

ABATE of Illinois E Board Meeting – Dec 17, 2005

These minutes approved on Jan 22, 2006

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State Secretary – Linda Pasetti-Olson
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Executive Board of Directors - Regular Business Meeting – Dec. 2006

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-Arrived 10:05
4. Office Manager-Pauli Ward-Arrived 10:05 AM
5. Legislative Coord – Dan Harper-Arrived 10:18 AM
6. Safety & Ed Coord-Paulette Pinkham
7. Activities Coord.-Carl Shamhart-Arrived 10:05 AM
8. Newsletter Coord.-Ray Heck
9. Products Coord.-Laura Mayer-Arrived 10:12 AM
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-Arrived 10:05 AM & Jeff Marsh
15. WC Region Coord.- Steve 'Rat' Surratt & Rodney Stage-Arrived 10:19 AM (both)

16. SE Region Co-Coord.- Rick 'Doc' Jones-Arrived 10:37 AM

17. SW Region Coord Bob Myers

Executive Board Members Absent

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

Others Present

1. BJ Wagner-Brothers of Grundy
2. 'Aloha' Terry Hopkins-Dukane
3. John & Kathleen Hamel-Northern
4. Fred King-Freedom Riders
5. Barb & Razor Swinda-Freedom by Choice
6. 'Spock' & Paula White-Northern
7. John & Mary Burgett-Liberty
8. Bob Russell-Embarrass Valley
9. Rich Fulk-Crossroads
10. Larry Haun-NW Suburban
11. Hollie Sadoff-NW Suburban
12. Brian 'Hopsing' Oliver-Lincoln Land
13. George Tinkham-Lincoln Land

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. Roll was called and quorum was present.

Approval of Nov 2006 E Board Minutes

E Board Goals – Removed last sentence, 'Cited were increased membership and revenue income, less division between the state and chapters, and more E Board use of 'us, we, & our' instead of 'I, me, & them'.

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SE Region report – Removed ‘and that drawing receipts from the Springfield swap meet also need to be discussed’. Added ‘Julie Bacon questioned why receipts from the Springfield Swap meets are distributed differently from the Collinsville Swap meet’.

State Secretary – Added ‘EC Region Coords clarified that Freedom Valley chapter 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 Aug BOD minutes.

Spelling, numbering & grammatical errors were corrected

Paulette Pinkham motioned to approve the Nov minutes as amended. Bob Meyers seconded, and the motion carried without opposition.

Old Business

MRF Funding

A \$5,000 pledge to the MRF was made in Sept, authorized by the E Board. No further action was taken today.

E Board Meeting Location

Sharilyn Kibler-Russell verified that Prairieland Chapter has agreed to allow 2006 E Board meetings there and will follow the conditions set by the E Board in Nov. Per motion # E2005-054 *[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.]* At this time nothing in writing has been done, but Sharilyn will talk to Prairieland and they have already agreed orally.

Bike Raffle Advertising

Newsletter editor stated that the state ad had been changed to read ‘purchased from’ instead of ‘supplied by’ and ‘Vespa donated by Vespa of Chicago’. Secretary had all E Board members sign a letter of thanks to Vespa of Chicago and Dan Kaye for their donation.

Products Coordinator

Acting Products Coord. Laura Mayer was not present, but it was stated that she had successfully opened the Products Quick Books computer files. Report was tabled until she arrived.

Chapter Newsletter Guidelines

Northern Chapter was represented by David ‘Spock’ White to speak about the letter of sanction they received, and he distributed two handouts to support his views. It was established that a recent Northern Illinois newsletter had violated policy in the Non-Preferred Vendors policy document – ***[Purpose: To restrict the participation of persons or organizations in A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois events, activities and publications, both corporate and/or chapter,***

when that participation has been determined to be contrary to the best interests of A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, its chapters and/or its members.]

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by printing Nazi swastika symbols. In addition to several e-mail complaints received by E Board members and discussion at the Nov E Board meeting, the state Safety & Ed Coord stated that Nazi emblems were prohibited in schools and as such should not be promoted in ABATE publications. State Legislative Coord also stated that politically this was not an appropriate symbol to be associated with ABATE publications.

Spock stated that it was his contention that simply because the Nazi party had used the symbol during World War II, it should not be considered objectionable now. He felt it was counterproductive to ABATE to restrict the chapter's use of any symbol. In closing, Spock admitted that the swastika symbol, as it appeared in the Northern newsletter, was an error and was due a hastily prepared advertisement. Minor changes should've been made to the 'arms' of the symbol before printing. He apologized for not proof reading the ad better and said it would not happen again. It was decided to leave the question of allowing the use of a modified swastika symbol up to the BOD to answer. Per page three of the ABATE Operation's manual "*All officers both state and chapter are expected to conduct themselves, at all times, in a manner that will not bring embarrassment to, or legal action upon abate of Ill.*" Several times it was made clear to Spock that "what another club or organization chose to do, or promote themselves as, was not ABATE's concern". The only issue being debated was content allowed in the Northern Illinois ABATE chapter newsletter.

