

ABATE of Illinois, Inc. E Board Meeting – May 06, 2006
These minutes approved on June 17, 2006

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Galesburg, Illinois 61401

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

Meeting Location – Ramada Limited
Northfield Drive
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 – Dan Harper
7. Activities Coord.-Carl Shamhart
8. Products Coord.- Laura Mayer
9. Public Relations Coord-Deb King
10. NE Region Co-Coord.- Rick 'RO'
Olson & Mike Ryan
11. NW Region Co-Coord.-Todd 'Turk'
Nichols & Roger Larson
12. SE Region Coord.- Rick 'Doc' Jones
13. SW Region Coord-Bob Myers

Executive Board Members Absent

1. Safety & Ed Coord-Paulette Pinkham
2. Newsletter Coord.-Ray Heck
3. Bike Raffle Coord-Gus Miller - Out
with the raffle bike
4. EC Region Co-Coord.- Sharilyn
Kibler- Russell & Jeff Marsh
5. WC Region Co-Coord.- Steve 'Rat'
Surratt & Rodney Stage

Others Present

1. Razor Swinda-Freedom by Choice
2. Barb Swinda-Freedom by Choice
3. Fred King – Freedom Riders
4. Anne Bauman – 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 called the meeting to order at 12:48 PM, with the pledge of allegiance. Recording of the meeting was announced.
Quorum was present.

Approval of April 2006 E Board Minutes

E Board Members Absent – Note was added that Bob Myers had a 'medical absence'.

Website Affiliates Programs – 'As requested' was removed.

Others Present – Bruce Thompson 'Dukane' chapter was corrected to 'Freedom Riders'.

New Chapter Proposal – 'Bob' Thompson was corrected to 'Bruce Thompson'.

Rick 'RO' Olson moved to approve the April minutes as amended. Rick 'Doc' Jones seconded, and the motion carried without opposition.

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Old Business

Document Control Policy

Ed Domine discussed the two versions of the document control policy he has written up, and stated that a proposed bylaw change to be voted on at the June BOD, would affect the policy. Discussion ensued that the policy, approved by the E Board in Nov 2002, was never approved by the BOD. **Carl Shamhart moved to postpone further discussion of the Document Control Policy until after the June 2006 BOD meeting. Todd ‘Turk’ Nichols seconded. Motion was carried with no opposition. # E2006-044**

Website Link

No report on how many other sites are linked to the state website has been received from Terry Hopkins. Discussion was postponed until the June 2006 E Board meeting.

Lincoln Circuit Ride

Deb King reported that no more planning meetings have taken place since the April E B report. Lincoln Land chapter is coordinating the start point near the site of the old Lincoln home. An insurance waiver is needed from ABATE of Illinois before it can be finalized.

Raffle Bike Truck Bids

Two bids were obtained, one from Galesburg and the other from Effingham Ford dealers. Prices are the same for both, tho the Galesburg bid includes the full amount for taxes, etc. Gus Miller has obtained another bid as well. Truck will be a basic white ‘heavy half’, cruise control, and a tow package for \$18,992.60 plus tax & license or \$20,889.80 delivered. Financing the truck for 90 days will result in a \$1,000 rebate on the cost. Discussion postponed until the bid from Gus Miller is received by the E Board.

Camera & Printer

Removed from the agenda.

2007 ABATE Calendar

Discussion ensued on cost to produce the calendar. Per a Dec 2005 motion [*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 to savings when income from the calendar is received. Pauli Ward seconded. Motion was carried without opposition. # E2005-069*], nothing further was required at this point.

Heartland Steam

A breakdown on the finances from the STEAM event was requested, but not all bills have been received and some income is still expected. The hotel billed us for three unused rooms, since they were not cancelled in a timely manner.

Vendor Liability Insurance

Todd ‘Turk’ Nichol recommended that retail vendors at state events be required to provide insurance for injuries that may occur at their booth during an event. It was clarified that ‘retail vendors’ includes business vendors and not organizations present to promote themselves or their events. Intent of the insurance is to protect ABATE of Illinois, Inc. by making the vendor insurance the primary claim policy for injuries that might occur at a specific vendor’s booth. **Linda Pasetti-Olson moved to require proof of business liability insurance from all retail vendors at all state events. Todd ‘Turk’ Nichols seconded. Motion carried with opposition from Pauli Ward. # E2006-045** Pauli Ward stated that the event liability insurance carried by ABATE, does not include coverage for injuries incurred by ABATE members at an event, but only covers third party liability for participants at an event. **Carl Shamhart moved that a notice be added to the vendor letter/application we already send any retail, tattoo and food vendors, requiring them to provide proof of their current business liability insurance before vending at any state event. Second not recorded. Motion was carried with no opposition. # E2006-046**

Carl Shamhart moved that the business liability insurance be required, for any state events, starting in January 1, 2007. Linda Pasetti-Olson seconded. Motion was carried with no opposition. # E2006-047

Kaskaskia Valley Membership

Clarification was asked on the number of current and new membership applications submitted by Kaskaskia Valley, when they were chartered in April. Pauli Ward stated that 29 new members and 31 current memberships were received.

