

ABATE of Illinois E Board Meeting – Sept 17, 2005

These minutes approved on Oct 15, 2005

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Executive Board of Directors - Regular Business Meeting – Sept. 2005

Meeting Location – Ramada Limited
Northfield Dr.
Springfield, Illinois 62702

Executive Board Members Present

1. Ass't State Coord. Jim 'Legs' Korte
2. Secretary-Linda Pasetti-Olson
3. Treasurer-Julie Bacon
4. Office Manager-Pauli Ward
5. Safety & Ed Coord-Paulette Pinkham
6. Newsletter Coord.-Ray Heck
7. Public Relations Coord-Deb King
8. NE Region Coord.-Ed Domine
9. NW Region Co-Coord-Roger Larson
10. WC Region Coord.-Mike Straker-
Arrived 10:27 AM
11. SE Region Co-Coord.- Rick 'Doc'
Jones
12. SW Region Coord Bob Meyers

Executive Board Members Absent

1. State Coord.-Greg 'Sidecar'
Wagner
2. Legislative Coord - Cheryl
Pearre
3. Activities Coord.-Carl
Shamhart-At a chapter sled pull
4. Products Coord.-Renee Rumble
5. Bike Raffle Coord-Gus Miller
6. NW Region Co-Coord.-Todd
'Turk' Nichols
7. EC Region Co-Coord.-
Sharilyn Kibler-Russell

Others Present

1. Michelle Kruk-Aflac Ins.
2. Rick Olson-So Dupage

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

Assistant State Coord. Jim 'Legs' Korte opened the meeting to order at 10:21 AM.

New Business

Aflac Insurance

AFLAC agent Michelle Kruk gave a presentation for an insurance plan. The supplemental health and accident policy was explained and a 10% discount would be offered if ABATE of Illinois agreed to sign on as the group sponsor. Some motorcycle exclusions were noted and discussed. It was decided to discuss the presentation again later during new business.

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Products Accounting – The 'CPA suggested' was changed to 'ABATE accountant' suggested.

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‘The Products Coord will send income to the state office and the state office will track all product expenses with MS Access Inventory Tracker software.’ was changed to ‘The Products Coord will send invoices and income to the state office for processing and the state office will pay all bills due.’

Misc Issues- ‘It was reported that the State Bike Raffle Coord was in Peoria today with the raffle bike and could not attend this meeting’ was deleted and the information was added to the attendance list.

Paulette Pinkham motioned to approve the Aug minutes as amended. Julie Bacon seconded, and the motion carried without opposition.

Old Business

Swap Meet Responsibility

Tabled for the second month do to absence of Activities Coord.

Member Access to Events

Rick ‘Doc’ Jones motioned to open motion # E2005-035 for discussion [*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*]. Paulette Pinkham seconded. Discussion ensued that 18 year old ABATE members were being denied access to some events of the organization. It was noted that when alcohol was served, it was difficult to screen out underage people and that some establishments will not allow events to be held if people under 21 are admitted. **Rick ‘Doc’ Jones motioned the E Board accept motion # E2005-035, and recommend the BOD accept it. Pauli Ward seconded. Agreeing were Pauli Ward, Julie Bacon, Deb King, Bob Meyer, Roger Larson, Mike Straker, Paulette Pinkham and Rick ‘Doc’ Jones. Opposing were Ed Domine, Ray Heck and Linda Pasetti-Olson. # E2005-038**

2006 State Budget

Per a ‘re-proposed’ state budget circulated by Jim ‘Legs’ Korte in June, and BOD motion # B2005-046 [**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**], both budgets were presented and discussed. After a line-by-line discussion of income and expenses, it was decided that 2006 incomes estimate should be lowered to \$411,500 and expenses would be estimated at \$437,000, resulting in an estimated shortfall of \$25,800 for 2006. In order to transfer some 2006 expenses to this years’ budget, **Julie Bacon motioned a laptop for use by the State Secretary, be bought from the 2005 office equipment budget. Pauli Ward seconded, and the motion was carried without opposition. # E2005-039**

Chapters will be given 4 suggestions to vote on at the Oct BOD meeting, to decide where the resulting \$25,800 shortfall will come from.

