

ABATE of Illinois, Inc. E Board Meeting – March 18, 2006

These minutes approved on April 15, 2006

State Office - ABATE of Illinois, Inc,
311 E. Main Street - Suite 418
Galesburg, Illinois 61401

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Executive Board of Directors - Regular Business Meeting – April 2006

Meeting Location – Prairieland Chapter Building
1901 Railroad Ave
Decatur, Illinois

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. 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
13. NW Region Co-Coord.- Roger Larson
14. EC Region Co-Coord.- Sharilyn Kibler-Russell-Arrived 10:15 AM & Jeff Marsh
15. WC Region Co-Coord.- Steve 'Rat' Surratt & Rodney Stage

16. SE Region Coord.- Rick 'Doc' Jones– Arrived 10:37 AM
17. SW Region Coord-Bob Myers-Arrived 10:42 AM

Executive Board Members Absent

1. Legislative Coord–Dan Harper–DC trip
2. NE Region Co-Coord.- Mike Ryan
3. NW Region Co-Coord.-Todd 'Turk' Nichols

Others Present

1. Crystal Shamhart-Ass't Activities/Crossroads
2. Razor Swinda-Freedom by Choice
3. Elizabeth Kren-Lincoln Land
4. Troy Daugherty-Freedom Riders
5. Teresa Duncan
6. John Duncan

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.

10:10 AM - Call to Order

State Coord. Jim 'Legs' Korte called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance. Quorum was present. Recording of the meeting was announced.

Approval of Feb. 2006 E Board Minutes

Tabled until arrival of Rick 'Doc' Jones.

Old Business

Document Control Policy - Postponed from Jan E Board

Postponed from last E Board meeting as Ed Domine was absent in Feb. *[Carl Shamhart motioned that after three copies of board minutes are sent to each chapter, additional copies of the minutes must be requested with a 'Document*

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Control Request’ form, following the Document Control Policy guidelines. Rick ‘Doc’ Jones seconded and the motion was carried with Ed Domine, Rick Olson, Gus Miller, Deb King and Linda Pasetti-Olson opposing. # E2006-003]
and

[Sharilyn Kibler-Russell motioned to add a procedure to the Document Control Policy that allows a fee to be charged for additional requested copies of minutes. Paulette Pinkham seconded. # E2006-004 - Motion was postponed]

Ed outlined some of the draft revisions to the Document Control Policy that he has been working on and answered questions about the impact of a bylaw change addressing board minutes that was submitted in Feb. Discussion ensued on distribution of hard copy and email board minutes. Intent of the motions was discussed and Carl Shamhart clarified that the intent of his motion was to control information and who is getting the information, not the cost of distributing information. Further revision of the Document Control Policy will continue and will be based on this intent and outcome of the proposed bylaw change. **Paulette Pinkham motioned to postpone further discussion of the Document Control Policy until after the BOD vote on the proposed bylaw changes in April. Carl Shamhart seconded. Motion carried without opposition. # E2006-021**

10:39 AM -Suspension of ABATE Membership – Postponed from Jan E Board

Jeff Marsh asked to withdraw his motion from the Jan. E Board meeting. *[Jeff Marsh motioned that the E Board recommend to the BOD that the ABATE membership of Dave White (Northern Illinois chapter president) be suspended for five years. Carl Shamhart seconded. Rick ‘Doc’ Jones motioned to postpone motion # E2006-002. Paulette Pinkham seconded. Motion to postpone was carried with Gus Miller opposing.]* Motion was withdrawn

Lincoln Circuit Ride – Postponed from Feb. E Board

[Rick ‘Doc’ Jones moved that the [Lincoln Circuit] ride be held on the 3rd weekend in September [Sept 16 & 17]. Jeff Marsh seconded. Carl Shamhart moved to postpone the motion. Rodney Stage seconded. The motion to postpone was carried without opposition. # E2006-020] Information from Rod Taylor was relayed today that the third weekend in September was preferred for the ride. **Rick ‘Doc’ Jones brought motion # E2006-020 forward. Paulette Pinkham seconded.** Discussion ensued about other activities planned in Sept, and that weekend specifically, in Springfield and what ABATE help would be needed. Question was called, seconded and approved. **Motion was carried with opposition by Gus Miller, Sharilyn Kibler-Russell, Linda Pasetti-Olson and Deb King. # E2006-020**

Ed Domine motioned to change the date of the Sept E Board meeting from Sept 16 to Sept 30. Carl Shamhart seconded. Motion carried with no opposition. # E2006-022 It was asked that the level of commitment for the Lincoln Circuit Ride expected from ABATE of Illinois, Inc be defined and put in written form. Included would be what ABATE assistance is needed, what assistance Rod Taylor will give, and where funding will come from and go to. Carl Shamhart agreed to get that information.

