

ABATE of Illinois E Board Meeting – Oct 15, 2005

These minutes approved on Nov 12, 2005

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

Meeting Location – Brookens Hall
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. Activities Coord.-Carl Shamhart
8. Newsletter Coord.-Ray Heck
9. Public Relations Coord-Deb King
10. NE Region Coord.-Ed Domine
11. NW Region Co-Coord.-Todd 'Turk' Nichols & Roger Larson
12. EC Region Coord.- Sharilyn Kibler-Russell
13. WC Region Coord.-Mike Straker
14. SE Region Co-Coord.- Rick 'Doc' Jones
15. SW Region Coord-Bob Myers

Executive Board Members Absent

1. Products Coord.-Renee Rumble
2. Bike Raffle Coord-Gus Miller (in Joliet with raffle bike)
3. Legislative Coord - Cheryl Pearre

Others Present

1. "Mad Maxx" Mier-Will Co.
2. Dennis Lange-NW Suburban
3. Larry Haun-NW Suburban
4. Rick 'RO' Olson-So DuPage
5. Paul Truax-Lincoln Land
6. Crystal Shamhart-Ass't Activities/Crossroads
7. 'Razor' Swinda-Freedom by Choice
8. Barb Swinda-Freedom by Choic
9. Dan Harper-Chicago & Ass't Legislative
10. George Tinkham-Lincoln Land
11. Rodney Taylor-ABATE Legal Services

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.

Approval of Sept 2005 E Board Minutes

ABATE Scholarship – First sentence was changed to read 'Office Manager clarified that she overlooked one timely e-mail entry due to mislabel in the subject line.'

Region reports – Pactorfest reference was moved from NW Region report to NE Region report.

Bike Raffle Coord – 'Soft Tail Standard' was dropped and 'new model' Harley Davidson was added.

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

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Old Business

Aflac Ins.

No one followed up with agent Michelle Kruk on the presentation she gave last month to this board. After discussion it was decided not to contact her, but to wait for her to call back.

Approval of Sept 2005 Executive Session Minutes

Old business was tabled. **Ed Domine moved that the E Board go into Executive Session to approve the Executive session minutes. Todd ‘Turk’ Nichols seconded and the motion was carried without opposition. #E 2005-045** Visitors were asked to leave the room.

10:18 AM – 10:20 – Executive Session

Visitors were allowed to return.

Jim ‘Legs’ Korte moved to accept the Executive session minutes as amended, Carl Shamhart seconded and the motion carried without opposition.

Old Business was reopened.

Swap Meet Responsibilities

SW Region Coord. discussed his reasoning for returning responsibility of swap meets to the Activities Coord, instead of leaving it with the Region Coords. Activities stated he had too many events to do them all well and the swap meets had been regional events at one time. His current duties are State party, Freedom Rally & sled transport, and he will advise or oversee swap meets, but does not want sole responsibility for them. His assistant takes phone calls and answers questions when he is at work or not available. Only three or four chapters use the sled. Carl Shamhart stated he has a ‘cookbook’ ready to hand off for the Springfield swap meet, and that he, and Jim ‘Legs’ Korte, will prepare one for the Collinsville meet. Suggestion was made to make two copies of the books.

On Line Store

Store is now closed and Terry Hopkins was not present, but it was stated that the products tracking process is ready to be used as soon as a new Products Coord is elected.

New Class of Members

Paul Truax distributed paperwork on two classes of members he feels would benefit the organization. Life memberships to be allowed at a one time fee of \$400, which would be invested possibly in government bonds, with the interest to be used annually for state expenses. When the member passes away, the original \$400 dues amount would still be available to the state.
No

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bylaws change would be needed to implement this dues payment option.

- Honorary memberships which would be ‘at large members’, for one year only, and would be awarded without charge by recommendation of the E Board / BOD.

Paulette Pinkham motioned to postpone further E Board discussion or recommendations on establishment of ABATE life membership payment options. Mike Straker seconded and the motion was carried with 3 oppositions. # E2005- 046 Honorary memberships were discussed further and will require a bylaw change, which Paul Truax will submit today.

Web Site Contract

Question on Website Contract - Article 3 Section 5 *[The posting of information and materials for weekly and monthly updates, as specified under this Contract, will be performed using the following schedule. Items received by 5pm on a Friday will be posted no later than 5pm the following Tuesday.]* was raised in Sept when Office Manager wanted bike raffle winner names posted immediately on the state website. Jim ‘Legs’ Korte contacted Webmaster this month for clarification on late submissions and the names were posted early as requested. Amending the contract and Ernie Steel’s weekly procedures was discussed. Per earlier information from Ernie, the contract was set up this way so postings could all be done at one time, thereby reducing maintenance time required from the web master and resulting in a lower price being charged for his services. State Secretary was asked to call Ernie Steel again and ask for clarification on when items received after 5 PM Friday will be posted.