Suggested options were:

- a) Publishing the state newsletter six times a year instead of twelve

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- b) Increasing the membership dues by \$5.00
- c) Retention by the state of the chapter portion of membership dues
- d) Taking the shortfall from savings

Paulette Pinkham motioned that the budget discussion is finished and letters will be sent by the State Treasurer to inform BOD Reps and chapter presidents of the shortfall and their options. Mike Straker seconded and the motion was carried without opposition. # E2005-040

Products Inventory – Online Store

Tabled due to absence of Terry Hopkins, who was to present information.

ABATE Scholarship

Office Manager clarified that she had actually overlooked one timely scholarship entry by e-mail due to a mislabel in the subject line. Since no policy was set earlier, it was decided to award the scholarship, but make changes in the future for suitable content and procedure. Judges currently are Robert ‘Korg’ Ward, Stacey Rigby, Jennifer Rineberg, and Kat Conner.

Legal Services Contract

Ed Domine motioned to remove motion # E2005-030 from the table [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.] Pauli Ward seconded, motion was approved, and discussion ensued. Earlier motions on this issue have been postponed to gather information on who was filing the plan with the state.. Attorney Rod Taylor has reported that he is currently doing annual state filing of the plan. **Rick ‘Doc’ Jones moved the E Board will review the Legal Services contract and it’s provider annually and make a recommendation to the BOD on it’s acceptance. Ed Domine seconded, and the motion was carried without opposition. # E2005-041**

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

New Business

Aflac Insurance Presentation

Discussion ensued on ABATE of Illinois becoming a group sponsor of the insurance plan presented earlier in this meeting. It was agreed that the agent could run ads in the state or chapter newsletters to see if there is any interest, but ABATE of Illinois, Inc will not sponsor the program.

New Classification of Membership

Tabled due to absence of Paul Truax, who was to present information.

Rich Neb Award

Nominations need to be in to the office by December 1. Suggestion was made that previously nominated people could be submitted again. An ad will be put in the newsletter to solicit nominations.

Office Manager Job Evaluation/Pay Increase

Paulette Pinkham moved that the E Board go into Executive Session to discuss the Office Managers' evaluation and pay. Mike Straker seconded and the motion was carried without opposition. #E 2005-042 Visitors were asked to leave the room.

3:13 PM – 3.:33 PM – Executive Session

Bob Meyer motioned to recommend the BOD raise the Office Manager's pay by 25 cents to \$12.50 per hour and contribute another \$50 per month to her retirement account for a total of \$150 per month, and to raise one part time office assistant's pay by 25 cents per hour. Motion was seconded and passed, with opposition by Linda Pasetti-Olson. # E2005-043

Website Maintenance Contract

Discussion ensued on adding an addendum to the state website maintenance contract to allow for faster posting when needed. Ass't State Coord. will discuss the change with Ernie Steele to see if he is agreeable.

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

Break 3:45 - 3:57

Officer Reports

Legislative

Legislative Coord Cheryl Pearre was absent and sent no report.

PAC Reports

No reports were sent.

Products Coord

Coord. Renee Rumble was absent, but sent word that she would load the products inventory in the state trailer and it would be brought to the Oct BOD meeting, as she would not be the Coord. next year. It was suggested that the trailer could be parked at the Safety & Ed. storage unit in Springfield, with the electronics removed. Products electronics include a bar code scanner, a printer, a credit card reader, a PC, and a flatbed scanner, as well as possible other items, but no master list was kept.

Safety & Education

Paulette Pinkham discussed distribution of the S& E video at the coming Meeting of the Minds seminar. Requests from out of state organizations will be filled at \$7 per copy.

