

ABATE of Illinois, Inc. - Board of Directors Meeting – June 17, 2006

These minutes approved on August 26, 2006

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Board of Directors - Regular Bi-Monthly Business Meeting – June, 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. 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. Safety & Ed Coord-Paulette Pinkham
8. Newsletter Coord.-Ray Heck
9. Products Coord.- Laura Mayer
10. Public Relations Coord-Deb King
11. NE Region Co-Coord.- Rick 'RO'
Olson & Mike Ryan
12. NW Region Co-Coord-Roger Larson

13. EC Region Co-Coord-Sharilyn
Kibler-Russell & Jeff Marsh
14. WC Region Coord.- Steve 'Rat'
Surratt & Rodney Stage
15. SE Region Co-Coord.- Rick 'Doc' Jones
16. SW Region Coord Bob Myers

Executive Board Members Absent

1. Bike Raffle Coord-Gus Miller-
With raffle bike
2. NW Region Co-Coord.-Todd
'Turk' Nichols
3. Activities Coord.-Carl Shamhart

Chapters Present

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

16. Freedom by
Choice
17. Freedom Riders
18. Freedom Valley
19. Great River
20. Heart of Illinois
21. Heritage Trail
22. Hubbard Trail.
23. Kishwaukee
Valley
24. Liberty
25. Lincoln Land
26. Midstate
27. Northern
28. NW Suburban
29. Open Roads
30. Peo-Taz
31. Piasa-Gateway

32. Salt Creek
33. Shoal Creek
34. So. Suburban
35. So. Freedom
36. So. Illinois
37. St. Clair Co.
38. Starved Rock
39. Tri-County
40. ThunderRock
41. Twin Rivers
42. Wabash Valley
43. Westgate
44. Will County

Chapters Absent

1. Apple Creek

2. BOG
3. Crawford Co.

4. Freeport
5. Fulton Co.

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| 6. Heartland | 9. Jasper Co | 13. Shawnee Hills |
| 7. Kaskaskia Valley | 10. Lamoine Valley | 14. So. DuPage |
| 8. Iron Riders | 11. Old River | 15. Union Jack |
| | 12. Prairieland | |

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 Coordinator Jim 'Legs' Korte opened the meeting to order at 1:10 PM with the pledge of allegiance. Secretary Linda Pasetti-Olson announced that the meeting was being recorded for accuracy in preparation of the minutes and members were asked to turn off cell phones.

Approval April 2006 Minutes

Funeral Patch Approval – 'NW Suburban' was changed to 'Larry Haun' and patches are available 'from him' was added.

Piasa-Gateway moved to approve the April minutes as amended. Crossroads seconded, and the motion was carried with opposition from.

George Tinkham spoke on recent developments in the lawsuit ABATE of Illinois has filed against Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich, to stop the transfer of funds from two special motorcyclist funded state accounts. Some money has been transferred out of other special accounts, but due to a temporary restraining order obtained last week by ABATE, both motorcycle funds have been frozen. Rod Taylor's office filed a brief on Tuesday to stop transfers from all special funds, but the court ruled that ABATE could only represent motorcycle funds and set a hearing date of July 10 to hear our motion. Out of the seventy-seven (77) funds being transferred into the general state account this year, only ABATE has been successful in getting a restraining order to stop the transfer. Tinkham recommended that ABATE members who also belong to any of these other associations, encourage them to join with ABATE to protect all these funds.

Old Business

Bylaw Change Proposal

A change submitted in April pertaining to State Secretary duties and distribution of minutes was reviewed. The Bylaw Review Committee recommended a vote against the change as submitted, as they felt the language would have allowed distribution of draft E Board minutes to the membership. **Thunder Rock moved to accept the Bylaw Review Committee's suggestion to refuse the proposed change in distribution of the board minutes. Franklin Co seconded.** Point was made that actions taken by the E Board are not relayed to the membership until two or more months later under the present system of distributing the minutes. Another point was that misinformation might be sent out if draft minutes were made available to everyone. **Agreeing were So Freedom, Peo-Taz, So Illinois, Open Roads, Thunder Rock, Kishwaukee Valley, Twin Rivers, Freedom Valley, Freebird, Freedom Riders, Franklin**

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Co, Flatlanders, Embarrass Valley, Ford Co, Central, Backroads, Piasa-Gateway, Chicago, St Clair, Salt Creek, Freedom by Choice and Heritage Trail. Opposing were NW Suburban, Great River, Dukane, Blackhawk, Lincoln Land, Northern, Will Co, So Suburban, Midstate, Shoal Creek, Starved Rock, Eastern, Heart of Illinois, Tri-County, Children of the Corn, Black Diamond, Liberty, and Westgate. Motion was carried 22 to 18. # B2006-022

State Website Affiliates Websites List

Board was asked for recommendations on the list of possible website affiliates distributed in April. Some money has been received from the J&P Cycles affiliate link already on the state website. **Freedom by choice moved to accept the website affiliates proposed in April. Westgate seconded and the motion was carried without opposition # B2006-023** State Coord agreed to put a list of the affiliate sites in the newsletter so members are aware that ABATE benefits when the links are used for purchases.