Sled Pull Fees

Reimbursement by chapters for sled use was discussed briefly at an earlier E Board meeting, and question was raised about chapters paying the ‘\$5 per pull’ fee. Office Manager stated today that no fees have been received. Additionally, mileage is charged at the federally allowed rate of 45-48 cents per mile, for taking the sled to an event and returning. Costs of maintaining a truck to transport the sled, such as such as front-end repair, which are not reimbursed, were discussed. Currently, use of the sled for motorcycle pulls is very low, but use by 4-wheelers is increasing. Activities Coord. asked if the sled could be rented by other organizations, as this would promote ABATE interests and provide income. **Todd ‘Turk’ Nichols motioned that the ABATE sled be made available for non-ABATE events, at a fee to be set by the Activities Coord. Rick ‘Doc’ Jones seconded.** Discussion ensued about a chapter proposal, possibly from Mid-State, setting sled pull fees. **Motion was postponed until an earlier proposal for sled fees could be found, or Activities Coord could propose current fees. # E2005-047**

Products

Products checking account has been closed and the balance was given to the state office today. In response to a question about Products position duties, it

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was stated that products should be available at the two state swap meets, the state party, the Freedom Rally, and the seminar. In addition, chapter orders are filled during the month by mail or at BOD meetings. Online store has been closed for two weeks now. Products are now packed in the state trailer, which will be taken to a storage yard today and Paulette Pinkham will take the electronics to her home. Products inventory list should be available on the Products PC.

Jim ‘Legs’ Korte moved to close Old Business. Todd ‘Turk’ Nichols seconded and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

New Business

2006 Board Meeting Dates

State Secretary distributed a list of proposed meeting dates with most meetings scheduled for the third Saturday of the month, and asked for suggestions. Discussion ensued on the need for a July E Board meeting. **Pauli Ward motioned to schedule the July E Board meeting as tentative, to be held if needed. Carl Shamhart seconded. Motion was carried without opposition.** # E2005- 048 August BOD meeting date will be discussed today at the BOD meeting. 2006 E Board meetings will be held at the Ramada Limited in Springfield, if dates are available. Reasoning for the long time rule against having alcohol available at board meetings was discussed.

Criteria for Seminar Awards

In order to allow all chapters a better chance to be recognized, suggestion was made to set and publish standards used for awards at the state seminar. Some chapters and their members have felt their contributions were overlooked in the past, when awards were given with no basic criteria set up, or even the knowledge of what awards would be given out. After discussion, it was decided that seminar and chapter awards should remain entirely up to each Coordinator’s discretion as to who was recognized, what criteria would be used, and if the criteria would differ from year to year.

Legal Services

It was stated that Rod Taylor has been filing the required paperwork annually with the state for ABATE Legal Services.

Past board minutes, pertaining to decisions made on Legal Service and exclusive advertising in state and chapter newsletters, were researched and made available today for the E Board, since some chapters have raised questions about that issue.

Rod Taylor spoke and discussed his workload as the attorney for ABATE Legal Services, noting that he recently handled the suit to stop raids on state funds by the Governor and other issues brought to him by the boards and members.

Chapter Logos/Patches

Sharilyn Kibler-Russell motioned to approve the patch/logo that Eastern chapter submitted to her. Todd ‘Turk’ Nichols seconded and the motion was carried

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without opposition. # E2005- 049 Notation was made that per the bylaws, chapter patches are not allowed to be bigger than the state ABATE patch.

Sharilyn Kibler-Russell motioned to approve the patch Flatlanders re-submitted, with ‘ABATE’ changed to capital letters. Deb King seconded and the motion was carried without opposition. # E2005- 050

Changing Chapter Membership

Discussion ensued on why members were allowed to change chapters only once per year. It was noted that members changing chapters in order to vote in multiple chapter elections had caused problems in the past and was the basis for that bylaw.

License Plate Designs

Several designs have been submitted and all rotating them annually will allow them all to be used.

Jim ‘Legs’ Korte moved to close New Business. Paulette Pinkham seconded and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM on a motion made by Mike Straker. Carl Shamhart seconded and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

Attachments (distributed at meeting)

Oct E Board agenda

Proposed Membership Payment Option and Honorary Members Info

Proposed Board Meeting Dates for 2006

Legal Service Issues - Past Board Minutes

Treasurer’s Report