future reports. The CPA has examined these books and has no balancing issues with them or with the Products Coordinator.

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- The products inventory is counted and up to date, with the exception of some outdated items that need to be removed and either discarded or donated to chapters.
- The Products Coordinator has kept accurate records of sales and receipts,.
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Break at 2:10 PM- 2:40 PM

E Board Officer Reports

Legislative Coordinator

Cheryl Pearre distributed a packet of information to BOD members, containing local, state, federal details, etc, (all included with attachments), and an article about state reporting of motorcycle miles traveled. Several states including So Dakota and Illinois do not report any miles traveled, resulting in NHTSA statistics that are incomplete and misleading. By reporting a decrease in VMTs (Vehicle Miles Traveled) NHTSA is using the FARS (Fatality Analysis Reporting Study) to show that motorcycle fatalities are up and motorcycle miles are down ... which is NOT accurate since motorcycle miles from 20 states has been incomplete since 1997.

The federal TEA bill (Transportation Equity (Re)Authorization) has finally passed with several of the requested motorcycle initiatives included. In response to questions about the raiding of training funds by Illinois Gov. Blogovitch, Cheryl stated that this would be less likely since federal funds could now be included.

When questioned about steps chapters could take to insure motorcycle accidents were handled properly, Cheryl stated that chapters should get to know and talk to their State's Attorneys when they are concerned about prosecution of car drivers, as these prosecutors have full discretion on tickets issued and followup. Distribution of NHTSA lobbying materials to states is still occurring and is being monitored. Positive motorcycle related psas (public service announcements) being aired in Minnesota and Iowa were mentioned as something Illinois PR Coord. might follow up on.

A letter written by Chicago chapter board members and sent to the state E Board, Chicago chapter members, and Terry Lee Cook of the AMA was discussed. At issue, was a ban on motorcycles in Chicago parades and assistance the AMA had offered the riders. The Legislative Coord stated she had not contacted the AMA in response to the letter and still didn't know what needed to be done. The purpose of the letter was stated as, pointing out that the AMA wanted to work together with ABATE of Illinois to improve the resolution, but no communication had been returned by Illinois.

The ABATE / Blogovitch lawsuit pertaining to his raids on motorcycle training funds and off-roads funds is currently on hold waiting for a change of judges.

Candidates may be contacting chapters now to ask for ABATE support. Chapters are urged to check with Cheryl Pearre or Dan Harper before

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proceeding with assistance of candidates especially politicians un-rated by ABATE.

FED PAC

Mike 'Boz' Kerr reported for the FEDPAC. (A Treasurer report and FEDPAC board report is included with minute attachments.) Crystal Miller won the FEDPAC 'summer trip' raffle and another trip will be raffled next year. See Cindy Lannom for details. The federal candidate endorsement process is being reviewed and details will be given in Oct.

State ABATE PAC

Dan Harper reported on State PAC activities. (A Treasurer report is included with minute attachments.). Chapters were reminded that ALL donations to the PAC are needed and smaller amounts are appreciated and the DO help the organization. He asked members who receive invitations to fundraisers forward them to Mary Burgett or him since the PACs sometimes do not receive them directly. The ABATE state PAC can then buy tickets and send ABATE members to selected fundraisers. Dan Harper confirmed that currently the state PAC has 2 officers and 3 trustees. **Motion was made and seconded to appoint Rodney Stage as an ABATE PAC trustee. Motion was carried without opposition. # B2005-050** Clarification was made that trustees are basically working as fundraisers for the PAC and funds dispersion is done primarily by Dan and Mary.

Safety and Education

Paulette Pinkham presented the new Safety & Ed video made by ABATE of Illinois, intended for use in high school drivers ed classes. Overall, it was well received, but discussion did ensue about the inclusion of helmets for riders in the video. Some board reps felt they should not be included, while Paulette and others stated that safety equipment should be demonstrated and since some states still require helmets, they were worn in the video. The cost of the video was \$13,000, as approved by the BOD in April [# B2005-028]. Paulette announced that a \$7 donation, per tape, would be asked if other states wanted to use it for their safety & ed presentations. Size of the organization and number of presentations will also be taken into account and the requested donation could be less if appropriate. A letter will be sent to all State Board Reps explaining how the donations will be adjusted to different states. No copying will be allowed and a copyright on the video will be obtained with legal remedies available.

Bob Kail from Open Roads sent a proposal to the board for funding of a 'Two Wheel Trauma Training Program' for EMTs in Illinois. (Original E mail included with attachments.) Chapters are being asked to consider a one-time donation of \$75 to fund the training. Since many EMTs are volunteers it was discussed that some may not have access to the program, but those attending would be better trained to aid injured riders. The class would be taught by Dick 'Slider' Gilmore, but is more 'In Depth' than the 'Accident Scene Management' classes he is so well known for giving for riders.

