

**ABATE of Illinois E Board Meeting – Nov 12, 2006**

**These minutes approved on Dec 17, 2006**

**State Office - ABATE of Illinois**

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Galesburg, Illinois 61401

**State Secretary – Linda Pasetti-Olson**

1922 Bradley Dr.  
Montgomery, Illinois 60538

**Executive Board of Directors - Regular Business Meeting – Nov. 2006**

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

**Executive Board Members Present**

1. State Coord.- Jim 'Legs' Korte
2. Ass't State Coord.- Ed Domine
3. Secretary-Linda Pasetti-Olson
4. Treasurer-Julie Bacon
5. Office Manager-Pauli Ward
6. Legislative Coord - Cheryl Pearre
7. Safety & Ed Coord-Paulette Pinkham
8. Activities Coord.-Carl Shamhart
9. Products Coord.-Open
10. Public Relations Coord-Deb King
11. Bike Raffle Coord-Gus Miller
12. NE Region Coord.- Rick 'RO'Olson & Mike Ryan
13. NW Region Co-Coord.-Todd 'Turk' Nichols & Roger Larson
14. EC Region Co-Coord.- Sharilyn Kibler-Russell & Jeff Marsh-arrived 10:03 AM

15. WC Region Coord.- Steve 'Rat' Surratt & Rodney Stage-arrived at 10:05 AM
16. SE Region Co-Coord.- Rick 'Doc' Jones
17. SW Region Coord Bob Myers

**Executive Board Members Absent**

1. Newsletter Coord.-Ray Heck-work
2. NW Region Co-Coord.- Roger Larson-work

**Others Present**

1. Crystal Shamhart-Ass't Activities/Crossroads
2. Paul Truax-Lincoln Land
3. Laura Mayer-Will Co.

**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. Jim 'Legs' Korte opened the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. with the pledge of allegiance. Recording of the meeting was discussed and announced. Roll was called and quorum was present.

**Approval of Oct 2006 E Board Minutes**

**Approval of Sept Executive Session Minutes** – “temporarily closed” was changed to ‘tabled’.

**New Class of Members**-“table” was changed to ‘postpone’.

**Sled Pull Fees**-“tabled” was changed to ‘postponed’.

**Products**- “inventory list is available” was changed to ‘inventory list should be available’

Spelling and numbering errors were corrected.

**Carl Shamhart motioned to approve the Sept minutes as amended. Todd ‘Turk’ Nichols seconded, and the motion carried without opposition.**

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**Old Business**

**Sled Pull Fees**

No written procedures were presented, but Activities Coord. Carl Shamhart stated that when ABATE chapters use the sled he will collect all money due for pulls and transport mileage on the day of the event, and he will send the pull fees to the office himself.

For non-ABATE events in a 75 to 150 mile radius - \$200 fee, in a 150 to 225 mile radius - \$225 fee, in a 225 to 300 mile radius - \$250 fee would be charged. These fees would be paid in advance, with nothing extra for pulls or transporting the sled, for non-ABATE rentals. Mileage to deliver the sled would be deducted from these fees and word of mouth advertising would be used to let other organizations know the sled is available. A generic flyer could be created. Written procedures will be presented at the December BOD for approval.

Chapters may transport the sled to their events, but would not be covered by state insurance while hauling it. Arrangements for pull fees would also need to be made.

**New Class of Memberships**

Discussion of a 'Life Membership Dues Payment Option', postponed from October, was resumed. Paul Truax was present and clarified his proposal in response to E Board questions. A one time cost of \$400 for dues, or 16 times the current dues rate, would be charged for a lifetime membership, then deposited in an interest bearing CD or other account. Annual interest would be used to pay for member benefits such as state newsletter etc. Life Memberships are not transferable and upon the member's death, the \$400 belongs to ABATE and could be spent or saved. Annual interest of 4% would earn \$16 per membership and 5% would earn \$20. Treasury bills are currently at 5 ½% interest. **Pauli Ward motioned to end discussion on the subject of lifetime dues. Bob Myers seconded and the motion was carried with Todd 'Turk' Nichols and Linda Pasetti 'Olson' opposing. # E2005-0051**