Assistant State Coordinator

Only two dates are currently open in Jan, at the Northfield Inn, for the 2007 state seminar. January 19-21, 2007 is being considered for that event.

He reported that 200 Heartland Steam pins were ordered and received for the 2006 event, which will be held at Stoney Creek in E Peoria, during the last full week in April.

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State Secretary

Secretary Linda Pasetti-Olson had nothing report, but was asked to consider a Peoria location for the Aug 2006 BOD meeting to coincide with the Grand National races. The suggestion will be brought up to the BOD in Oct for a vote. Tentative board meeting dates will be presented to the E Board in October.

Treasurer

Treasurer Julie Bacon has several checks outstanding and will research the office policy on checks over 90 days old.

Activities

Coordinator Carl Shamhart was absent and sent no report.

Public Relations

Coord. Deb King had nothing to report.

State Newsletter Coord.

Editor Ray Heck is corresponding with the trucking company on damages owed by them (\$790.22), due to their late delivery of state newsletter in August. State events are not charged for ads and it was requested they be advertised with a full-page ad if possible.

Bike Raffle Coord.

Coordinator Gus Miller was absent. Office Manager Pauli Ward reported that the new raffle bike, a new model Harley Davidson has been purchased. Second prize will be a Vespa scooter. Third prize will be another 4 wheel model, probably a Trail Boss model. Raffle tickets will be printed after the Vespa is received.

State Office

Office Manager Pauli Ward stated that she felt e-mails on state funds should be sent to the office thru the legislative or safety & education departments and not by individuals. The ABATE registration form has been changed again and chapters are being asked to use the new form on their websites and in newsletters.

Flatlanders Logo

Flatlanders chapter sent in a new logo for board approval. It was asked that 'Inc.' be added to 'ABATE of Illinois' and 'Abate' be all caps or all caps and periods. The size was also noted, as it was larger than the ABATE state patch. The logo will be returned to the chapter for revision and can be resubmitted after changes are made.

Regional Reports

NE Region – Coord. Ed Domine asked if anything has been received from the Rosemont motorcycle Expo. It is held in mid-February and he would like to get a booth at the non-profit rate. He will be arranging the 2006 state seminar in January, and plans to ask the local Springfield chapter and others for assistance.

Pactoberfest will be held October 8th. **NW Region** – Co-Coord. Rodger Larson stated that an Oct 8th event, at Union

Station, will donate the 5PM to 11 PM proceeds to ABATE of Illinois instead of to a local charity, as has been done in the past.

EC Region – Coord. Sharilyn Kibler-Russell was absent and sent no report.

WC Region – Coord. Mike Straker had nothing to report.

SE Region – Coord. Rick 'Doc' Jones was already gone.

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SW Region – Coord. Bob Myers reported the 2006 swap meet is scheduled for April 2nd. St Clair chapter will be changing their bylaws. An incident involving the State Police and some riders riding in a group was discussed as well as other incidents on towing at the state fair, and other motorcyclist who have been killed around the state.

Adjournment - Mike Starker moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:33 PM. Bob Meyer seconded. Motion was carried without opposition.

Paulette Pinkham motioned to re-open the meeting. Ed Domine seconded and the motion was carried with Mike Straker opposing.

Paulette Pinkham motioned that \$5,000 be pledged to the MRF at the Meeting of the Minds next week. Pauli Ward seconded. Paulette noted that per the state bylaws, the E Board can spend up to \$5,00 without BOD approval, and it was clarified that in 2005 \$6,000 had been given to the MRF by ABATE of Illinois, Inc. **Motion was carried without opposition.** #E2005-044 MRF donation will be put on the Oct BOD agenda.

Adjournment - Ed Domine moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:39 PM. Mike Straker seconded, and the motion was carried without opposition.

Attachments (distributed at meeting)

Sept E Board agenda

2-2006 Proposed Budgets (please contact State Treasurer for e-mail copies)