

ABATE of Illinois, Inc. E Board Meeting – July 15, 2006

These minutes approved on August 26, 2006

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311 E. Main Street - Suite 418
Galesburg, Illinois 61401

State Secretary – Linda Pasetti-Olson
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Executive Board of Directors - Regular Business Meeting – July 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. Safety & Ed Coord-Paulette Pinkham
6. Public Relations Coord-Deb King
7. Bike Raffle Coord-Gus Miller
8. NE Region Co-Coord.- Mike Ryan
9. NW Region Co-Coord-Roger Larson
10. EC Region Co-Coord.- Jeff Marsh
11. SE Region Coord.- Rick 'Doc' Jones
12. SW Region Coord-Bob Myers
4. Newsletter Coord.-Ray Heck
5. Products Coord.- Laura Mayer
6. NE Region Co-Coord.- Rick 'RO' Olson
7. NW Region Co-Coord.-Todd 'Turk' Nichols
8. EC Region Co-Coord.- Sharilyn Kibler-Russell
9. WC Region Co-Coord.- Steve 'Rat' Surratt
10. WC Region Co-Coord.- Rodney Stage

Executive Board Members Absent

1. Office Manager-Pauli Ward
2. Legislative Coord – Dan Harper
3. Activities Coord.-Carl Shamhart

Others Present

1. Elizabeth Kren – Ass't S & E
2. Razor Swinda-Freedom by Choice
3. Bob Sheets-Freedom by Choice
4. Kathleen Skelton – Piasa-Gateway

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 10:17AM, with the pledge of allegiance. Recording of the meeting was announced. Quorum was present.

Approval of June 2006 E Board Minutes

Others Present – Elizabeth Kren was added.

Bike Raffle Truck Bids – Carl Shamhart was removed.

Lincoln Circuit Ride – First sentence changed to read 'up to a 4.0 CLE education credit'

Revive Illinois River Chapter – Spelling of 'Schuyler' Co was corrected.

Paulette Pinkham moved to approve the June minutes as amended. Rick 'Doc' Jones seconded, and the motion carried without opposition.

Spelling errors were corrected.

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Approval of June 2006 Executive Session Minutes

Wording changes suggested by George Tinkham were reviewed and agreed to.

Ed Domine moved to approve the June Executive session minutes as amended.

Julie Bacon seconded, and the motion carried without opposition.

Old Business

Document Control Policy

Ed Domine had no written revisions ready, but will send them to E Board members before the next meeting, for review at the August meeting. **Paulette Pinkham moved to postpone discussion of the document control policy until the August E Board meeting. Jeff Marsh seconded. Motion was carried without opposition. # E2006-061**

Membership Recommendation

Discussion ensued that motion # E2006-038 (May 2006) was improper. *[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.]* Discussion ensued that the member requesting removal would need to take this issue to the BOD directly instead of to the E Board. Other actions and incidents involving the member and the chapter were discussed as ongoing problems.

Rick 'Doc' Jones moved to rescind motion # E2006-038 as improper, because removal of a member must be brought directly to the BOD for a decision. Paulette Pinkham seconded. Motion carried without opposition. # E2006-062 Notification to the member will be done after a BOD vote is taken.

Sled Use

Activities Coord. Carl Shamhart was absent and sent no recommendation for use of the sled. **Paulette Pinkham moved to postpone discussion of the sled until Carl was present. Jeff Marsh seconded. Motion was carried without opposition. # E2006-063**

Raffle Bike Truck Bids

Bike Raffle Coord Gus Miller stated that he had obtained three truck bids. Last year's models are now discounted and Gus quoted a bid of \$20,115, possibly less. **Paulette Pinkham moved to purchase the new bike raffle truck for \$20,115, or less and transfer the current truck to the Products Coord. Gus Miller seconded.** Discussion ensued on the need to ask for BOD approval before making this purchase, the additional amount of tax, and the cost of a topper and special painting on the truck. **Motion was carried with opposition from Ed Domine, Deb King and Linda Pasetti-Olson. # E2006-064**

Gus Miller will make the purchase and use of the current truck will be transferred to the Products Coord immediately.

Special Plates for Motorcycles

Ed Domine agreed that the special event 'ABATE' plates sold this year appear to have made only \$300 profit, but stated that the main value of the program is raising awareness of ABATE. Per a BOD request, he is researching 'Remember

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911' motorcycle plates, requirements would probably be similar to the 'Veterans' plates requirements. Issuance of a year 'round ABATE plate is not likely, as private organization are not generally awarded their own plates in Illinois. Discussion ensued on 'Veteran' plates for motorcycles and forms to make the plates available were distributed to all present. After 850 requests are received by the Sec of State's office, the plates could be issued.

Ed Domine moved to close Old Business. Gus Miller seconded and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

New Business

Meeting of the Minds

E Board members were asked about plans to attend the MoTM event in Sept. A list will be given to the state office and Pauli Ward will register everyone.

Strategic Planning

Discussion ensued on how suggestions had been gathered and were being presented. Some E Board members felt the membership goals for the organization, as formatted in the report distributed to the BOD in June, were misrepresented. **Linda Pasetti-Olson moved to postpone further discussion of the Strategic Planning report until a Strat Planning panel representative is present. Gus Miller seconded. Motion was carried by a 6 to 5 vote, with opposition from Jeff Marsh, Julie Bacon, Rick 'Doc' Jones, Paulette Pinkham and Ed Domine. # E2006-065**

20th Anniversary of ABATE of Illinois, Inc

Public Relation Coord Deb King would like to have a special commemoration for next year, possibly an organization give-away. Please contact her with any other suggestions.