On the issue of Michael Hupy and ads for his legal service in the Northern Illinois newsletter, it was noted that Michael Hupy was on the Non-Preferred Vendor's list and his ads are not to be included in chapter newsletters. In rebuttal, Spock stated that he felt in his earlier efforts to exempt his chapter from that policy, he was not given enough time to present his views to the BOD before the question was called and voted down [# B2005-024]. **Rick 'RO' Olson motioned to move discussion of Michael Hupy ads violating state policy, to the BOD meeting this afternoon. Rick 'Doc' Jones seconded. The motion was carried without opposition. # E2005-064**

Goals for 2006

Strategic Planning panel has asked that E Board members with ideas or plans for the next five years, present them to the panel

Minutes & Agenda Issues

Postponed until the Jan E Board meeting

Products Report.

Unneeded electronic equipment received from the former Products Coord. was discussed and will be made available to E Board Coordinators for state use. Included were 2 older digital cameras, and a flatbed scanner.

Visa card account is now in Laura Mayer's name and the online store is ready to accept orders when it is re-opened.

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Sled Rental & Rates

ABATE sled rental rates are written up and Carl Shamhart will ask the BOD to approve them. One adjustment was suggested to the mileage schedule. **Todd ‘Turk’ Nichols motioned to accept the sled rental proposal as amended. Paulette Pinkham seconded. Motion was carried without opposition. # E2005-065**

FEDPAC Appointees

Three letters of intent were received for FEDPAC. **Dan Harper motioned to recommend the reseating of Mike ‘Boz’ Kerr, Cindy Lannom and Bob ‘Korg’ Ward to the FEDPAC. Carl Shamhart seconded. Motion was carried without opposition. # E2005-066**

Rich Neb Award

Per Pauli Ward, no viable entries were received for the award, so it will not be given this year. Pauli Ward will announce this to the BOD today.

Rick ‘RO’ Olson moved to close Old Business. Todd ‘Turk’ Nichols seconded and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

New Business

State Newsletter Advertising

Per Ray Heck, a postal increase of one cent on bulk rates will raise newsletter postage costs by \$1,200 per year, and cost of newsprint is expected to go up by \$50 to \$60 also. To increase advertising revenue, he has created a sheet soliciting state ads that will be distributed to chapters. **Ray Heck motioned to stop trucking the state paper to Galesburg for mailing for the next two months, to see if delivery time is affected. This will save ABATE \$225 per month. Linda Pasetti-Olson seconded.** He explained past reasoning for trucking papers to Galesburg, and said it does not currently appear to be improving delivery times. Todd ‘Turk’ Nichols stated that Peoria, not Galesburg is a regional mail distribution center. **Motion was carried without opposition. # E2005-067** Feedback from chapters will be requested today and in February. Discussion ensued on bulk mail delivery policies and permits.

2007 ABATE Calendars

Sharilyn Kibler-Russell stated that she had checked into printing costs for a 2007 calendar. With ad space to be sold and photographs/art work donated, 5,000 calendars could be printed for less than \$1.00 each. To have calendars available at the October 2006 BOD meeting, the content would have to be complete by September. **Paulette Pinkham motioned to allow Sharilyn Kibler-Russell to continue research on printing an ABATE of Illinois, Inc. calendar for 2007. Carl Shamhart seconded. The motion carried with no opposition. # E2005-068** A standard calendar format will be used. **Paulette Pinkham**

motioned to recommend to the BOD that \$1,000 be taken out of savings to finance calendar startup costs and that it be replaced in savings when

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income from the calendar is received. Pauli Ward seconded. Motion was carried without opposition. # E2005-069

AMA District 17 Rep

Jim Viverito has sent a letter declining his earlier nomination for the seat. Jim ‘Legs’ Korte is still waiting for a response from Dist 17, after asking for documentation on the reps duties and what that board expects from ABATE.

American Life Insurance

A letter has been received from this company asking for consideration of the company by ABATE. No further action will be taken on this issue.

Funeral Patch Program

Larry Haun from NW Suburban displayed a patch he would like approved, that would be given to family members of deceased ABATE members. **Linda Pasetti-Olson motioned to approve the funeral patch as appropriate, if the BOD approves a plan to organize and maintain an ABATE of Illinois ‘Honor Guard Program’. Ray Heck seconded.** Discussion ensued on size and funding of the patch. **Motioned was carried with opposition by Paulette Pinkham and Sharilyn Kibler-Russell. # E2005-070**

A drawing of interested E Board members was held for available rooms at the Northfield Inn during the state seminar.

ABATE PAC

Mary Burgett stated that ABATE PAC will no longer hand out bi-monthly register reports. Instead they are available online at the State Board of Elections website. and a link to that site will be put on the ABATE state website. Additionally, she will ask the BOD to seat two new ABATE PAC trustees, ‘Mad’ Maxx Mier and ‘Hunter’ John Harris, for one year terms. Primarily their duties will consist of visiting chapters and asking that they support ABATE PAC. All current ABATE PAC members will also be up for reseating next year.

It was agreed that the office message would be updated by 5 AM if board-meeting changes are made. Current BOD minutes have a reminder to call ahead if weather is bad.

Rick ‘RO’ Olson moved to close New Business. Julie Bacon seconded and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 11:59 PM on a motion made by Carl Shamhart. Ray Heck seconded and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

Attachments (distributed at meeting) Dec E Board agenda

Vespa Donation Letter

Insurance Flyer

Treasury Report (copies

available from state office)