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Nov 12, 2005 E Board Minutes

It was noted that the approved 11/12/2005 E Board minutes had an incorrect date (of 2006). Secretary will make the correction.

Northern Illinois Newsletter

Question was raised as to when the last Northern Illinois chapter newsletter was sent out. None has been received since January by anyone present. Per BOD motion # B2005-077, the State Coordinator and the ABATE State Office are to receive copies of all newsletters sent out by that chapter. It was noted that many chapters were not aware of what had caused the Northern Illinois sanction last Dec. and better communication on board issues was needed.

Ed Domine moved to close Old Business. Ray Heck seconded, and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

10:58 AM - Approval of Feb. 2006 E Board Minutes

Rick ‘Doc’ Jones moved to make several changes in the MRF section of the Feb 2006 E Board minutes. Julie Bacon seconded. Motion was carried with no opposition. #E2006-023

MRF – Reworded sentence with attorney name to ‘an attorney on the Non-Preferred Vendor’s list’. Removed a sentence of detail on acceptance of a check. Changed last sentence to read ‘either the MRF, another SMRO, or directly to the hotel, because ABATE of Illinois, Inc. cannot accept the check, since no ‘Heartland Steam’ account actually exists.

Swap Meet Procedures – EC Region was corrected to WC Region.

Ed Domine moved to always use given name (or given AND road name), but NOT road name only, in board minutes. Carl Shamhart seconded. Motion was carried without opposition # E2006-024

Others Present – ‘Spock’ was changed to ‘Dave White’.

Jeff Marsh moved to remove last two sentences from the Safety & Ed Video section of the E Board minutes. Pauli Ward seconded. Motion was carried with opposition from Linda Pasetti-Olson, Ray Heck, Roger Larson, and Rick ‘Doc’ Jones. # E2006-025

Rick ‘Doc’ Jones moved to add ‘Further discussion ensued’ to the S & E Video section. Motion carried with no opposition # E2006-026.

Deb King moved to change wording in S & E Video section from ‘asked’ to ‘recommended’. Laura Mayer seconded. Motion was carried without opposition. # E2006-027

Safety & Ed Video -Last two sentences were removed and replaced with ‘Further discussion ensued’. And ‘it was asked that three major safety violation errors be corrected before the video was distributed further’ was changed to read ‘it was recommended that three major safety violation errors be corrected before the video was distributed further’.

Approval of Jan 2006 E Board Minutes – Verbiage was deleted as requested. Spelling and grammatical errors were corrected.

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Paulette Pinkham moved to approve the Sept minutes as amended. Rick ‘RO’ Olson seconded, and the motion carried without opposition.

11:28 AM - Break

11:50 AM - New Business

Safety & Ed Assistant

Due to her heavy schedule, Safety & Ed Coord. Paulette Pinkham has appointed Elizabeth Kren from Lincoln Land chapter, as the new Safety & Ed Assistant.

New ABATE Chapter

John Duncan came forward to present information on a request to form a new ABATE chapter near Nashville Illinois, in the SW region. Proposed chapter name will be Kaskaskia County. Per state bylaws, surrounding chapters have been notified, officers and potential members have been solicited, and other pertinent information was presented to the E Board. Of the 56 proposed members, 17 are currently ABATE of Illinois, Inc. members and 39 would be new members. Discussion ensued on opposition from surrounding chapters, specifically Southern Illinois and Freedom Riders, and whether applications and dues had been received from all potential new members.

Julie Bacon moved to postpone further discussion on forming a new chapter in the SW region until all information, including membership applications and dues, can be presented at one time. Laura Mayer seconded. Motion was carried with opposition by Sharilyn Kibler-Russell, Paulette Pinkham, Pauli Ward and Linda Pasetti-Olson # E2006-028

12:15 PM - May E Board Meeting

May E Board meeting will be held at the Ramada Limited in Springfield on May 6th, to accommodate the May 7th Freedom Rally, and will start at 12:30 PM, due to availability of the room.

Rooms for Freedom Rally

The State Office will not be making reservations for E Board member’s rooms on Sat.

Patriot Guard Link

Patriot Guard group was defined and a request to link to their web-site from the ABATE of Illinois state site was discussed. Many motorcycle riders are active in the Patriot Guard, but it was decided that since the group was not associated with motorcycle rights, the link would not be established

Teleconference Calls

Discussion was held on length of time to wait for a quorum to call in before a teleconference call is ended. During a recent call, 20 minutes elapsed before the meeting was cancelled because a quorum was not present. **Rick ‘Doc’ Jones moved that a teleconference meeting should be cancelled, and the call ended, after 15 minute if a quorum is not present. Motion was amended to also require notification of teleconference meetings to office manager for billing purposes. Paulette Pinkham seconded. Motion carried with no opposition. # E2006-029**

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12:25 PM - Board Minutes-Tape Recording