Some Cycle Rider Education classes in Illinois are already using the 'Team Oregon' methods instead of the MSF program.

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Bob Young from IDOT (Illinois Dept of Transportation) has asked ABATE to talk with his staff on motorcycle safety issues. PR Coord Deb King will also be included in these talks.

Paulette quoted from a NHTSA pamphlet for state police use that has 14 points to be used to identify impaired motorcycle drivers.

A suggestion that the new S&E video be put on the state or chapter websites in a non-downloadable version was made and Paulette and Terry Hopkins will consider the idea.

Break at 4:15 to 4:41 PM

Products

Renee Rumble announced that several items in her Products inventory are outdated. **Lincoln Land motioned to remove outdated items from the Products inventory and distribute them to the logical departments and destroy any items not usable. Brothers of Grundy seconded, and the motion carried without opposition. # B2005-051**

Secretary

Linda Pasetti reported her name has changed to Linda Pasetti-Olson due to marriage. Also, the board meeting rooms rent is going up in 2006 from the current \$220 for rooms and \$35 for parking (\$255 total) to \$370 plus \$35 (\$405 total). Alternative meeting places will be considered and Springfield area information should be e-mailed to Linda.

Office Manager

Pauli Ward stated that bike raffle tickets need to be returned to the office by Aug 29, or special arrangements must be made with Gus Miller. State Office will be closed Aug 31 to Sept 5th. Chapters were reminded that membership applications need to be sent to the office promptly so info can go out to the new members.

Treasurer

Treasurer Julie Bacon will have budget comparisons available for the Sept E Board meeting. Suggestion was made to move some state fund to accounts with better interest returns.

PR Coord

Coord Deb King has been calling chapter Public Relations people to get info on their activities and input of their ideas. She noted that PR and Safety & Ed people could work together to promote the new safety video to schools.

She also stated that an ABATE ad in a Rte 66 'Mother Road Festival' publication is expected to have a circulation to 70,000 people.

She thanked Ruth Allen for set up work done in advance for the Peoria TTs and the Springfield Mile races.

She is currently researching a statewide ad campaign for Public Access TV.

The large 5'x8' ABATE posters are still available to chapters for \$35 each, and she is considering 18'x24' peel off stickers for trailers etc. Suggestion was made to revive the "It Doesn't Affect Us" poster. (PR report included with attachments.)

Newsletter Coord.

Coord Ray Heck. had nothing further.

Activities Coord.

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Carl Shamhart was absent and sent no report.

Bike Raffle Coordinator

Gus Miller was absent due to his attendance selling bike raffle tickets at the Peoria TTs, and sent no report.

Ass't State Coord

Ass't Coord Jim 'Legs' Korte stated that the ABATE State Seminar is booked for the Northfield Inn in 2006 – Jan 21 & 22.

He will be accepting license plate designs until the Oct BOD meeting.

ABATE of Illinois will be hosting Heartland Steam in 2006 in Peoria on the last weekend in April. Heartland Steam is a MRF event, similar to our seminar, but includes several surrounding states as well as Illinois. Last year about 200 people attended the 'Steam' event, when it was held in Nebraska.

Regional Reports

NE Region

Ed Domine reported FEDPAC NE Region fundraiser PAC-Tober Fest will be held Oct 8th at Lot 4 in Chicago Ridge.

NW Region

Roger Larson had nothing to report.

EC Region

Sharilyn Kibler-Russell had nothing to report.

WC Region

Mike Straker had nothing to report.

SE Region

Rick 'Doc' Jones was not present.

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 noted that sustaining members need to check if their membership is being reported correctly in the MRF paper. New Ass't. MRF State Reps are Jim Conley and Marvin Kelly.

DNR

Terry Hopkins reported no meetings have been held.

Off Road Panel

Chair Jim Viveritto reported no meetings have taken place since the last BOD, but an informal panel discussion about putting together a family Off Road event in 2006 at an off-road park was related and he asked for BOD feedback. Discussion ensued and many questions were asked. Please contact Jim with input and/or suggestions.

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

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Kristin Koller reported no meetings were held (report included with attachments)

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

5:29 PM - The meeting was motioned and seconded to adjourn, and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

Aug Attachments (some distributed at the meeting)

Website Maintenance Contract – Ernie Steele

Dukane Letter

Products Review Report

Legislative Packet

FEDPAC Report & Register

State ABATE PAC Register

EMT Training Proposal

State Membership Count (enclosed with hard copies)

Treasurer report (enclosed with hard copies)

PR Coord Report

Strategic Planning Panel

Next BOD meeting scheduled for October 15, 2005

Next E Board meeting scheduled for Sept 17 at Ramada Limited in Springfield

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 preceding at 10 AM.