

ABATE of Illinois Board of Directors Meeting – Dec 17, 2005

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Board of Directors - Regular Bi-Monthly Business Meeting – Dec. 2005

Meeting Location – Brookens Auditorium
University of Illinois at Springfield, One University Plaza
Springfield, Illinois 62703

Executive Board Members Present

1. State Coord.- Jim ‘Legs’ Korte
2. Secretary-Linda Pasetti-Olson
3. Treasurer-Julie Bacon
4. Office Manager-Pauli Ward
5. Legislative Coord – Dan Harper
6. Safety & Ed Coord-Paulette Pinkham
7. Activities Coord.-Carl Shamhart
8. Newsletter Coord.-Ray Heck
9. Products Coord.- Laura Mayer
10. Public Relations Coord-Deb King
11. Bike Raffle Coord-Gus Miller
12. NE Region Co-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
15. WC Region Coord.- Steve ‘Rat’ Surratt
& Rodney Stage
16. SE Region Co-Coord.- Rick ‘Doc’ Jones
17. SW Region Coord Bob Myers

Executive Board Members Absent

1. Ass't State Coord.- Ed Domine
(working)

Chapters Present

1. Apple Creek
2. Arrowhead
Valley
3. Backroads
4. Black Diamond
5. BOG
6. Central
7. Chicago
8. Children of the
Corn
9. Crawford Co.
10. Crossroads
11. Dukane
12. Eastern Illinois.
13. Embarras Valley
14. Flatlanders
15. Ford Co.
16. Franklin Co
17. Freebird

18. Freedom by
Choice
19. Freedom Riders
20. Freedom Valley
21. Freeport
22. Fulton Co.
23. Great River
24. Heart of Illinois
25. Heartland
26. Heritage Trail
27. Kishwaukee
Valley
28. Lamoine Valley
29. Liberty
30. Lincoln Land
31. Midstate
32. Northern
33. NW Suburban
34. Old River
35. Open Roads

36. Peo-Taz
37. Piasa-Gateway
38. Prairieland
39. Salt Creek
40. Shawnee Hills
41. Shoal Creek
42. So. Suburban
43. So. DuPage
44. So. Freedom
45. Starved Rock
46. Tri-County
47. ThunderRock
48. Twin Rivers
49. Westgate
50. Will County

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Chapters Absent

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| 1. Blackhawk | 5. Jasper Co. | 9. Union Jack |
| 2. Hubbard Trail | 6. Pike Co. | 10. Wabash Valley |
| 3. Illinois River | 7. So. Illinois | |
| 4. Iron Riders | 8. St. Clair 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'.

Previous motions referenced in italics in these minutes with '# E or # B' are from the E Board and BOD respectively, which is followed by the year they were adopted.

Motions to accept minutes, reports and adjournment are not numbered.

Call to Order

State Coordinator Jim 'Legs' Korte opened the meeting to order at 1:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. It was announced that board meetings are recorded to insure accurate minutes.

Approval Oct 2005 Minutes

Discussion ensued about how information was removed from Aug meeting minutes. Per Robert's Rules of Order (pg 160) – A line is drawn through expunged material, and expunged material should still be readable. Further discussion was moved to business section of the meeting. Changes to the Oct minutes were:

2006 State Budget – Last sentence before motion # B2005-053 “and gave a check for \$500 towards the budget shortfall” was removed. Since the budget was sent back to the E Board for revision, the check was not given.

Spelling and grammatical errors were corrected.

Freeport moved to approve the Oct minutes as amended. Crossroads seconded, and the motion was carried without opposition

Old Business

2006 Proposed Budget

Copies of the proposed 2006 budget were mailed to chapter addresses after the Nov. E Board. State Treasurer explained that the amount of expected income for 2006 had been increased which brought the new budget into balance.