Secretary clarified that per earlier board motions, board meetings are recorded and tapes are destroyed one meeting after minutes are approved. In response to questions on using a laptop instead of tape recording meetings, she stated that while the laptop is always available to retrieve information from past meetings, using tape recordings was a more accurate way to prepare the minutes. **Paulette Pinkham moved to have the recorded tapes available at board meetings when minutes are being approved. Rodney Stage seconded. Motion was carried with no opposition. # E2006-030**
Bob Meyers moved to have a second tape recorder purchased by the secretary for easy retrieval of information when needed. Linda Pasetti-Olson seconded. Motion carried with no opposition. # E2006-031

12:35 PM - State Party

Activities for the state party in June were discussed. **Rick ‘Doc’ Jones moved that assuming the issue of insurance is resolved for the state party event, the Activities Coord. can move forward with plans for the event. Paulette Pinkham seconded. Motion carried with no opposition. # E2006-032**

12:50 PM -Distribution of E Mail Minutes

Distribution of board minutes was discussed. Currently draft E Board minutes are available only to E-board members until they are approved at the next E Board meeting. After approval, copies are mailed and any members can request approved E Board minutes.
Draft BOD minutes are available to chapter members by e-mail shortly after the BOD meeting and up to three hard copies are mailed to each chapter. Motions are immediately effective when voted on. **Rick ‘Doc’ Jones motioned to recommend to the BOD that BOD unapproved minutes go only to their designated BOD reps. Rodney Stage seconded. Motion was carried with no opposition. #E2006-033**

12:58 PM - Break

1:37 PM - JP Affiliate Program

‘Razor’ Swinda, Freedom by Choice BOD chapter rep, distributed a letter to the E Board and was recognized to speak on feedback he has received from independent motorcycle shops his area. No action was requested, but some complaints have been voiced, that ABATE was undercutting the smaller shops, who have supported ABATE, by encouraging members to buy from J&P Cycles. He asked for clarification about putting bike shop ads on chapter websites. Chapters can use their own discretion in linking their website to advertisers provided the Non Preferred vendors list and state Advertising Guidelines are followed. **Carl Shamhart moved that proposals to link from the State website to businesses can be brought to the state for consideration. Rick ‘Doc’ Jones seconded. Motion carried with no opposition. # E2006-034**

Rodney Stage moved to close New Business. Carl Shamhart seconded and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

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1:50 PM - Officer Reports

Legislative

Legislative Coord Dan Harper was absent. He sent a report from Washing stating that the trip went well and progress was made on federal issues.

PAC Reports

No reports were sent.

Safety & Education

Coord. Paulette Pinkham reported that cost for key chains and ink pens distributed in classes is 29 cents each. The Life Savers Conference will be held in Austin Texas this year, and the ABATE trip will leave on Sat and return on Tuesday night next week.

Assistant State Coordinator

Ed Domine reported that the ABATE car and bike plates are in progress. Per the state, some modification had to be made on the bike plate design, but plates should be ready for distribution in April, unless future problems arise. Display of the plates is during May, which is Motorcycle Awareness month. The 2007 State Seminar is scheduled for the Northfield Inn in Springfield. Some issues have been raised due to concerns that non-smoking regulations passed in Springfield mean the event will likely have to be 'smoke free'.

Bylaw Review Committee

Two proposals were submitted at the February BOD meeting, and distributed to the BOD with the draft Feb. BOD minutes. One proposed change dealt with distribution of board minutes and the other concerned E Board members representing their chapters at BOD meetings. Recommendations from the Bylaw Review Committee will be sent out before the April BOD. Suggestion was made to read bylaw change proposals at the meeting when presented. Additionally, a copy of all changes being proposed and recommendations is to be supplied to BOD members on the day a bylaw voted is planned. Discussion ensued on bylaw review committee members voting on changes they have written, but no conflict was indicated since the maker of a motion can always support his own motion.

State Secretary

Secretary Linda Pasetti-Olson. had nothing further to report.

Treasurer

Treasurer Julie Bacon reported that 5 chapters have not yet filed their 990s for 2005, Wayne Co- Julie will do their paperwork for this year

Pike Co. – Chapter has dissolved, Julie can't reach anyone there, Rodney Stage will contact them

Salt Creek – phone is disconnected, Jeff March will contact them

Heartland – Julie is working with new treasurer (Ron), who will work on the 990s for 05

Apple Creek – Julie is unable to contact them, Rodney Stage will try to contact
2007 E Board budget request paperwork was distributed and is due back to Julie by the April E Board meeting. Off Roads packet will go to the chair, to be named after their scheduled March 20 meeting. **Sharilyn Kibler-Russell moved to recommend to the**

BOD to look at the activities of the Off Road Panel for the past year and reseal the panel. Rodney Stage seconded. Motion carried with opposition by Paulette Pinkham. # E2006-035