Carl Shamhart moved to close Old Business. Rick ‘RO’ Olson seconded and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

New Business

2007 Proposed Budget

State Treasurer Julie Bacon distributed copies of the 2007 budget she is proposing. No budget requests were received for the Legislative lobbyist, calendars, license plates or NW Region Coord. Products, PR and Legislative requests were reduced. A request from the Leg. Coord, to buy a laptop for use by ONDGO when electronic legislative alerts are sent out, was discussed. It was decided that the laptop purchased for Legislative use, and currently being used only as a backup by the Leg. Coord, be given to ONDGO instead of purchasing another one. Discussion ensued on holding a swap meet in Collinsville next year, but the BOD will need to address the issue before it can be dropped. **Rick ‘RO’ Olson moved to recommend to the BOD, that the 2007 proposed budget be accepted as amended. Pauli Ward seconded. Motion was carried without opposition. # E2005-048** Copies of the budget requests submitted to Julie Bacon, will be sent to BOD reps before the budget is voted on by the BOD.

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Member – Tri Co Chapter

Per a call from Rodney Stage, it was relayed that Tri Co chapter may not, in fact vote to remove Terri White from that chapter, so motion # E2005-038 [*Rick 'RO' Olson moved to recommend to the BOD, that the process of removing Terri White from ABATE of Illinois, Inc. be started. Rodney Stage seconded. Motion was carried with no opposition.*], would not be applicable. Motion was postponed until one of the WC Region Coord. is in attendance.

Collinsville Swap Meet

Information on dates available and input from the BOD is needed before Collinsville Swap meet issue can be decided. **Pauli Ward recommended that discussion on the Collinsville Swap meet be postponed until the June E Board meeting. Carl Shamhart seconded. Motion was carried without opposition. # E2006-049**

Meeting Agendas & Misc.

Suggestion was made that board meeting agendas be available a day in advance of board meetings, so members could better prepare for the issues. Members without e-mail could be faxed an agenda if needed. Recommendation was also made that all board members be supplied with copies of policies or issues when discussion of them is planned. A request that Safety & Ed classroom materials in Spanish be made available was also discussed. Most comments were that this was not necessary, but MSF or IDOT materials in Spanish could be researched anyway.

Todd 'Turk' Nichols moved to close New Business. Carl Shamhart seconded and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

Break 2:25 – 2:50 PM

Officer Reports

Legislative

Legislative Coord Dan Harper reported that the 'Opportunity Act bill' proposed by Gov Blagojevich, which released funds from protected accounts, such as the Cycle Riders Training fund, was passed into law this month. Voting was basically along party lines and requests to motorcycle friendly politicians to oppose the bill were unsuccessful. At this time, the Cycle Rider Training fund is the only one that has been removed from the sweep list for 2007, so ABATE efforts were not wasted. Several downstate Democrats were instrumental in securing this removal. The lawsuit filed by ABATE of Illinois, against Gov. Blagojevich is still pending and the \$278,000 may still be recovered when that suit is settled. Getting Cycle Rider Training funds released to be used in the program has been a problem in past years. Finding sites at which to hold the classes seems to be part of the reason for that, but no solutions have found.

In response to questions, Dan stated that though the ABATE lobbyist had been out of the country when that vote was taken, groundwork had been laid out in advance, nothing else could've been done, and that ABATE had been sufficiently represented during the session.

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Question was raised about an off-road park issue in Taylorville. ABATE Attorney Rod Taylor has talked to the park owner, but their own attorney is handling the matter. Dan stated that noise ordinances involving radios need to be adhered to, and motorcycle radios should be turned down to comply.

PAC Reports

Dan Harper read the April FEDPAC report he received from Mike Kerr, and stated that an ABATE PAC report was also sent to him.

Safety & Education

Coord. Paulette Pinkham was absent and sent no report.

Assistant State Coordinator

Ed Domine has been working on selling and distributing ABATE license plates. Some plates from last year are available for sale as well. The 'ABATE # 1' car plate will be sold at a silent auction tomorrow, at the Freedom Rally.