Freeport motioned to accept the revised 2006 budget as presented. Heart of Illinois seconded. Motion was carried without opposition # B2005-059

Office Manager Pay

Heart of Illinois motioned to accept the E Board recommendations to raise the pay of the Office Manager by 25 cents per hour (to \$12.50 per hour) and to pay an additional \$50 per month into her retirement fund (for a total of \$150 per month). Additionally recommended was a 25-cent per hour raise for one part-time office assistant. All increases to be retro-active to October. Open Roads seconded. Discussion ensued on the 50% increase in retirement funding and the amount of work done in the office. Question was

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called, seconded and voted. **Motion was carried by the BOD, with opposition by Lincoln Land and Dukane. # B2005-060**

MRF Donation

Per motion # B2004-048 (August 2004) [*Chicago motioned to fund the MRF for 2005 at a minimum rate of \$.50 per member, to be pledged at the Meeting of the Minds 2004 and given no later than January 2005, and after 6 months to review, assess and fund the MRF accordingly if needed. The 2005 MRF funding should be taken from our operating reserve, commonly known as savings. Mid-State seconded. Motion was carried with Heart of Illinois, Peo-Taz and ThunderRock opposing.*] and motion # B2005-037 (June 2005) [*Mid-State motioned to postpone discussion of restoring MRF funding until the August BOD, when funds from the state party will be available. Fulton Co seconded and the motion was carried. Opposing were with Central, Dukane, Westgate, NW Suburban and Chicago.*], MRF funding was discussed. No MRF donation was allowed for in the proposed 2006 budget accepted earlier today, but per E Board motion # E2005-044 (Sept 2005) [*Paulette Pinkham motioned that \$5,000 be pledged to the MRF at the Meeting of the Minds next week. Pauli Ward seconded. Motion was carried without opposition.*] a 2006 pledge of \$5,000 was made to the MRF this year. **Dukane motioned to postpone any vote on further MRF funding, in order to allow discussion by the E Board and at chapter meetings to take place. Second not recorded.** Chicago noted that their chapter and another chapter had also pledged \$5,000 each, giving the MRF a total of \$15,000 from Illinois in 2006. **Motion was carried with Franklin Co. opposing # B2005-061**

Aug 2006 BOD Meeting Date

Per motion # B2005-056 (Oct 2005), [*Freeport motioned to change the August BOD meeting to one week later, Heart of Illinois seconded. After discussion, Lincoln Land motioned and Freeport seconded, to table the vote on changing the Aug BOD date, until the Grand Nationals dates are set. Motion was carried.*] discussion ensued on changing the Aug 19th BOD meeting date so as not to coincide with the Peoria races. **Heart of Illinois moved to change the August 19th, 2006 BOD meeting date to Aug 26, which is the week after the Peoria races. Will Co seconded. Motion was carried with Central opposing. # B2005-062**

2006 Legislative Agenda

Legislative Coord. Dan Harper discussed the two pieces of legislation that will be targeted by ABATE next year. The Anti-Seizure Bill, which will prevent bike seizures for equipment violations such as loud pipes and the Anti-Discrimination Bill, which was pulled last year when a gay-rights group attached their wording to our bill. Also included will be a review of right of way legislation with various State's Attorney Offices and coordinating different chapters to work together as a group instead of individually, to get current laws enforced. **Freeport motioned to accept the proposed Legislative agenda for 2006 as presented to the BOD in October. Peo-Taz seconded. Motion was carried with no opposition. # B2005-063**

Funeral Patch Program

NW Suburban Rep brought motion # B2005-057 (Oct 2005) forward [*Freeport motioned to postpone discussion of forming an ABATE 'Honor Guard' to attend funerals of ABATE members, until a 2006 budget has been approved. Kishwaukee Valley seconded, and the motion was carried without opposition.*] Explanation was made that the patches would be given to families of ABATE members that passed away and the patch could also be sold to members. He displayed the patch he proposed using and explained different financing options, as well as offering to administer the program. Discussion ensued and some chapters felt the program / patch would duplicate the RIP patches most chapters already make up for members who die.. **Freeport motioned to reject the proposal for a funeral patch and program. Kishwaukee seconded. Motion was carried with agreement from Central, Freedom Riders, Freedom Valley, Freebird, Prairie Land, Lincoln Land, Great River, Freeport, Embarrass Valley, Flatlanders, Heart of Illinois, Open Roads, Kishwaukee Valley, Eastern, Shoal Creek, Back Roads, Ford Co, Tri Co, Children of the Corn, Crossroads, Heritage Trail, Salt Creek, Piasa-Gateway, Liberty, Northern, Westgate, Freedom by Choice. In opposition was NW Suburban, Peo-Taz, So DuPage, Dukane, Franklin Co, Starved Rock, Mid-State, Brothers of Grundy, Will Co, Chicago, Heartland, Old River. # B2005-064**

Amending Board Minutes

Further discussion of amending the minutes was relinquished.

