

ABATE of Illinois, Inc. E Board Meeting – Aug 26, 2006

These minutes approved on Sept 30, 2006

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Executive Board of Directors - Regular Business Meeting – August 2006

Meeting Location – Brookens Hall
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. Office Manager-Pauli Ward
4. Legislative Coord – Dan Harper
5. Safety & Ed Coord-Paulette Pinkham
6. Newsletter Coord.-Ray Heck
7. Products Coord.- Laura Mayer
8. Public Relations Coord-Deb King
9. NE Region Co-Coord.- Rick 'RO' Olson
10. NW Region Co-Coord-Roger Larson
11. EC Region Co-Coord.- Sharilyn Kibler-Russell & Jeff Marsh
12. WC Region Co-Coord.- Steve 'Rat' Surratt
13. SW Region Coord-Bob Myers

5. NE Region Co-Coord.- Mike Ryan
6. NW Region Co-Coord.-Todd 'Turk' Nichols
7. WC Region Co-Coord.- Rodney Stage
8. SE Region Coord.- Rick 'Doc' Jones

Others Present

1. Mike Ceranek-Will Co
2. Dave Krueger-Freedom Valley
3. Ray 'Razor' Swinda-Freedom by Choice
4. Barb Swinda Freedom by Choice
5. Fred King-Freedom Riders
6. Terry Hopkins-Dukane
7. Sandy Barnett-Lincoln Land
8. Roger Leach-Lincoln Land
9. Chris Norton-Tri Co
10. Bridgette Norton-Tri Co
11. Patti Saxer-Tri Co.
12. Elizabeth Kren-Ass't S&E
13. Paula & Dave White-Northern
14. Dave Acker-Tri Co.

Executive Board Members Absent

1. Ass't State Coord.- Ed Domine
2. Treasurer-Julie Bacon
3. Activities Coord.-Carl Shamhart (with the sled)
4. Bike Raffle Coord-Gus Miller (with the raffle bike)

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 10:06 AM., with the pledge of allegiance. Quorum was present. Recording of the meeting was announced.

Approval of July 2006 E Board Minutes

Activities – Spacing was added separate speaker's comments from general meeting discussion.

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Bob Myers moved to approve the July minutes as amended. Rick ‘RO’ Olson seconded, and the motion carried without opposition.

Old Business

Swap Meet Proceeds

Per motion # E2006-066 [*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.*] Lincoln Land president Roger Leach spoke on the history and procedures for the Springfield Swap Meet. After the state purchased three swap meets in the 1990s, they were primarily run as region events. Lincoln Land become heavily involved in the Springfield Swap, and customarily kept the attendance drawing proceeds as the chapter that supplied most of the manpower etc. to setup, staff and run the event. Lincoln Land asked to keep that process intact. **Laura Mayer moved to rescind motion # E2006-066. Steve ‘Rat’ Surratt seconded. Motion carried without opposition. # E2006-068** No recommendation will be made to the BOD.

Truck Bid

Per motion # E2006-064 [*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. Motion was carried with opposition from Ed Domine, Deb King and Linda Pasetti-Olson.*] the amount approved was found to be too low, as sales tax brought the amount to \$22,341. **Paulette Pinkham moved to rescind motion #E2006-064. Steve ‘Rat’ Surratt seconded. Motion was carried without opposition # E2006-069** After several discussions with the dealership during the month, the total price, with tax, was lowered to \$20,841.

Paulette Pinkham moved to recommend to the BOD that \$20,841 be approved for purchase of a new truck for the raffle bike, and use of the old truck be transferred to Products Coord. Laura Myers seconded. Motion was carried without opposition. # E2006-070

Calendars

Sharilyn Kibler-Russell reported that about half of the ads needed for the 2007 ABATE of IL. calendar have been sold and recommended printing 5,000 copies, at a cost of under \$1 each. At 50 copies per chapter, calendars would still be left for sales to bike shops and other outlets. Chapters will be charged \$5 each, with \$4 going to the state, and can then sell the calendars for whatever they decide. Discussion ensued on the number of copies to be printed. With ad money already committed no state funds are needed for printing, so it was agreed it let Sharilyn continue as she has planned. Calendar will be previewed at the Sept. E Board meeting, printed in early October, and distributed at the October BOD.