**2006 Budget**

Discussion was opened on how the 2006 budget could be balanced, per BOD motion # **B2005-052 [Lincoln Land motioned to send the budget back to the E Board for further revisions. Black Diamond seconded.]**. US Postal rates increases of 2 cents for 1<sup>st</sup> class letters in January have been announced, so cost to mail the newsletter and minutes will increase. Treasurer distributed copies of 2005 budget amounts, with expenses deducted as of October 31, 2005. The 2006 budget proposed today by the Treasurer was examined and a line item discussion of projected income ensued. No 2006 expenses were reduced, but it was stated that more accurate income amounts for 2005 were now available. So, 2006 income projections were raised to match expenses, which accounted for the balanced budget she was now presenting. A large increase in expected 2006 chapter donations was projected because some chapters have said they would return the \$5 chapter rebate from dues to the state. The state office will track the money returned by chapters separately, to determine the impact it has

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on donations. Some EC chapters are also agreeing to give 10% of their major events income back to the state, but other region chapters have also said they intended to reduce their state donations. **Paulette Pinkham motioned to recommend to the BOD that the 2006 budget, as presented today, be approved. Bob Myer seconded, and the motion was carried without opposition. # E2005-052**

**Paulette Pinkham motioned that the State Treasurer mail the 2006 budget as presented today, to the BOD, so they can be prepared to vote on it in December. Sharilyn Kibler-Russell seconded, and the motion was carried without opposition. # E2005-053**

**2006 Board Meetings**

Discussion ensued on 2006 E Board meeting locations. EC Region Co-Coord. Sharilyn Kibler-Russell stated that the Prairie Land building was still available at no cost for E Board meetings in the months when BOD meetings are not scheduled. The building had worked well last year except for alcohol issues and one meeting that had to be held outside. **Sharilyn-Kibler-Russell motioned to move the March, July, Sept & Nov. E Board meetings back to the Prairie Land building in Decatur, providing that inside access is granted for all meetings and that the building is closed to bar patrons with no alcohol service during the E Board meetings. Gus Miller seconded and the motion was carried without opposition. # E2005-054** Sharilyn will discuss these requirements with Prairie Land and get their agreement in writing before the meetings are moved.

**Motion was made, seconded and carried to close Old Business.**

**New Business**

**Paulette Pinkham motioned to record only oppositions in the minutes, when the E Board votes. Sharilyn Kibler-Russell seconded and the motion was carried with Linda Pasetti-Olson, Ed Domine, Todd ‘Turk’ Nichols, Mike Ryan and Gus Miller opposing. # E20056-055**

**Advertising of Bike Raffle Donors**

Discussion ensued on how bike raffle advertisements should be worded. Currently ‘supplied by’ verbiage is used on ads and tickets, but some felt this implied a donation. Since member, Dan Kaye at Vespa of Chicago had actually donated a Vespa scooter this year for the raffle, it was felt that a clearer distinction needed to be made between where prizes were purchased and when a donation was received. **Carl Shamhart motioned to redo the monthly state newsletter ad using ‘purchased from xxx’ to designate the dealers selling ABATE a bike and ‘donated by xxx’ to acknowledge Vespa of Chicago’s donation of the Vespa scooter. Motion was carried without opposition. # E2005-056**

### Products Coordinator Position

Laura Mayer from Will Co chapter was introduced and stated that she was prepared to perform the duties of the Products Coord. Discussion ensued on procedure to follow when a position was not filled during annual E Board elections. **Paulette Pinkham motioned that Laura Mayer fill the Products Coord. position as of today, and a recommendation be made to the BOD that Laura be elected Products Coord for the 2006 term. Todd ‘Turk’ Nichols seconded and the motion was carried without opposition. # E2005-057** The online products store will be opened as soon as the credit card acceptance can be set up in Laura’s name, and she will take all available products and electronics from storage home with her today.