Crossroads motioned to close Old Business. Piasa-Gateway seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Products Coordinator Position

At the Nov E Board meeting, Laura Mayer from Will Co volunteered to fill this open position. Per motion # E2005-057 (Nov 2005) [*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.*], the BOD was given the option of appointing her to the position or opening the nomination process. **Heart of Illinois motioned to appoint Laura Mayer to the position of Products Coord. for the rest of the 2006 term. Shoal Creek seconded. The motion was carried with opposition from Thunder Rock. # B2005-065** Suggestion was made that the products inventory be reduced.

Legal Services

Per motion # E2005-060 [*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.*],

Mid-State motioned to accept Rod Taylor to administer the ABATE of Illinois, Inc. 'Legal Services Program. Eastern seconded. Discussion followed on the existence of a Legal Services Program contract. BOD was assured that a contract does exist and will be reviewed at the seminar by the State and Assistant State Coords. and Attorneys Rod Taylor and George Tinkham. In response to questions, George Tinkham clarified that exclusive advertising in state and chapter newsletters was not part of the contract, but was adopted specifically by the BOD shortly after the contract was signed in 1991. A list of services provided by Rod Taylor was distributed to the BOD. Question was called, seconded and passed. **Motion was carried with South Suburban, Kishwaukee and Northern opposing. # E2005-066**

Rich Neb Award

No valid nominations were received this year and the award will not be given. It was announced that Rich Neb died on November 7th, 2005 and giving the award to his family was discussed. Decision was made to have a memorial for Rich at the 2006 State Seminar instead and a moment of silence was offered for him today.

Panel & Committee Appointments

MRF (Motorcycle Rider's Foundation) Rep for Illinois – Jim 'Legs' Korte was nominated by Dukane and seconded by Freebird. Nomination accepted.

AMA (American Motorcycle Assoc.) District 17 Rep – Jim Viverito withdrew his acceptance of a nomination from October, in a letter to the BOD. The Dist 17 board has been asked for a list of requirements for the position, but has not responded yet. Current Rep Dick 'Heavy' Carr agreed to stay on until the position is filled, and he clarified that the Dist 17 board is made up solely of promoters and dealers. Bylaw issues pertaining to future District 17 voting rights on the ABATE BOD were questioned and only ABATE chapters will be voting.

Peo-Taz nominated John Harris to be seated as the AMA Dist 17 Rep. Mid-State seconded. Nomination was accepted. After the Jan 2006 meeting, the Dist 17 board does not meet again until Sept. and recommendation was made that the seat not be filled at this time, so the opening could be taken back to chapter members. 'Heavy' stated that the rep must be an AMA member, but could live outside District 17. **Peo-Taz motioned to table AMA Dist 17 Rep nominations until other panel/committee appointments were finished. Freeport seconded. Motion was carried with no opposition. #B2005-067**

DNR (Dept of Natural Resources) Rep - Terry Hopkins was appointed as the DNR Rep by the BOD in Oct. However, the current DNR Rep (Kevin O'Meara) has expressed interest in retaining the position. **Thunder Rock motioned to retain the appointment of Terry Hopkins as the DNR Rep for ABATE of Illinois. Lincoln Land seconded.** Discussion ensued that DNR meetings are closed and information can't be relayed until grants are finalized in March, and that the reps term is for two years. Question was called, seconded and passed. **Motion was carried with agreement by So Freedom, So DuPage, Freeport, Great River, Lincoln Land, Thunder Rock, Embarrass Valley, Dukane, Twin Rivers, Arrowhead Valley, Starved Rock, Black**

Diamond, Flatlanders, Kishwaukee Valley, Open Roads, Heart of Illinois, Eastern, Shoal Creek, Brothers of Grundy, Crossroads, Will Co, Children of The Corn, Tri Co, Ford Co, Back Roads, Heritage Trail, Chicago, Piasa-Gateway, Liberty, Northern, Westgate, Freedom by Choice. Opposing were Central, Shawnee Hills, Freedom Riders, Peo-Taz, Freedom Valley, Freebird, Franklin Co, So Suburban, Midstate. # B2005-068

Off Road Panel – Current members are Jim Viverito, Terry Hopkins, Chuck Williams, Todd Darr, Diana Smoot, Larry Weatherford, and Jeff King.

