

ABATE of Illinois E Board Meeting – Aug 20, 2005

These minutes approved on Sept 17, 2005

State Office - ABATE of Illinois

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Galesburg, Illinois 61401

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Executive Board of Directors - Regular Business Meeting – Aug. 2004

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-Olson
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-
Arrived at 10:22 AM
9. Public Relations Coord-Deb King
10. NE Region Coord.-Ed Domine
11. NW Region Co-Coord-Roger Larson
12. EC Region Coord.- Sharilyn Kibler-
Russell- Arrived at 10:22 AM
13. WC Region Coord.-Mike Straker
14. SE Region Coord.- Rick 'Doc' Jones
15. SW Region Coord Bob Meyers

Executive Board Members Absent

1. Legislative Coord - Cheryl Pearre
2. Activities Coord.-Carl Shamhart

3. Bike Raffle Coord-Gus Miller – In
Peoria with raffle bike
4. NW Region Co-Coord.-Todd 'Turk'
Nichols

Others Present

1. Mary Burgett-Liberty
2. John Burgett-Liberty
3. Razor Swinda-Freedom by Choice
4. Barb Swinda-Freedom by Choice
5. Rick Olson-So DuPage
6. Harry Nelson-BOG
7. Debbie Nelson-BOG
8. BJ Wagner-BOG
9. Jim Rohde-Freeport
10. Neal Toepfer-Freeport
11. Paul Truax-Lincoln Land
12. James Viverito-Chicago
13. Mark Garrison-Dukane
14. Bill Morgan-Dukane
15. Terry Hopkins-Dukane

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 10:10 AM. with the Pledge of allegiance.

Approval of July 2005 minutes

Ed Domine motioned to approve the July minutes as written. Ray Heck seconded, and the motion carried without opposition.

Old Business

Web Master Contract

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Copies of the contract were distributed to the board, note was made that it was patterned after the current Lobbyist contract. **Jim ‘Legs’ Korte motioned that the dates for the web master contract be changed to run concurrent with the state’s fiscal year of Nov 1-Oct 31. Ed Domine seconded, and the motion was carried without opposition. # E2005-031** Ernie Steele has given State Coord his authority to accept changes. In response to a question of who does chapter website maintenance, it was clarified that Terry Hopkins would give chapters access to their sites and they would then be able to update their own information. **Jim ‘Legs’ Korte motioned to recommend to the BOD that the web master contract be accepted, with the effective dates being changed to run from Nov 1 to Oct 31. Mike Straker seconded, and the motion was carried without opposition. # E2005-032**

Products Accounting

Treasurer agreed to wait until the Product Coord. arrived to address this issue.

Ray Heck moved to temporarily close Old Business. Bob Meyers seconded and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

New Business

2005 State Party Attendance

Per the Office Manager, about 1,500 people attended the state party this year. \$21,000 was spent for expenses and around \$33,000 was taken in, resulting in \$12,000 gain. At Pontiac, the highest attendance year was about 2,200, but average was 1,500 to 1,800 people per year. Party attendance for 2004 at Altamont was 1,800, so turnout was about the same at both locations. The Father’s Day weekend dates may have impacted attendance for the last two years, but next year the party will be back to the regular weekend.

Secretary Credit Card

State Secretary asked to be given a credit card for mailing and copy expenses, which can be as much as \$500 monthly. **Roger Larson motioned to get the State Secretary a credit card for expenses incurred in the monthly distribution of board minutes. Ray Heck seconded, and the motion carried without opposition. # E2005-033** Discussion ensued and a \$1,000 limit was suggested. Office Manager will make arrangements for obtaining the card.

Bylaws/Activities Coord/Swap Meets

Discussion centered on BOD motion # B2005-041, passed in August [*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.*]. One E Board member felt this contradicted state bylaws pertaining to officer duties. [*Article 4 - Section 12. Activities Coord. Duties - The Activities Coordinator shall coordinate all state activities and work in conjunction with chapter personnel involved and other activities as directed by the Board of Directors*]. Also, he stated that a loss of

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state income from the swap meets could result if a central person was not in place. Clarification was made that they BOD had made the motion and directed the Region Coords. to act, as required in the bylaws. A procedural binder was put together in past years for the Springfield swap meet, and State Activities Coord. Carl Shamhart has agreed to create a binder for the Collinsville swap meet as well. Suggestion was made that the Activities Coord could announce to the BOD annually in Dec. who would be directing the various state events. **Paulette Pinkham motioned to postpone further action on the duties of the State Activities Coord. until the Activities Coord. was present. Mike Straker seconded, and the motion carried without opposition. # E2005-034**

Newsletter

Newsletter Coord stated the state newsletter is shipped by the printer to the Galesburg post office and then sent out to southern Illinois addresses from there. The late delivery of many state newspapers in the south of the state was caused when a driver neglected to turn in his paperwork and the newsletters sat on a loading dock for almost three weeks. The trucking company will make restitution for events advertised in the Aug issue that were affected by this delay.