### Chapter Newsletter Guidelines

Discussion ensued on complaints received by the E Board about an advertisement published recently in the Northern Illinois chapter newsletter. The impact on the state organization and all its members of publishing Nazi styled symbols, widely considered to be offensive and inflammatory, in a chapter newsletter was considered. **Rick ‘Doc’ Jones motioned that Northern Illinois chapter be requested to appear before the BOD, to explain an offensive advertisement published recently in their newsletter, and that a recommendation be made to the BOD about possible sanctions. Sharilyn Kibler-Russell seconded and the motion was carried without opposition. # E2005-058** E Board members will attend the next Northern Illinois chapter meeting, scheduled for this Wednesday, ask for a written plan of action to resolve this issue and recommend the chapter comply with these E Board requests. Another ad in that newsletter for a personal injury firm also ran. **Sharilyn Kibler-Russell motioned to send timely certified letters to all Northern Illinois chapter officers, notifying them that the chapter is in violation of ABATE policies and Board of Director votes. Deb King seconded and the motion was carried without opposition. # E2005-059**

### Legal Services Contract

Discussion ensued on the Legal Services contract and its administrator, Rod Taylor. Vote will be taken at December BOD to keep Rod Taylor or change attorneys. The current contract was signed in 1991. Ass’t State Coord. Ed Domine was asked to review the current contract, make any necessary changes, and present it to the BOD in the future for their approval. He will also review the actions Rod Taylor has taken on our behalf. **Dan Harper moved that a recommendation be made to the BOD that the Legal Services contract be accepted as it is written now, with Rod Taylor as the administrator. Paulette Pinkham seconded and the motion was carried without opposition. # E2005-060**

### E Board Goals for 2006

State Coord. distributed goal sheets for E Board members to fill out and briefly discussed the direction in which he would like the state organization to head.

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**Dan Harper moved to close New Business. Paulette Pinkham seconded and a unanimous vote carried the motion.**

**Break 11:29 AM – 11:49 PM**

**Officer Reports**

**Activities**

Coordinator Carl Shamhart reported on problems at the state party with a member previously barred, and asked for history on Mike Vestal, from previous board minutes. Sale of weapons at the party was also discussed and suggestion was made to tell vendors 'No Sales of Guns, or facsimiles'. One vendor has repeated ignored rules on pets, and will probably not vend at the party or the Helmet Roast next year. Carl stated again that signing up to work does not mean free admission to the party. Activities and games for the state party were discussed. 'Outhouse Races', Drag 'Dressing' Races and display of the raffle bike were all suggested. Gus Miller handles events at the party.

**Legislative**

Legislative Coord Dan Harper reported that SB 934 did not get out of committee and will be submitted again next year, as will the discrimination bill.

Primary state elections will be held on Tues. March 21, 2006.

No date has been set for ABATE's Legislative Day. Feb 22, Mar 1 or 22 are being considered, bases on both houses being in session.

Two Washington DC trips are being tentatively planned in 2006. Feb 26–28 with 4 people -Cindy Lannom to head and Mar 13-18 with 8 people - Mike 'Boz' Kerr to head (this trip may be shortened by one day).

Winnabago County is serving residents with notice that motorized bike tracts in their own yards are illegal.

**PAC Reports**

Per Dan Harper, \$4,300 was raised at the Pacterfest fundraiser, hosted by So Suburban chapter. State Coord advised that contact from Bruce Arnold should be ignored, as it appears to be just advertising.

**Products Coord**

Treasurer Julie Bacon stated that the computer files for Products are corrupted and not usable. Suggestion was made to contact Renee Rumble to ask for assistance. During the previous inventory counts were done and Renee handled entering them into the software. The old Products checking account has been closed and money was turned in to the state office. Treasurer suggested that the new Products Coordinator re-inventory all stock she receives and record sales of old stock as income. Amounts owed by chapters for products they already received are recorded, and will be collected by the new Products Coord. **Julie Bacon motioned that products inventory be recounted, with an E Board**

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**member present. Funds from old products checking account and leftover inventory will be used to start fresh for future product sales. Paulette Pinkham seconded and motion was carried without opposition. # E2005-061**

**Safety & Education**

Coord. Paulette Pinkham reported that she attended the IDOT (Illinois Dept of Transportation) motorcycle assessment panel discussion recently. Final plans from the panel should be ready by January. IDOT director Bob Young is retiring at the end of this year and his position will be contracted out.

State MC Administration (SMCA) head has recommended ABATE join the organization. Membership fees are \$1,000 per year.