Chicago motioned to retain all current members. Seconded by Freeport. Motion carried without opposition. # B2005-069

Bylaw Review Committee – Appointments are done by Region.

NE Region – Terry Hopkins (Rep) and Ray Heck (Alt) nominated, Chicago motioned to retain both. Dukane seconded. Motion carried with no oppositions.

NW Region – Mike May (Rep) and Neal Toepfer (Alt) nominated. Twin Rivers motioned to retain both. Open Roads seconded. Motion carried with Kishwaukee opposing.

EC Region – John Burgett nominated. Children of the Corn motioned to retain. Eastern seconded. Motion carried without opposition.

WC Region – Rodney Stage nominated. Freebird motioned to retain. Freedom Valley seconded. Motion carried without opposition.

SE Region – Bill Bennett (Rep) and Jim Gwinn (Alt) nominated. Crossroads motioned to retain. Franklin Co seconded. Motion carried without opposition.

SW Region – Ed Show nominated. Back Roads motioned to retain. Shoal Creek seconded. Motion carried without opposition.

Bylaw Review Committee - seated as accepted. Motion # B2005-070

Conservation Congress – Lincoln Land motioned to remove the Conservation Congress seat, due to disbanding of that body by Illinois. Dukane seconded. Motion carried without opposition. # B2005-071

Strategic Planning Panel – Kristen Koller, Terry Hopkins, John Burgett, Brian ‘Hopsing’ Oliver, Bill ‘Howdy’ and Donna Mills, Bill Bennett, Mike Meyers, Bill Chaplain, Jim Homorody. Thunder Rock motioned to retain all current members. Freebird seconded. Motion carried with no oppositions. \$ B2005-072

ABATE PAC – Term is for 2 years. Piasa-Gateway motioned to retain Mary Burgett, Deb King, Neal Toepfer and Tom Cooper and to add John Harris and ‘Mad’ Maxx Meier to fill out the rest of this 2-year term. Motion was carried without opposition. # B2005-073

FEDPAC – Heart of Illinois motioned to retain current members - Mike ‘Boz’ Kerr, Cindy Lannom and Bob ‘Korg’ Ward. Open Roads seconded. Motion was carried without opposition. # B2005-074

Northern Illinois Chapter - Letter of Sanction

Letter sent to Northern Illinois chapter was read, detailing Northern chapter issues that the E Board felt failed to comply with approved procedures and policies of ABATE of Illinois, Inc. Specifically cited was the inclusion of an offensive ‘Nazi’ emblem, and an advertisement for an attorney on the ABATE

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Non- Preferred Vendors list, both in their recent chapter newsletter. Dave ‘Spock’ White president of Northern came forward to represent the chapter.

Point of order was raised to limit uninterrupted time allowed him to present his case. **Lincoln Land motioned to limit the Northern chapter president to ten minutes of uninterrupted time on each charge to address the board, and a limit of one minute each, for questions or rebuttal. Freeport seconded. Motion was carried with opposition from Fulton Co, Lamoine Valley, Thunder Rock, Freedom Valley, Prairieland, Black Diamond, Heart of Illinois, Midstate, Brothers of Grundy, Ford Co, Crawford Co and Freedom by Choice. # B2005-075** Handouts were distributed to the BOD by Northern Illinois, supporting it’s reasons for ignoring policy voted on and approved by the BOD. Much discussion ensued about the effects on the organization and individual members, due to the offensive symbols that were printed in its newsletter. On the issue of ‘Nazi’ emblems, it was stated that the emblem was published in error and the ad should have been proof read better. Dave ‘Spock’ White apologized and said it would not happen again. **Prairieland motioned to accept Northern Illinois’ apology for printing an offensive emblem in their newsletter and move on to the second charge violation the chapter was being sanctioned for. Kishwaukee seconded.** Question was called, seconded and passed. **Motion was carried with opposition by NW Suburban, Lincoln Land, Midstate, Brothers of Grundy, Freedom by Choice, Shoal Creek and Central. # B2005-076**

On the issue of printing an ad in the chapter newsletter, from an attorney on the Non-Preferred Vendors list (Michael Hupy and Associates), Northern referred to a contract they said they had entered into, to run the ad for two more years and exclaimed that attorney’s virtues. Much discussion ensued about the reason for limiting personal injury attorney ads, and ads from this attorney specifically. BOD and E Board minutes from around 1995, included in the handout from Northern, clearly showed that the BOD had set policy at that time with their motions and votes on this issue.