Lincoln Circuit Ride/ Lincoln Marker Association

Discussion ensued on financing for the ride tee shirts, and communication issues. Per motion # E2006-067 [*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.*], this recommendation with be brought forward. The Products Coord will decide on the style and price for the shirts. No ride patch is planned at this time.

Communication issues included confusion with financing for the event, number of stops planned, sign up/start times, lack of information on event websites, and makeup of the event-planning panel. The panel appears to consist of Sandy Barnett, Deb King, Laura Mayer, Sharilyn Kibler-Russell, Dan Harper, Carl Shamhart, George Tinkham and Rod Taylor. A Sat overnight stop is planned near Champaign, where camping and hotels will be available.

It was suggested to the State Coord. that ABATE of Illinois, Inc take over the Lincoln Marker Association, with the Executive board members of ABATE to be the controlling members of that entity, and the State Coord. to be the Treasurer. The new corporation would be formed as a subsidiary of ABATE of Illinois, Inc. and would control publicity and finances of the Lincoln Marker Assoc and the Lincoln Circuit Ride. Recognition for the event and association with others involved, such as the judicial personnel and branches of the state government, would be a benefit to ABATE.

Ray Heck moved to continue support of the Lincoln Circuit Ride this year, with George Tinkham and Rod Taylor required to set more definite policy for the planning committee for any future years' events. Rick 'RO' Olson seconded. Motion carried without opposition. # E2006-071

Document Control Policy

Ed Domine was absent and discussion was postponed.

Sled Use

Carl Shamhart was absent and discussion was postponed.

Strategic Plan Discussion

No representative of the Strategic Planning Panel was present and discussion was postponed.

Meeting of the Minds Donation

Discussion ensued that no amount was included in the 2007 proposed budget, for a donation to the MRF. **Rick 'RO' Olson moved to recommend to the BOD that a \$5,000 donation be given to the MRF at the Sept. Meeting of the Minds event, with the amount coming out of savings. Paulette Pinkham seconded. Motion was carried without opposition. # E2006-072** Pledges made at the Meeting of the Minds in Sept 2006 will actually be paid in Jan of 07. Tee shirts left over from 2006 Heartland Steam will be donated to MRF.

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Voter Guides

Dan Harper announced that 20,000 copies of the Voter Guides printed and will be distributed today. **September E Board Meeting**

Discussion ensued about rescheduling the Sept E Board meeting to sometime during Meeting of the Minds, instead of the planned Sept 30 date. During the day Sat and Sunday AM times were considered. No support was found for a change, so meeting will be held as scheduled on Sept 30 at the Prairieland ABATE building in Decatur.

20th ABATE Anniversary Logo

The Products Coord has received only three entries for a special 20th anniversary ABATE logo. Chapter and individual members have until Oct 15th to respond

Paulette Pinkham moved to close Old Business. Deb King seconded and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

New Business

Webmaster & Lobbyist Contracts

Both entities have agreed to renew their contracts. Suggestion was made to raise compensation to the Webmaster. **Pauli Ward moved to recommend to the BOD that the Webmaster contract be approved. Paulette Pinkham seconded. Motion was carried with opposition by Linda Pasetti-Olson. # E2006-073**

Dan Harper moved to recommend to the BOD that the Lobbyist contract be approved. Ray Heck seconded. Motion was carried with no opposition. # E2006-074 Dates on both contracts will be changed to run from Nov 1, 2006 to Oct 31, 2007. Ernie Steele and Todd Vandermyde will be invited to Oct and Dec BOD meetings to sign their annual contracts.

