

A.B.A.T.E. of ILLINOIS, INC-Executive Board Meeting-November 18, 2006
These minutes approved on December 16, 2006.

Approved Minutes.

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Executive Board-Monthly meeting-November 18, 2006
Meeting location-Prairieland Chapter Building
1901 Railroad Ave.
Decatur, IL

Executive Board Present

1. State Coord. -Jim "Legs" Korte
2. Ass't State Coord. -Ed Domine
3. Secretary-Paulette Pinkham
4. Treasurer-Julie Bacon
5. Office Manager-Pauli Ward
6. Safety & Education Coord-Elizabeth Kren
7. Newsletter Coord. -Ray Heck
8. Products Coord. -Laura Mayer
9. Public Relations Coord. -Deb King
10. Activities coord. -Crystal Shamhart
11. Bike Raffle-Gus Miller
12. NE Reg. Co-Coord. -Rick "RO" Olson, Mike "Alobe" Ryan
13. NW Reg. Coord. -Mike Myers
14. EC Reg. Co-Coord. -Dick "Heavy" Carr Stacey Rigsby
15. WC Reg. Coord. -Rodney "Roadside" Stage
16. SE Reg. Coord. -Rick "Doc" Jone

Executive Board Absent

1. Legislative Coord. -Dan Harper
-work
2. SW Reg. Coord. Bob Myers
-ill

Visitors

1. Fred King-Freedom Riders
2. Linda Pasetti-Olson-Southern DuPage
3. Jeff March-Prairieland
4. Carl Shamhart-Ass't Activities Crossroads
5. Razor Swinda-Freedom By Choice
6. Doug "Bingo" Binge-Prairieland Building Chairman
7. Sandy Barnett-Lincolnland

Call to order

State Coord. Jim "Legs" Korte called the meeting to order at 10:05am with the pledge of allegiance. Quorum present with 2 executive officers absent.

Approval of October 2006 minutes

Motion to approve minutes as amended by Julie Bacon, seconded by Rick "RO" Olson, motion passed.

Old Business

Calendars-Several calls were made to Sharilyn Russell to find out not enough sponsors to pay for the calendars for 2007. If any maybe 1000 might be ready for the December meeting. No further discussion.

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Law Suit-An ONDGO went out by George Tinkham on the status of the Lawsuit. As it stands right now the judge has not dismissed it. A bill for approximately \$600 occurred to be taken out of the legal action fund for material gathered for the suit. Discussion occurred for clarification for new board members. No further discussion.

Truck Warranty-Gus Miller presented 5 levels of extended warranty service offered on the new truck. Most levels included 6 years, 72,000 miles coverage. **Motion by Rick “RO” Olson for the platinum coverage for \$1415 on the truck extended warranty, seconded by Ray Heck. Discussion, motion passed. #EB2006-91.**

Motion to close Old Business by Rodney “Roadside” Stage, seconded by Deb King. No Discussion, motion passed.

New Business

2007 E-Board-Board of Directors meeting dates-Calendar of proposed meeting dates passed out to the Executive Board for 2007. 2 Board of Directors meeting dates needed to be changed to fit the schedule previously set by the University.

Motion made by Pauli Ward for no meeting date in January, seconded by Rodney “Roadside” Stage. Discussion occurred. Motion passed with Deb King and Paulette Pinkham in objection. #EB2006-92.

Motion made by Laura Mayer to move meeting time in May to 2:00pm, seconded by Rodney “Roadside” Stage. Discussion occurred, motion passed. #EB2006-93.

Motion to accept schedule of meeting dates as adjusted by Rodney “Roadside” Stage, seconded by Ray Heck. No further discussion, motion passed. #EB2006-94

Contract for Board Meetings @UI-Contract for monthly use for meetings at UI with fee and parking lot fee. Monthly fee of \$370 for room, with parking at \$40 till July then fee will be \$45. State Secretary asking permission to sign contract.

Motion to sign contract for UI by Ray Heck, seconded by Mike Myers. No further discussion, motion passed. #EB2006-95.

Website officer information-Ernie Steele sent out notices to all officers for updating the website. Along with that came a questionnaire for Executive Board officers to fill out. Ernie also asked for updated pictures to post on the website of officers.