Dukane motioned that any member or officer of Northern Illinois Chapter of Abate of Illinois that publishes, mails or hands out offensive materials or violates the chapter newsletter and Flyers guidelines from this date forward shall have their membership revoked for a period on not less than 5 years, subject to the Bylaws of ABATE of Illinois. If any article, ad or flyers in any publication from the Northern Illinois Chapter violates BOD set policy or State Bylaws, then all officers and members involved with these actions will be called to the very next BOD meeting with the expressed purpose of removing their membership for a period of not less than five years.

Furthermore, all flyers, publications and newsletters for the Chapter must: 1.) Be sent to the State Coordinator and the state office until further notice from the BOD. (This will serve as an ongoing check.)

2.) All officers of the Northern Illinois Chapter must approve any and all flyers, publications, and Newsletters before being mailed until further notice from the BOD.

If any of the above is not followed, all members and officers involved will be called to the State Board of Directors for the expressed purpose of having their membership removed for a period of not less than 5 years. Brothers of Grundy seconded. More discussion ensued. Question was called, seconded and passed to vote. **Motion was carried with agreement from So Freedom, So DuPage, Lamoine Valley, Freeport, Lincoln Land, NW Suburban, Thunder Rock, Freedom Valley, Dukane, Embarrass Valley, Twin Rivers, Arrowhead Valley, Franklin Co, Old River, Heart of Illinois, Starved Rock, Black Diamond, Flatlanders, Open Roads, Midstate, Eastern, Brothers of Grundy, Shoal Creek, Crossroads, Ford Co, Tri Co, Salt Creek, Heartland, Children of the Corn, Heritage Trail, Crawford Co, Liberty, Freedom by Choice and Westgate. Opposing were Northern, Piasa-Gateway, Chicago, Back Roads, Will Co, Kishwaukee Valley, So Suburban, Central, Shawnee Hills, Peo-Taz, Fulton Co, and Freebird. Motion # B2005-077**

Discussion ensued to clarify that the chapter newsletter etc. did not have to be checked by the state before being sent out. The chapter board / officers would be responsible for content and the state was to simply be included in all distributions.

2007 ABATE Calendar

EC Region Co-Coord. Sharilyn Kibler-Russell has researched putting together a calendar in 2007 for ABATE of Illinois, Inc's 20th anniversary. With advertising revenue, she feels 5,000 copies could be printed for about 96 cents per copy and to be sold for \$5.00 each. Chapters and the state would each realize a share of the profits. **Open Roads motioned to move forward with production of an ABATE calendar for 2007. Eastern seconded. Motion was carried without opposition. # B2005-078**

Chicago motioned to close New Business. Crossroads seconded. Motion carried with Lincoln Land opposing.

E Board Officer Reports

Legislative Coordinator

Dan Harper distributed a packet of information to BOD members, containing local, state, federal details, etc, (included with attachments).

Federal Issues – HR 2793 (HIPAA legislation) and HR 2048 (Right to Repair Act) - Call your congressmen and ask them to sign on to both bills.

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State Issues – Illinois Cycle Rider Training program -Team Oregon is being piloted in Illinois this year and will be compared to the currently used MSF training program. Legal threats to Colorado by the MSF are being monitored and appear to be unfounded

Local Issues – Winnebago Co has pulled backyard ATV bans from their city agenda and will attend Thunder Rock and Kishwaukee Valley chapter meetings to discuss their issues and talk to members. Numbers are needed at these meetings on Jan 8th and phone calls will also need to be made. Zoning issues there involve permits to ride in backyards, which are being designated as ‘tracks’ by the city.

So DuPage has requested a meeting with States Attorney Joe Birkett regarding a member’s death, which is being treated as an accident as opposed to reckless driving.