Office Manager Review

Steve ‘Rat’ Surratt moved to go into Executive Session to discuss the Office Managers Review. Jeff Marsh seconded. Motion was carried without opposition. # E2006-075 Visitors were required to leave the meeting.

11:13 AM – 11:26 AM – Executive Session

Visitors were allowed to return to the meeting.

Billboard Donation

Public Relation Coord Deb King was approached with an offer from a Hubbard Trail member, to donate space on a permanent billboard, for use by ABATE. Repairs of about \$300 are needed for the billboard to be usable. **Sharilyn Kibler-Russell motioned to approve up to \$300 from savings, for repairs on a billboard on Highway 24 near Crescent City, donated to ABATE of Illinois, Inc. for the organizations use. Steve ‘Rat’ Surratt seconded. Motion carried without opposition # E2006-076**

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20th Anniversary Raffle

Public Relation Coord Deb King presented a plan to sell raffle tickets for a four-person trip package, including entrance to Disney World and several other Florida amusement parks, hotel rooms, and a \$200 gas card, to commemorate the 20th anniversary of ABATE of Illinois, Inc., in 2007. The package and card are projected to cost \$1,710. If all 2,000 of the \$5 tickets are sold, a profit of \$8,290 to the state would result. Deb will present the plan to the BOD today for its approval.

State Secretary Copy Machine

Recent bulk charges for copying were questioned, since the State Secretary is not running for re-election next year. Explanation was made that the charge in question was for copies already made, and the full amount of the current payment would be used before the end of Linda Pasetti-Olson's term.

Website Affiliate

Discussion ensued on adding a KOA Campsite affiliate to the state website. Question will be brought to the BOD for a vote. More affiliates will be investigated for the website from time to time. Per a recommendation from the Webmaster, **Paulette Pinkham moved to recommend to the BOD that the State Coord and the State Webmaster be given authority to decide on future affiliates for the state website. Dan Harper seconded. Motion carried without opposition. # E2006-077**

Rich Neb Award

Nominations for the award should be sent to the state office by December 1, for review and a vote at the December E Board meeting. Presentation is at the state seminar. State newsletter will carry nomination information.

Lincoln Museum Parking Garage

Policy in the museum garage bans motorcycle parking on the premises. Discussion ensued on industry practice, specifically Standard Parking Lot Co, and Dan Harper is currently talking to that company. Nothing has been negotiated to date.

Grafton Noise Ordinance

SW Region Coord Bob Myers updated the board on the noise ordinance, which was recently dropped by the city. Currently, negotiations are under way between ABATE members and the town council to improve relations between the town and motorcycle riders. Bikers appear to still be targeted by police in that area.

Paulette Pinkham moved to close New Business. Steve 'Rat' Surratt seconded and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

Sharilyn Kibler-Russell moved to reopen Old Business to discuss the Lincoln Circuit Ride. Ray Heck seconded. Motion carried without opposition.

Lincoln Circuit Ride – George Tinkham

Approved-9/30/06

Attested-Linda Pasetti-Olson - State Secretary

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George Tinkham was in attendance and discussed preparations for the event. He did not know who the chair of the planning panel is, but he presented a map that has been produced by IDOT outlining possible routes. Many downtown areas will have to be bypassed, especially in the Bloomington/Normal area. Sullivan will also be bypassed in favor of Shelbyville, which has more historical sites available. No estimate of attendance at the event is possible. Per George, sign up will be about 8 AM on Sat. Sept 16, on Capitol St. in Springfield. A block of rooms is reserved at the Best Inn Motel in Springfield for Friday night, and at the Park Inn in Urbana for Sat night. George was asked to keep panel members better updated in the future.

Paulette Pinkham moved to close New Business. Bob Myers seconded and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 12:09 PM on a motion made by Ray Heck. Steve 'Rat' Surratt seconded and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

Attachments (distributed at meeting)

August E Board agenda

Treasury Report (copies available from state office)