Bylaw Review

Per E Board motion # E2006-012 [*Dan Harper motioned that the E Board recommend to the BOD that the Bylaw Review Committee be allowed to go over the current bylaws and make recommendations to the BOD for updates. This update would be a one time only event and not a continuing process. Carl Shamhart seconded and the motion was carried without objection.*], it was noted that the recommendation would be added to the next BOD agenda. Focusing on a few articles at a time might be a helpful way to do this.

State Secretary

Secretary Linda Pasetti-Olson had no report, but clarified in response to questions, that the BOD minutes sent by US mail to the chapters include the Treasurer report as well as all attachments.

Treasurer

Treasurer Julie Bacon reported that the 990's are finished and she will need a copy of the current bylaws to send in with the state returns. Current bylaws are on the state website and hard copies will be distributed at the June BOD meeting. Julie discussed following up on a suggestion made two years ago by Dick Ogden, auditor from Estes, Bridgewater & Ogden who audited the state financial records. In response to a question from the BOD at that time, he stated that an organization of this size should be externally audited or financially reviewed at least every two years. No action was taken today, Secretary will research the 2005 minutes.

Activities

Coordinator Carl Shamhart reported that plans for the Freedom Rally tomorrow are complete. State party bands are booked and that Tailspin cancelled out and is being replaced. Start time for field events at the state party will be adjusted so everyone can participate in the parade. One building on the route has a painted motorcycle mural in the window. Breakfast will again be served at the Altamont firehouse on Sat AM. Outhouse races are scheduled. The first twenty (20) members that stay and help clean up on Sunday will be allowed early entrance to the grounds (on Thursday) next year. Per some conversations Carl has had, in order to grow future state parties, more national advertising would need to be done. Starting the party a day earlier was also discussed, but no action was taken.

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Public Relations

Coord. Deb King reported on Motorcycle Awareness month plans to highlight ABATE of Illinois in May. Four billboards in southern Illinois are planned, as well as many other chapter activities throughout the state. An ABATE banner will also be hung in the IDOT building during May. Deb has begun research on creating a drink coaster promoting responsible riding, possibly sponsored by Budweiser or Miller distributors.

Products Coord

Coord. Laura Mayer reported over \$2,000 income from Heartland Steam. State products will be sold at the Peoria races in August.

State Newsletter Coord.

Editor Ray Heck was absent, but asks that pictures from the Freedom Rally be sent to him for the state paper.

Bike Raffle Coord.

Coordinator Gus Miller was absent, and sent no report.

State Office

Office Manager Pauli Ward had nothing further to report

Regional Reports

NE Region – Co-Coord. Mike Ryan reported on a recent motorcycle parade, led by the Mayor of Mundelein, that may become an annual event. Attendance by members at other chapter meetings and events is being promoted in the NE region. He reported receiving a Northern newsletter, but none have been received at the state office, or by the State Coord..

NW Region – Co-Coord. Todd ‘Turk’ Nichols reported on the NW region’s 8th annual ‘Run to the Capitol’ this weekend. Some pens for Safety & Ed classes are defective. Many proclamations are being returned to NW region chapters. Rocky Glen ATV park is operating and working closely with ABATE.

EC Region – Co-Coord. Sharilyn Kibler-Russell & Jeff Marsh were both absent.

WC Region – Co-Coord. Steve ‘Rat’ Surratt and Rodney Stage were absent, but Julie Bacon questioned some procedures at the Springfield swap meet. Proceeds from the drawing there are currently kept by the Lincoln Land chapter, who staff the event. Julie feels the money should be turned over to the state instead. Past discussions with the chapter have taken place, but the chapter still retains the drawing money. It was discussed that the swap meet is actually a state event, and not a chapter event, and the best way to proceed would be for members, from another chapter in the region, to sell the drawing tickets and return the money to the state ABATE organization.

SE Region – Coord. Rick ‘Doc’ Jones reported that a Representative from his region has expressed interest in coming to the state party during the field events, but he would not be there to campaign.

SW Region – Coord. Bob Myers reported on his attendance at the IDOT town meeting last month. He was able to read an ABATE position paper into the record, but feels that noise and alcohol will be heavily focused on by state police. He questioned the reason for VMT (vehicle miles traveled) not being reported in several states, and how NHTSA statistics could be considered accurate without that information.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 4:37 PM on a motion made by Pauli Ward. Dan Harper seconded and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

Attachments (distributed at meeting) **May E Board agenda** **Treasury Report**

Approved-6/17/05

Attested-Linda Pasetti-Olson - State Secretary

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