Break at 3:22 PM - 3:40 PM

Reopen New Business

Lincoln Land motioned to reopen new business. NW Suburban seconded. Motion was carried with Fulton Co, Prairieland and Westgate opposing. Lincoln Land motioned to reinstate a Ways and Means panel to help with preparation and BOD understanding of the state budget. Dukane seconded. #B2005-079 Discussion ensued on the need for Ways and Means and how it functioned the last time it was used. Unanswered budget questions this year and the need to pass a budget without enough information supplied to the BOD, to make financial decisions, were cited as reasons to reform the panel. Reasons against reforming included ineffective results from the last Ways and Means panel. **Fulton Co motioned to postpone discussion of a Ways & Means panel. Backroads seconded. Motion to postpone was carried with Liberty and Franklin Co opposing. #B2005-080**

Chicago motioned to re-close New Business. Crossroads seconded. Motion was carried.

FED PAC

Cindy Lannom reported. Board report is included with minute attachments. Current treasury is at \$23,643.10. Another FEDPAC raffle is planned for 2006, tickets available at the seminar. A FEDPAC workshop and the usual Friday night fundraiser will be held at the seminar in January. Silent auction prizes are always needed. All ABATE members are invited to attend the FEDPAC meeting scheduled to be held at the seminar. The PAC will be reviewing federal candidates and making recommendations soon.

Shawnee Hills urged all chapters to make regular FEDPAC donations.

State ABATE PAC

Mary Burgett reported that the State PAC balance sheet will no longer be distributed to the BOD, but will be reported verbally and is available online. Currently the PAC treasury has \$17,209.33, with \$5,000 earmarked for 2006 voter’s guides. Monetary donations have been slow and silent auction prizes for the Sat night seminar auction are still needed. A seminar workshop on State PAC will be held. Several checks were given today.

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Safety and Education

Paulette Pinkham announced a workshop and two poster contests for the seminar. One poster for use in high schools and one for bike oriented businesses. Drinking and driving has been highlighted in other states and will be a big focus in the coming year.

Yard signs with wires are being sold again this year for \$2.50 each. Orders need to be received and paid by the end of February. Send a check to the state office. Signs are printed every two years.

Colorado has sent a letter out about problems they encountered with the MSF concerning use of the Team Oregon curriculum in their state motorcycle rider-training program. While the Illinois Cycle Rider Training program is free, some states charge riders to attend theirs. Paulette explained some differences in state rider training programs and read the letter from Colorado ABATE stating that the MSF stated that Team Oregon programs couldn't legally be used in Colorado or elsewhere. Illinois will monitor this issue, as Team Oregon is currently being piloted here. No problems are expected here, due to the way the program in Illinois is set up. Bob Young and his staff at IDOT have been notified, as they oversee the training in Illinois. U of I will be using Team Oregon materials next year.

Paulette is asking the NHTSA Illinois Region 5 panel to set a committee to represent various Illinois rider groups.

ABATE notepads, mints and other items are being considered for school presentations giveaways.

Unreliability of NHTSA statistics was discussed, graphs available at the seminar.

Lincoln Land detailed problems their chapter has had in obtaining Safety & Ed supplies from the State S & E Coord. Paulette said the problem had been corrected.

Products

Laura Mayer announced a drawing would be held today to reduce left over inventory. Suggestions for new products are needed.

Secretary

State Secretary Linda Pasetti-Olson reminded reps that board minutes are available by e-mail for use in chapter reports or articles. Hard copies will still be sent to all chapters. She is working on getting all of the old board minutes on her laptop and requested help in scanning them into word documents. A secretary's workshop will be held at the seminar.

In response to a question on distribution of E Board minutes, Linda stated that draft E Board minutes are distributed only after approval by the E Board to prevent possible mis-information from going out. Lincoln Land stated that he would like to be able to follow up on E Board issues discussed, in a more timely matter.

Ass't State Coord

Absent due to work obligations. No report sent

State Office Manager

Pauli Ward has bike raffle tickets available and announced the Christmas party at Bootleggers today.

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PR Coord

Coord. Deb King ask BOD reps to be sure to take information handouts back to their chapters. Large ABATE posters leftover from previous years, were given to any chapter rep that wanted them.