Information to Membership

No notification of current developments in the ongoing lawsuit ABATE has filed against Gov. Blagojevich, have been sent out to the membership yet. Discussion ensued on a lack of current legislative information going out on the ONDGO list, and responsibility for content of the list. A newspaper account of the July 10th court decision has been distributed in the NE Region, but other chapters and some E Board members have received no updates. State Coord. Jim Korte will contact Leg. Coord Dan Harper about posting updates. It was also noted that the ONDGO has not received the spare laptop from the Legislative Cord. yet.

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11:09 AM – No break was taken, in order to move the meeting along faster.

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Officer Reports

Legislative

Legislative Coord Dan Harper was absent and sent no report.

PAC Reports

No reports were received by anyone present.

Safety & Education

S & E Coord. Paulette Pinkham stated that she was contacted by Carol Simmons of the MRF, to assist Tennessee, and she has responded with a letter.

Assistant State Coordinator

Ass't State Coord Ed Domine worked on the special plates this month and stated that the contract for the 2007 seminar has been signed. He asked for theme suggestions and it was suggested that the seminar and other events in 2007 carry a common theme of ABATE of Illinois's 20th anniversary.

State Secretary

Secretary Linda Pasetti-Olson distributed an updated contact list of E Board members. Paulette Pinkham's cell number has changed and both she and Sharilyn Kibler-Russell have removed their home numbers.

Treasurer

Treasurer Julie Bacon stated that another \$50,000 certificate of deposit has been purchased, but was unable to remember the rate of interest. The current CDs will renew at three-month intervals. Ten associate accounts are now in place and these are not considered ABATE funds. She also feels a study could be done to find out what it costs ABATE of Illinois to start a new chapter. Itemized withdrawals from savings are not being listed on the monthly report and a request was made to include them.

Activities

Coord. Carl Shamhart was absent and sent no report. The issue of Lincoln Land swap meet raffle proceeds was addressed again, and it was decided that The State Treasurer will contact Lincoln Land president and the issue will be discussed at the August BOD meeting. **Julie Bacon moved that a recommendation be made to the BOD that all proceeds from ABATE swap meets, will go to ABATE of Illinois, Inc. Jeff Marsh seconded. Motion was carried with no opposition. # E2006-066**

SW Region Coord Bob Myers discussed complaints he received about some members being allowed early entrance to the state party again this year. Reports were made that some unauthorized people were given the opportunity to come in before general admission opened.

Those that were allowed to enter early included set up people and front gate workers, as well as some others that escorted an E Board member, arrived during a rainstorm, and were allowed to come in and set up. Early admission to the party is an issue that has been repeatedly addressed in the past.

Public Relations

Coord. Deb King has met with Anheuser-Bush on the 'Responsibility Matters' coaster program and received good feedback from them. Cost will be 2.67 cents each. Posters printed with a chapter name are available to any chapter, free of charge from a local liquor distributor.

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A suggestion to award an ABATE membership to a high profile person recently involved in a motorcycle accident was discounted.

Articles written for the public, by officers of individual chapters, should include the chapter name and not just ABATE of Illinois, Inc.

Products Coord

Coord. Laura Mayer was absent and sent no report.

State Newsletter Coord.

Editor Ray Heck was absent and sent no report.

Bike Raffle Coord.

Coordinator Gus Miller noted that more ticket sales are needed.

State Office

Office Manager Pauli Ward was absent. Julie Bacon stated that all memberships are caught up from the state party.

Regional Reports

NE Region – Co-Coord. Mike Ryan had nothing further to report.

NW Region – Co-Coord. Rodger Larson had copies of several motorcycle articles from recent local papers.

EC Region – Co-Coord. Jeff Marsh noted that the office has received an inquiry about starting another chapter in the EC region.

WC Region – Co-Coord. Steve ‘Rat’ Surratt were absent and sent no report.

SE Region – Coord. Rick ‘Doc’ Jones noted that more workers are needed at the state party, and Crossroads chapter will discuss this at the August BOD.

Also, a design for the Lincoln Circuit Ride tee shirt is needed and proceeds from the shirt should go to ABATE. Currently, no financial commitments, beyond a patch for the ride, have been made. **Paulette Pinkham moved to recommend to the BOD, that a limited amount of tee shirts for the Lincoln Circuit Ride be made and sold by ABATE, with ABATE keeping the proceeds. Jeff Marsh seconded. Motion was carried without opposition. # E2006-067**

SW Region – Coord. Bob Myers noted that Kaskaskia Co chapter was not present at the last BOD meeting, but would be presenting a \$450 check to the state in Aug for funds they raised. He also noted that a July 4th parade in Taylorville had 56 bikes from several chapters riding with an ABATE favored candidate. Derogatory statements about riders actions have also been circulated recently, but the origin is unknown.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 12:12 PM on a motion made by Paulette Pinkham. Julie Bacon seconded and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

Attachments (distributed at meeting)

July E Board agenda

Forms for Veterans MC Plates

Treasury Report (Copies available from state office)