New Chapter

David Graves spoke on behalf of a group wanting to establish an ABATE chapter and service the area formerly covered by Illinois River chapter, which was disbanded earlier this year. He stated that all bylaw requirements had been met. Surrounding chapters have been notified, officers are available, and 56 new membership applications and checks have been gathered. The proposed chapter would operate in Skyler and Cass counties. Discussion ensued and service area was discussed at length, as well as the need for brotherhood and cooperation between chapters. **Dukane moved to accept the new chapter, to be known as ‘Lost Creek’, and grant them an ABATE of Illinois charter. Northern Illinois seconded.** WC Region Coord, Rodney Stage detailed sanctions placed against Terri White, a former Tri Co member. Terri stated that she would not hold office in any chapter, including Lost Creek. **Agreeing to approve were NW Suburban, Thunder Rock, Kishwaukee Valley, Northern, Franklin Co, Lincoln Land, Blackhawk, Great River, Southern Illinois, Twin Rivers, Dukane, Wabash Valley, Flatlanders, So Suburban, Embarras Valley, Mid State, Shoal Creek, Arrowhead Valley, Starved Rock, Heart of Illinois, Eastern, Ford Co, Backroads, Black Diamond, Children of the Corn, Piasa-Gateway, St Clair, Liberty, Salt Creek, Heritage Trail, Westgate. Opposing were Freedom Valley, Freedom Riders, Tri Co, Chicago and Freedom by Choice. Motion was carried with 31 chapters agreeing and 5 opposing. # B2006-024**

Heart Of Illinois moved to close Old Business. Kishwaukee seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

New Business

2007 E Board Nominations

Nominations for the 2007 Executive board were opened.

State Coord – Heart of Illinois nominated Jim ‘Legs’ Korte, St Clair seconded – Accepted

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Northern Illinois nominated Ed Domine, NW Suburban seconded – Declined
Ass't State Coord – Piasa-Gateway nominated Ed Domine, Westgate seconded
– Accepted

Secretary –

Heart of Illinois nominated Paulette Pinkham, Freedom by Choice seconded -
Accepted

Westgate nominated Linda Pasetti-Olson – Declined

Treasurer – Freedom by Choice nominated Julie Bacon, Crossroads seconded
– Accepted

Legislative Coord – Piasa-Gateway nominated Dan Harper, Peo-Taz seconded
– Accepted

Safety & Ed Coord – Lincoln Land nominated Elizabeth Kren, St Clair
seconded – Accepted

Activities Coord – Heart of Illinois nominated Carl Shamhart, Freebird
seconded – Carl was not present

Heart of Illinois nominated Crystal Shamhart, Shoal Creek seconded – Accepted

Newsletter Coord – NW Suburban nominated Ray Heck, Freebird seconded –
Accepted

Products Coord – Blackhawk nominated Laura Mayer, Heart of Illinois
seconded – Accepted

Public Relations Coord – Piasa-Gateway nominated Deb King, Heart of
Illinois seconded – Accepted

Bike Raffle Coord – Heart of Illinois nominated Gus Miller, Dukane seconded
– Accepted

NE Region Co-Coord – Dukane nominated Rick 'RO' Olson & Mike Ryan, So
Suburban seconded – Accepted

NW Region Coord – Thunder Rock nominated Kristin 'Cookie' Koller, Twin
River seconded - Accepted

Kishwaukee nominated Mike Meyers, Blackhawk seconded – Accepted

Twin Rivers nominated Roger Larson - Declined

EC Region Co-Coord –Eastern nominated Sharilyn Kibler-Russell & Jeff
Marsh, Heart of Illinois seconded – Accepted

WC Region Co-Coord – Central nominated Steve 'Rat' Surratt & Rodney
Stage, Tri Co seconded – Steve Declined

WC Coord – Central nominated Rodney Stage, Tri Co seconded – Accepted

SE Region Coord – So Freedom nominated Rick 'Doc' Jones, Franklin Co
seconded – Accepted

SW Region Coord – St Clair nominated Bob Meyers, St Clair seconded -
Accepted

Nominations for these positions will be opened again at the August BOD meeting
and elections will be held at the October BOD meeting.