She presented a peel off ABATE sticker for use on trailers and trucks, which will be sold at the seminar from Products. 50 are available and can reserved.

She has researched billboards in the Springfield area, cost is \$550 plus setup, and feels they would not really be cost effective. Instead she proposes distributing ABATE placemats to family restaurants during Motorcycle Awareness month (May). Cost is 3.5 cents each.

Deb also would like to pursue billboards in each region and asked for any assistance chapters could give. The Tri Co rep volunteered his services, Chicago has access to a free billboard, college graphic design class services as well as lighted 'print only' boards were also suggested.

An ABATE ad has been placed in 'Vintage Bike' programs for use this summer.

Newsletter

Editor Ray Heck noted that the Dec paper was all black and white to cut costs. Postage rates are going up in January. Every 1 cent raise will cost us \$1,200 more per year to mail out the newsletter. Newsprint is also costing more.

Currently, \$225 per month is spent to truck the papers to Galesburg for mailings to the southern part of the state. For the next two months, all papers will be sent from Calumet City. Southern chapter are being asked to send him feedback from on when their paper is delivered in Jan and Feb.

Ray presented a letter/flyer for chapters to give business that might want to advertise in the state paper. He emphasized that his intent is not to take chapter advertisers, but just to offer the state paper as a supplemental option for ads.

Treasurer

State Treasurer Julie Bacon reported that 990's are being mailed out to chapter Treasurers. Problems in some chapters included -

So Freedom - no officers, forms were sent to the last years president,

Wayne Co – only 8 members, forms were sent to last known president,

Illinois River – WC Region, no officers, no one lives at last address on file, 990 papers still needs to be filled out.

A 990 workshop will be available at the seminar if Treasurers need help they will need to bring their paperwork and receipts

Julie noted that she does not pay all monthly bills, some checks are written by the office manager.

In response to inquires she has received at past BOD meetings, she detailed some items listed on the monthly budget reports.

From the Treasurer's Report **Balance Sheet – Current Assets** –

Checking, Savings, and Memorial Fund balances are listed and totaled

Other Current Assets - Laser plaques the state has already paid for to be given out at the seminar. That amount is reimbursed from the officer's budgets

Net Fixed Assets – Depreciation on the ABATE truck and trailer

Other Assets – CD - Lobby is set up to pay the lobbyist contract in the event that ABATE of Illinois is without funds

Total Assets – total of all ABATE's assets

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Liabilities and Equity –

AF – these are ‘Associate Funds’ which are earmarked for the use as listed

Billboard - expenses paid by the state from chapter money donated specifically for them, and then this fund is reimbursed

Region funds - donated from chapters and earmarked for use by the Coord. in that region

Payroll Liabilities - payroll taxes that ABATE pays for the year

Long Term Liabilities – similar to Associate Funds, in that donated money is specifically earmarked for these items

Equity –

Memorial Fund – the amount accumulated over the year

Unbudgeted Items – these are items that were not budgeted for the year, but were approved to be paid out of savings (these items are listed separately on the next page)

Retained Earnings – accumulated money or shortfall over the years, actual amounts after all income and expenses are calculated

Net Income – money put into savings, that was left over from the previous budget year

Next BOD meeting another part of the budget will be detailed, so that BOD reps can learn how to read it properly and explain it to their chapters.

Ways & Means question was raised and Julie explained briefly how the budget process proceeds. Progress update on establishing CD accounts for savings to generate better interest (Aug 05 BOD meeting) was requested. Currently about 1% interest is being received on savings. Treasurer is checking CD rates and the BOD will discuss amount to be invested

Activities Coord.

Coord. Carl Shamhart reported on upcoming swap meets – Springfield on Feb 19th and Collinsville April 2.

May 7th Freedom Rally paperwork is underway.

State party will be held the weekend after Father’s day this year–June 23, 24, 25. Bands are being discussed.

Per an E Board decision, the sled will be rented out to other organizations and proposed fees have been established at \$200 - \$300 depending on location, plus hotel expenses if needed. Chapter fees of \$5 per pull plus Carl’s gas to deliver the sled will stay the same. Discussion ensued on reserving dates for the sled. Carl stated he could not commit to reserved dates for outside rentals without the BOD’s authority to sign a contract with them. **Brothers of Grundy motioned to give the Activities Coord. authority to sign contracts for rental dates of the sled on a ‘first come, first served’ basis. Old River seconded. Motion was carried with opposition from Great River. # B2005-081**

Bike Raffle Coordinator

Coord. Gus Miller reported he has received the new bikes and has already traveled to about six events selling raffle tickets.