2007 Swap meet advertising costs were discussed.

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Treasurer reported that \$15,000 has been earmarked for purchase of a new truck for the Bike Raffle Coord. On the Treasurer's recommendation, **Paulette Pinkham motioned**

- **A new truck be bought this year and the bike trailer be used for another year**
- **The older truck be given to the products Coord to transport state products**
- **The current products trailer be sold with the proceeds going into the truck savings fund, to be used when the bike trailer needs replacing**
- **Motion amended to include three bids be obtained on the truck and accessories, and if cost is more than \$20,00, the BOD will be asked for approval.**

Julie Bacon seconded. The current truck has about 104,000 miles. Increased insurance and maintenance costs for two vehicles were discussed. **Motion was carried with no opposition. # E2006-036**

Rodney Stage moved to put an ad in the state paper to sell the products trailer with sealed bids, in 'as is' condition, all bids to be at the state office by June 15. Motion carried with Julie Bacon opposing. # E2006-037

Activities

Coordinator Carl Shamhart discussed arrangements for the state party. Bands have been booked, flyers are on the state website and in the state newsletter. Orders were taken for E Board golf carts and trailers. Advance tickets are available from the state office and five State Coordinators from surrounding states will be given free tickets.

Freedom Rally arrangements are complete, except for the food vendor, who has not returned calls. Volunteers are need for set up and break down of the rally.

Collinsville swap meet is April 11. An extra \$150 is charged to begin set up at 5 AM instead 6 AM.

Discussion ensued on when ABATE of Illinois was actually started. While some meetings were held in December of 1986 and the paperwork was filed in June of 1987, 2007 will be considered will be considered the official 20th anniversary year. The first state party was reported to have been in 1986.

Products Coord

Coord. Laura Mayer will be onsite at the Collinsville swap meet with state products.

Public Relations

Coord. Deb King reported preparations for May Motorcycle Awareness month activities. She has found nothing to follow up with on a television PSA Thunder Rock reported on up at the Feb BOD meeting. All who participated and helped with Legislative Day were thanked and a press release is being prepared from the event.

Deb is also working on sport bike graphics for the membership applications, an ABATE banner for the IDOT hallway and artwork / billboard donations. She will check on a camera and printer for use at political functions.

State Newsletter Coord.

Editor Ray Heck asked about delivery dates for the March newsletter. Problems with late delivery in the St. Louis area seem to come from the individual post office or possibly from methods used at regional distribution centers.

Blurred copies of the March newsletter will be discussed with the printer.

State papers from other ABATE organizations were reviewed. Ray will check out different paper and printing options for possible updating of our state paper.

The need to send payment reminders or invoices to businesses that advertise in the state

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paper was discussed. The office manager clarified that she does the billing for the newspaper but due to her time constraints, she cannot send out invoices. Sometimes advertisers go thru the Newsletter Coord. and Ray Heck will track businesses who need to renew their ads.

Bike Raffle Coord.

Coordinator Gus Miller had no report, but urged bike raffle ticket sales.

State Office

Office Manager Pauli Ward reported that she is against the concept of E Board members lobbying BOD reps.

2:49 PM - Regional Reports

NE Region – Co-Coord. Rick Olson reported that the ten NE region chapter presidents will be meeting soon to discuss Motorcycle Awareness Month and region issues.

NW Region – Co-Coord. Rodger Larson reported that at the new visitors center in Freeport, an ABATE ad and membership forms will be displayed. Freeport chapter's 20th anniversary dinner will be held on March 25.

EC Region – Co-Coord. Jeff Marsh has been the visiting EC region chapters. Chapter events were listed.

WC Region – Co-Coord. Rodney Stage reported on discussions he has had with Tri-County chapter this month and he has recommended to them that another chapter be started to resolve internal problems there. A dunk tank, owned by the WC region, is available for rent to other chapters. A new ATV park in the area was reported in the Galesburg newspaper, but details were not available today.

SE Region – Coord. Rick 'Doc' Jones has picked up the Wayne Co chapter records and property, which will be stored. A SE region meeting will be held next weekend, but not all chapters have been notified.

SW Region – Coord. Bob Myers reported on the SW region marble run. This year, region chapter donations to veterans groups are being raised, and the SE region is being asked to help with ground support of the Rolling Thunder ride in May. A region ride to the Freedom Rally in Springfield is planned. Problems with an off park near Carlinville were noted.

A new display stand for membership forms was shown and it was reported that Dan Harper has a signed copy of the lobbyist contract. Easy Rider magazine published the Rich Neb article from the January ABATE of Illinois state newspaper and Piasa-Gateway has Rich Neb patches.

3:17 PM - Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion made by Bob Myers. Paulette Pinkham seconded, and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

Attachments (distributed at meeting)
March E Board Agenda
Freedom by Choice Letter

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