990 Information Request

Dukane moved to allow Region Coord. access to 990 information from
chapters in their region. Liberty seconded. A short discussion ensued.
Motion failed with Liberty and Franklin Co agreeing and the majority
opposing. # B2006-025

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Legal Services

Ed Domine stated that a meeting had taken place in May to review the Legal Service agreement, attended by Rod Taylor, George Tinkham, Jim 'Legs' Korte and himself. Ed clarified that while the Legal Service document has commonly been called a contract, it is in fact, a 'Legal Services Plan'. He also stated that the plan was still relevant, but needed to be signed by current State Coord. and the oversight committee referred to in the plan needed to be put in place to administer the plan. He suggested the oversight panel be composed of four people, the State Coord, the Ass't State Coord, and Attorneys Rod Taylor and George Tinkham. Copies of the plan were distributed to all chapters (included with hardcopies of minutes). **St Clair moved to accept the recommendation for make up of the oversight panel, referenced in the Legal Services Plan, to consist of the State Coord, the Ass't State Coord, and Attorneys Rod Taylor and George Tinkham. Second not recorded. Agreeing were NW Suburban, Southern Freedom, Peo-Taz, Open Roads, Southern Illinois, Great River, Thunder Rock, Kishwaukee, Twin River, Freedom Riders, Freebird, Blackhawk, Lincoln Land, Franklin Co, Mid State Embarras Valley, Starved Rock Arrowhead Valley, Shoal Creek Heart of Illinois, Eastern, Tri Co, Children of the Corn, Crossroads, Salt Creek, Hubbard Trail, Back Roads, Black Diamond, Piasa-Gateway, Chicago, St Clair, Liberty, Heritage Trail, Westgate, Freedom by Choice. Opposing were Northern Illinois, Will Co, So Suburban and Dukane. Motion was carried by the majority. # B2006-026** Copies of the revised Legal Services Plan will be distributed when complete.

Off Road Panel

John Harris, Daniel Speerly, and Todd Darr have expressed interest in serving on the Off Road Panel. **Freedom Valley moved that John Harris, Daniel Speerly, and Todd Darr be accepted on the Off Roads panel, and start working with other off road groups as soon as possible. Second not recorded. Motion carried with no opposition. # B2006-027**

Coaster Program

Public Relations Coordinator Deb King presented two proposals (included with attachments) for ABATE cold drink coasters that would promote statewide awareness of drinking and riding responsibly, in cooperation with Anheuser-Bush. First proposal was for ABATE of Illinois to purchase the coasters at 2 cents each (including set up and plate charge). Second proposal was to ask Anheuser-Bush to match funds and advertise their name on the coaster. **Crossroads moved to approve \$2,000 from general funds (savings) for the coaster program if the guidelines stated in the 2nd proposal presented today are agreed to by Anheuser-Bush. Starved Rock seconded. Motion was carried with opposition from Franklin Co and Thunder Rock. # B2006-028** Deb clarified that the coasters would be distributed by chapter members. Donations of \$50 each towards, the coaster purchase, were pledged by Westgate, Northern Illinois, Embarras Valley, Blackhawk, St Clair Co, Back Roads, Kishwaukee, Liberty, Freebird and Crossroads.

Collinsville Swap Meet

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SW Region Coord Bob Meyers described poor turnout at the recent swap meet and said attendance has dwindled over the past several years. He recommends moving the event elsewhere in the Southern Illinois. Tho a \$1200 profit was made this year, Bob stated that he and chapters in the region feel that other local swap meets are too much to compete with any more. Per an E Board vote earlier today, a recommendation was made to the BOD that this swap meet not be held in 2007. **Freebird moved to not hold a Collinsville Swap Meet in 2007. Dukane seconded. Motion was carried without opposition.. # B2006-029** Any region interested in establishing the swap meet can talk to Bob Myers or Activities Coord Carl Shamhart.