**Assistant State Coordinator**

Ed Domine discussed State Seminar plans and workshop he would like to have available. Treasurer stated she would be working on 990's with chapter Treasurers and not actually giving a workshop. Several other Coord will lead workshops to train members on how to fill their chapter positions.

Will Co. member submitted the state license plate design chosen for 2006.

**Treasurer**

Treasurer Julie Bacon will be mailing 990 information requests to all chapter Treasurers before the Dec BOD meeting.

**State Secretary**

Secretary Linda Pasetti-Olson distributed a list of chapters who have missed BOD meetings to the Region Coordinators for their use, and noted that Wayne Co has been absent from BOD meetings for almost two years now.

East Central Region Coordinators clarified that Freedom Valley was present at the August, BOD meeting, but did not ask that the Aug BOD minutes be corrected in Oct. Secretary will add note to final Oct BOD minutes.

Treasurer Julie Bacon asked to have E Board minutes mailed to her earlier, since she does not have e-mail.

**Public Relations**

Coord. Deb King is still working on stickers for trailers and trucks and will have on to show the BOD in December.

**State Newsletter Coord.**

Editor Ray Heck was absent and sent no report. Discussion ensued about the effectiveness of trucking the paper downstate for faster delivery. He will be asked if he has tested the delivery for it's effectiveness.

**Bike Raffle Coord.**

Coordinator Gus Miller reported he attended 57 events with the bikes last year. For the 2006 bike raffle, . 1<sup>st</sup> prize is a Harley Davidson Heritage Standard, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize is a Vespa scooter (donated thru member Dan Kay of Vespa of Chicago),

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and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize is a Polaris Predator. Bike raffle tickets should be available for the December BOD meeting. Gus recommended that a letter be sent to Dan Kay thanking him for the donation of the scooter.

The truck used to transport raffle bikes has 99,000 miles on it and is in good condition, except for the tires. Trailer is good also.

Number of bike raffle tickets sold in 2005 is available from the state office.

### **State Office**

Office Manager Pauli Ward discussed number of plaques to order for the state seminar. **Sharilyn Kibler-Russell motioned that a plaque be given to the former Products Coord. at the seminar this year. Linda Pasetti-Olson seconded and the motion carried without opposition. # E2005-062**

Pauli stated that because one of the part-time office workers had quit Julie Bacon's hours would be increased. Last year that part timer worked about 144 hrs and Julie has worked about 400 hours so far this year.

Jacuzzi rooms are available for the seminar and can be requested by E board members.

BOD needs to approve office raises in December. **Jeff Marsh moved that a recommendation be made to the BOD that office raises will be retroactive to Nov 1,2005, as that is Pauli Ward's anniversary date. Paulette Pinkham seconded, and the motion was passed without opposition. # E2005-063**

### **Regional Reports**

**NE Region** – Co-Coord. Rick Olson / Mike Ryan discussed plans for the ABATE booth at the Donald Stephens Center Motorcycle Expo, in Rosemont next Feb.

**NW Region** – Co-Coord. Todd 'Turk' Nichols noted chapter elections are coming up in that region.

**EC Region** – Co-Coord. Sharilyn Kibler-Russell / Jeff Marsh thanked everyone for help in the past year and stated they are recommending that chapters in the region give a percentage of major event income back to the state. They would like to be called first if/when chapter problems arise. Sharilyn is researching cost of a 2007 ABATE calendar using state printing. Better BOD attendance will be stressed to region chapters.

**WC Region** – Co- Coord. Steve Surratt / Rodney Stage will be attending chapter meetings and will also ask for better BOD attendance. WC region may sponsor a 'hospitality room' at the state seminar in Jan.

**SE Region** – Coord. Rick 'Doc' Jones stated that Lincoln Land chapter members may need to be informed about state audit results Julie Bacon questioned why receipts from the Springfield Swap meet drawings are distributed differently from the Collinsville Swap meet.

**SW Region** – Coord. Bob Myers stated that St Clair chapter is doing better. He

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will attend Back Roads chapter meeting and offer his assistance.

**Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM on a motion made by Rodney Stage. Todd 'Turk; Nichols seconded and a unanimous vote carried the motion.**

**Attachments (distributed at meeting)**

**Nov E Board agenda**

**Proposed 2006 Budget**

**Treasury Report (Copies available from state office)**