Shoal Creek rep discussed outhouse races for the state party. An outhouse on wheels is built and one person sits in it while it is being pushed by others. Chapters are encouraged to build their own outhouses for races at the state party in June

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Regional Reports

NE Region

Co-Coord Mike Ryan reported on plans for the International Motorcycle Show in Rosemont Feb 10-12, where ABATE bike raffle tickets and memberships will be sold.

So Suburban chapter announced a Jack Wheeler Memorial Benefit to be held April 8th, 2006, 4 PM-1 AM, at the Will Co fairgrounds in Peotone. Several organizations will participate. A \$10 donation, door prizes and raffles, and three bands are planned. Advance tickets available soon.

NW Region

Co-Coord Todd 'Turk; Nichols announced a region FEDPAC Chili Cook-off on Feb 11. An off-road riding area opened in Rockford recently, helped by the efforts of ABATE members Pat Thomas, Mike May and Neal Toepfer.

EC Region

Co-Coord Sharilyn Kibler-Russell introduced new Co-Coord Jeff Marsh. EC chapters are getting lists of members who didn't renew their ABATE membership and are being encouraged to contact them about re-joining. She is also asking her chapters to remember to support the state organization as well as other groups.

WC Region

Co-Coord Steve Surratt said they are still accepting donations for the hospitality suite at the seminar.

SE Region

Coord Rick 'Doc' Jones announced that So Freedom has elected new officers and the chapter will continue, but Wayne Co. chapter has decided to fold as of their Dec meeting. The funds on hand will be split between ABATE of Illinois and the family of a member who passed away. Doc will lead a workshop on officer and member responsibilities at the seminar.

SW Region

Coord Bob Myers stated that St Clair Co has reformed. Chapter events were reported.

Panel & Committee Reports

MRF Rep

Jim 'Legs' Korte – Heartland Steam will be the last weekend in May at Stoney Creek Inn, Peoria

AMA Dist #17 Rep.

Dick 'Heavy' Carr stated that the Dist 17 Rep is a full voting membership on the Dist 17 council. The group is made up mainly of promoters, not individual AMA members, and does not report to the AMA. Meetings are in Sept, Oct and Nov, with a banquet in Jan, but much of their business is done thru e-mail.

DNR

Terry Hopkins – Nothing to report yet.

Off Road Panel

Chair Jim Viverito - Not present, no report sent.

Bylaw Review

Chair Ed Domine was absent – Terry Hopkins reported that one change was received in Oct, to allow honorary memberships, but the author had withdrawn it.

ABATE of Illinois Board of Directors Meeting – Dec 17, 2005

These minutes approved on Feb 18, 2006

Strategic Planning

Chair Kristin Koller – a workshop is planned for the seminar. Any suggestions or ideas for the future direction of ABATE, especially from E Board members, can still be sent to the panel. A report on the information the panel has collected will be ready for the BOD in February.

Membership and Product drawings were held.

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

5:22 PM - The meeting was motioned and seconded to adjourn, and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

Dec Attachments (some distributed at the meeting)

Dec BOD Agenda

Legislative Packet

Legal Services / Lincoln Ride

No Illinois Letter & Motion

State Paper Flyer/Cover Letter

Outside Sled Rental

FEDPAC Report & Balance Sheet

FEDPAC Info Sheet

ABATE PAC Register

PR Coord. Report

Road Service Booklet Update

Treasurer report (enclosed with hard copies)

Jim Viverito Resignation

Next BOD meeting is scheduled for Feb 18, 2006 at 1 PM – Brookens Auditorium

Next E Board meeting scheduled for Jan 22nd at 10 AM, Northfield Inn, Springfield IL

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 5 AM on the day of the meeting, anytime a board meeting is being cancelled.

Note – All 2006 BOD meetings are scheduled to be held at Brookens Auditorium, U of I campus in Springfield, with the E Board meeting preceding at 10 AM.