Sled Issues

Transporting the sled to events has required major repairs to Carl Shamhart's personal truck several times. The E Board voted to reimburse Carl in the amount of \$1,500 today for his most recent repairs, and recommended the two or three chapters using the sled transport it to events themselves. A deposit towards sled pulls at events or damage to the sled did not pass at the E Board meeting, but E Board did move that the Activities Coord make recommendation for the sled that would benefit ABATE but did not include transporting the sled around. Weight violations of \$1,000 per pound could be incurred by ABATE if the current trailer & license continue to be used. Tri Co chapter noted they have a trailer and insurance for transporting it to their two events. **Heart of Illinois moved that ABATE chapters scheduled to use the ABATE sled at their events be required to post a \$100 deposit at pickup and transport the sled themselves. Freedom by Choice seconded. Motion carried with Dukane and Freedom Valley opposing. # B2006-030**

Dukane moved to further action postpone action on the sled until the Activities Coord. makes his recommendation at the August BOD meeting. Freedom Valley seconded. Motion was carried with no objections. # B2005-031

St Clair Co moved to close New Business. Tri Co seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Break at 3:25 PM - 3:46 PM

Tri Co moved to reopen New Business. Dukane seconded. Motion failed with 12 chapters agreeing and 16 chapters opposing. # B2006-032

E Board Officer Reports

Legislative Coordinator

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

Locally – Names, addresses and phone numbers are needed from anyone ticketed for loud pipes before ABATE can pursue action.

- HB 934 (to prevent seizure of motorcycles for muffler violations) may be called in the fall veto session, if enough support is available.

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Federally – HIPPA, originally an AMA bill supported by ABATE of Illinois, may be taken over by the MRF, and the Right to Repair Act, an ABATE bill which provides for release of information on repairs, are both still in committee.

- The 2007 ABATE legislative agenda is being prepared. Suggestions can be mailed to Dan Harper. A BOD vote on the agenda is expected in October. John Harris and Jim Conely will be helping Dan, as legislative assistants, to provide better coverage in the south and mid state.

- A noise ordinance in Kane Co was modified in response to requests from Dukane chapter after some members attended planning meetings and worked with county officials. References to on road motorcycles and decibel levels were removed and requirement of a verbal first warning were added to the ordinance, which was then passed.

- Tax charged on used motorcycles and Secretary of State police monitoring were discussed, but names of the officers were not provided.

State ABATE PAC

Mary Burgett reported on PAC activities and reported that since early dinners are difficult for many member, ABATE has been signing on as ‘hole sponsors’ at some events instead of buying dinner tickets.

- Cost for voter guides is estimated at \$5,000 to \$6,000. Current PAC balance is around \$16,000.

- Chapters cannot donate directly to candidates, donations must be made thru the PACs. Tri folds on PAC issues are available from Neal Toepfer at neal@insightbb.com, if chapter have questions about government rules or how to work with the ABATE State PAC program.

- ‘I Vote Motorcycles’ patches are available from State PAC at a cost of \$4 each to chapters and must be prepaid. Regular price is \$5 each.

FED PAC

Mike ‘Boz’ Kerr was absent but sent a written report. (FEDPAC board reports are included with minute attachments.) PAC is FEC compliant

Safety and Education

Elizabeth Kren reported safety and awareness presentation numbers.

- Motorcycle Assessment results for Illinois are still not available.

- Tri Co chapter presented a closed captioned copy of the ABATE Safety & Ed video for use in schools with hearing impaired students.

- ABATE of Iowa has purchased 400 copies of the Safety & Ed video created by ABATE of Illinois, and \$3,200 will be deposited into the deferred fund for the Safety & Ed Video.

- Information on the Illinois Motorcycle Rider Training class was featured prominently in the IDOT Traffic Safety magazine ‘Caution’ this month.

Products

Laura Mayer gave a check to the state for \$12,704 from product sales, and announced a contest to design a 20th Anniversary of ABATE of Illinois patch for the coming year.

- 2005 state party tee shirts will be reordered if requests and advance payment are received for at least 50 of the shirts.

- A request for more ‘Off Road’ tee shirt designed was voiced and Laura will research making one available.

Treasurer

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State Treasurer Julie Bacon noted changes needed on the 2007 proposed budget. **2007 Product Income for Calendars** – projected income amount of \$4,500 was lowered to \$1,500 – lowering total projected income to \$471,415.00

2007 Product Expenses of Calendars – projected expense was changed from \$3,000 to \$0, as expenses have already been voted to come out of general income (savings).

- Budget request sheets used to create the 2007 projected budget are included with the 2007 proposed budget, so chapters can evaluate requests.

Income to date from the J&P Website Affiliate program (\$30.95) is reported under State Office Income – Misc.

Products has spent \$50,578 for inventory this year, with income of \$12,227 (plus \$12,704 more today). Products Coord. has agreed to stop building inventory, per a request from the Treasurer.

Ass't State Coord

Ed Domine reported that ABATE motorcycle and car license are still available for 2006, but noted that little profit has been made on the program. Ed is looking into 911 plates for motorcycles as requested, and he will research 'year round' ABATE plates at the same time. Four revisions required by Illinois, on the bike plate design, resulted in late delivery of the bike plates this year. Next year the designs will be submitted and finalized earlier.