Chapter Flyer Content

Note was made that some chapter flyers state “Must be 21 or older to attend this event”. Since 18 year olds can be ABATE of Illinois members, it seems unfair that they are excluded from some events. **Rick ‘Doc’ Jones motioned that all ABATE of Illinois members be allowed access to all state and chapter events, unless specifically restricted as an individual or by class by state laws or local ordinances, effective Jan 1, 2006. Sharilyn Kibler-Russell seconded. # E2005-035** Clarification was made that “Public under 21 not allowed” could still be put on flyers, since that reference would not include ABATE members. Alcohol control and insurance issues were discussed. **Rick ‘Doc’ Jones moved to postpone discussion on motion # E2005-035 until next month. Sharilyn Kibler-Russell seconded, and the motion to postpone was carried with 3 oppositions. # E 2005-036**

Distribution of Alternate Budget

Point was raised that the Assistant State Coord. had created and sent an alternate 2006 state budget to all BOD State Reps, but had not included the E Board members in his mailing. This left E Board members uninformed and unable to answer questions they were asked about the mailing. **Ed Domine motioned that as a policy, any information from E Board members going out to the BOD, will also go to all E Board members as well. Renee Rumble seconded, and the motion carried without opposition. # E2005-037**

Mike Straker moved to close New Business. Renee Rumble seconded and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

Motion was made and seconded to re-open Old Business.
Old Business

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Products Accounting

State Treasurer reported that a meeting had taken place in Galesburg between herself, the CPA, and the State Products Coord. It was discovered that program expenses, such as gas, lodging, phone etc., that should have been taken out of the Product Coord's budget have been routinely deducted from Product income. This resulted in a lower annual product income amount than had been projected. The Treasurer also felt it was inappropriate that a chapter members and two BOD reps had been involved in the resolution of product accounting/inventory questions and e-mails involving these issues. Product Coord. stated that she had never been told she could not get help with her inventory or book keeping duties, and that the inventory alone had taken five people over seven hours to complete.

The ABATE accountant suggested that several current products procedures could be reviewed. Included were to stop tracking/counting inventory due to the large amount of time required in relation to the amount of income received and to start making product expense deductions from the correct budget instead of from products income. A general solution he discussed would be to tear the products books apart and start the records over.

Agreement was reached by the E Board that –

- ✓ The Products Coord will send invoices and income to the state office for processing and the state office will pay all bills due.
- ✓ Credit card income will still come to the Products Coord account so those sales and payments can be tracked by the Coord
- ✓ Chapter invoices will be sent out by the Products Coord, and there is a procedure available now on the website to do this
- ✓ Inventory will be done once a year, concurrent with E Board elections and then compared to income to determine profit margins
- ✓ Products Coord will order new inventory as needed
- ✓ Cost of products being mailed out will be funded from the Product Coord's budget

Progress on this system will be discussed at the next E Board meeting.

It was discussed that personal issues should be left out of E Board e-mails and ABATE business issues should be handled in a professional manner when conducted by e-mail.

Mike Straker moved to re-close Old Business. Jim 'Legs' Korte seconded and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

Misc Issues

Secretary was thanked for notifying E Board members in advance that the July E Board meeting was being cancelled due to lack of quorum.

Rockford newspapers seem to be highlighting helmet issues recently. Also, some chapters are reporting that Labor Day weekend is being targeted for

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‘safety inspections of motorcycles’. Loud pipes, insurance, eye protection and license requirements were also being included.

It was noted that July is a busy month, so E Board members may want to reassess their future meeting schedule.

St Clair chapter has asked for assistance, as they are not able to get a quorum at a chapter meeting to hold an election or to make a change to their bylaw requiring a 10% quorum. Suggestion was made that Roberts Rules of Order may allow for a ‘Corporate Meeting’ when changes can be made, even without the required quorum. Discussion also included a suggestion that a set of ‘generic bylaws’ for new chapters and chapters currently using the state bylaws be written, since many issues do not transfer correctly from state to chapters levels.

No entries for the ABATE scholarship were received by the Aug 1st deadline this year. Though one entry was received three days late, it was decided that no award would be made.

Reminder was made that chapters may have problems with local authorities if they put the term ‘poker’ or ‘raffle’ on run flyers, as that would imply gambling.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 11:27 AM on a motion made by Mike Straker. Jim ‘Legs’ Korte seconded and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

Attachments (distributed at meeting)

August E Board agenda

Web Master Contract