- Some leftover plates from 2004 are still available

PR Coord

Coord. Deb King stated that she chose not to comment in recent news stories about ABATE's position on helmet use, as she felt her statements would only be misconstrued by the press. She suggested that more Safety & Ed presentations should be planned instead.

- May 'Motorcycle Awareness Month' participation was quite successful this year and Shoal Creek chapter was singled out for placemats they created and distributed, that were financed by sponsor advertisements on the placemats with ABATE information in the middle. 5,000 of the placemats were distributed to each county in the area serviced by that chapter.

- Copies of proclamations should be forwarded to Deb and feedback from the IDOT windshield wash program were requested.

Plans for the Lincoln Circuit Ride are continuing. Indiana will give a .5 ethic credit to attorneys who participate in the ride.

Office Manager

Pauli Ward noted she had state party and bike raffle tickets, and membership applications available today. Membership counts were included with chapter packets.

Newsletter

Ray Heck asked for feedback on delivery of the state paper. A few St Louis & Ford Co deliveries are lagging, but that seems to be a local problem.

Secretary

State Secretary Linda Pasetti-Olson had nothing further to report, but urged that more people get involved in running for positions on the state Executive Board. Lincoln Land member commented on a possible alternate location in Springfield, to hold 2007 BOD meetings.

Activities Coord.

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Coord. Carl Shamhart was absent, but Crystal Shamhart reported on state party preparations. Some volunteers are still needed for the front gate and sign in. Gate opens at 1 PM Friday, other activities will follow. Field events will start after the parade on Saturday.

Bike Raffle Coordinator

Coord. Gus Miller was out with the raffle bike and sent no report.

Regional Reports

NE Region

Co-Coord Rick 'RO' Olson & Mike Ryan nothing to report.

NW Region

Co-Coord Roger Larson nothing to report.

EC Region

Co-Coord Jeff Marsh commented that some chapters have scheduled events on the same day as state events.

WC Region

Co-Coord Steve Surratt & Rodney Stage reported a four chapter fund to benefit State PAC.

SE Region

Coord Rick 'Doc' Jones noted that a memorial ride for all fallen members will be held at the state party after the parade and a SE region meeting will be held at 10 AM on Sat.

- Rich Neb will be inducted into the Sturgis Motorcycle Hall of Fame this year on August 9th.

SW Region

Coord Bob Myers is looking for anyone who may have received a noise violation ticket in Grafton, Illinois this year.

Panel & Committee Reports

MRF Rep

Jim 'Legs' Korte had nothing to report.

DNR Rep

Terry Hopkins reported on \$861,500 in grants given out this year by the DNR (Department of Natural Resources).

- \$556,200 for a 206-acre tract of land
- \$79,600 - Development grant in Little Egypt
- \$128,700 – Development grant for Williams Hill Pass
- \$50,700 - Development grant for Triple H
- \$46,300 - OHV riding areas in Clark County

Terry was also added to the Greenways and Trails Committee by the DNR group. (Written DNR Rep report included with attachments.)

Off Road Panel

Nothing to report as the panel was reseated today.

AMA Dist #17 Rep.

No report.

Bylaw Review Committee

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Chairman Ed Domine received one proposed bylaw change this month. Copies will be sent out with the minutes.

Questions were raised about sanctions put on members who then change chapters. Discussion ensued on the April E Board motion # E2006-038, to recommend removal of a Tri Co member from ABATE of Illinois and her recent transfer to another chapter.

Tri Co moved to reopen New Business. Thunder Rock seconded. Motion failed with 17 chapters agreeing and 20 chapters opposing. # B2006-033

Strategic Planning

Chair Kristin Koller distributed suggestions received from members for improvements to the organization. Please discuss with chapters.

Adjournment

The meeting was moved and seconded to adjourn at 5:02 PM. A unanimous vote carried the motion.

June Attachments (distributed at the meeting)
June Agenda
Bylaw Review Recommendation
Web Site Affiliate Program
Legal Services Plan (enclosed with hard copies)
Coaster Proposal
Legislative Packet
FEDPAC Reports
Proposes 2007 budget & request sheets (enclosed with hard copies)

Treasurer report (enclosed with hard copies)
State Membership Count (enclosed with hard copies)
State Bylaws – Revised in April 2006 (enclosed with hard copies – also available on state website)
DNR Rep Report
Strategic Planning Panel Report enclosed with hard copies – also available on state website)

Next BOD meeting is scheduled for Aug 26 at 1 PM
Next E Board meeting scheduled for July 15 at 10 AM

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 will be held at Brookens Auditorium, U of I campus in Springfield, with the E Board meeting preceding at 10 AM.