Use of ABATE name & e-mail addresses-Discussion about common e-mail addresses being used by ABATE of Illinois, Inc. officers and committees, panels. Suggestion made to talk with Ernie Steele or Terry Hopkins about a common officer e-mail address being looked into to set up, where to look and how it would work for ABATE of Illinois, Inc. Other discussion occurred about e-mail names being used to represent ABATE of Illinois, Inc. as officers and committee and panel members.

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ONDGO Policy-Discussion occurred on who should be sending information to Jean for ONDGO. Past practice has been Legislative Coordinator and State Coordinator, with Office Manager posting office closings.

Motion for any ONDGO releases for ABATE of Illinois, Inc. to come from or go thru either the Legislative Coordinator, State Coordinator or Public Relations, and any other release for organizations to go thru Public Relations before being posted by Rick “Doc” Jones, seconded by Paulette Pinkham. Discussion occurred, motion passed. #EB2006-96.

Chapter Service Area-Discussion occurred about previous years in the by-laws that requiring the chapters to list service area did not exist, where it does exist in the current by-laws. Report given on meeting between SW, SE, Reg. Coord. and the 2 chapter presidents occurred and communication was made.

Questions asked about a Business Membership classification. Discussion occurred and no action taken.

Inventory-Lists of ABATE of Illinois, Inc. equipment owned that current officers are using copies were asked to be sent in.

Motion made to do an annual inventory on equipment owned by ABATE of Illinois Inc. this time of year in November by Ray Heck, seconded by Mike Myers. No discussion occurred, motion passed.

Seminar-Ed Domine reported a bit behind. Northfield Inn is a Non-smoking facility now with designated smoking areas only. Discussion occurred about how many rooms are being blocked off. Suggestion was made to ask chapters to limit how many rooms they are blocking off for their chapter. Suggestion made to look for another facility that will accommodate the organization and the smoking issue. Same time schedule for break out session this year as last year. Suggestion made to send letters to passed State Coordinators to attend being it is the 20th anniversary. Permission asked to use ABATE of Illinois, Inc. logo for gifts for the fundraisers. Flags have been ordered. Laura asked to have a products room again this year as it worked well last year. Question asked about sponsors and Ed Domine replied that letters would be sent out. Questions asked about the history of ABATE of Illinois, Inc. presentation at the seminar. Questions about guest speakers at the seminar this year. Letters of invitation have been sent to the MRF and the AMA.

Robert’s Rules of Order-Discussion occurred about updating the Robert’s Rules of Order being used. Discussion occurred and no action taken.

Membership Appeal-State Coordinator Jim “Legs” Korte received a phone call about appealing Board of Directors decision on membership. Currently there is no by-law that covers the reversal of a Board of Directors membership removal. This is a Board of Directors decision and needs to be addressed by the Board of Directors. Julie stated that Lost Creek does not have their corporation paperwork turned in yet, but they are a chartered chapter. Rodney “Roadside” Stage will address the issue at the regional

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meeting later today. The State Coordinator will contact the member who made the phone call.

Strategic plan-Discussion and concerns were voiced about the Strategic plan. A phone conference occurred last Sunday and the panel is meeting before the Board of Directors meeting in December. No action taken.

Goals for 2007-State Coordinator Jim "Legs" Korte passed out to the officers a paper to fill out for goals for those departments for the year 2007. Discussion occurred to work as a team as a board, work with the Board of Directors and chapters. Discussion occurred about making mock by-laws for chapters use.

Chapter voting and chapter quorum-Suggestion made to have the by-law review committee write up generic by-laws for chapters to use. The state by-laws to not cover for the chapters.

Motion to close New Business by Rodney "Roadside" Stage, seconded by Rick "RO" Olson. No discussion occurred, motion passed.

Break: 12:22PM TO 12:58PM

Officers Reports

Legislative-Dan Harper not present, no report sent in. Discussion on some of the race outcome.

PAC Reports-None given.

Products-Laura Mayer reported that help is needed in products for the State Seminar. A reminder to the Executive Board that any shirts ordered from products other than the State Party t-shirts are paid out of each individual department. Thank you to Deb King for the list. Could not find tarps for the side of the booth, but found a cheaper material to cut and use for the sides. The storage unit that is being used by products is raising the prices and the need to look else where for storage.

Safety & Education-Elizabeth Kren reported that 11,418 students have been reached since January. More product will be ordered. The follow up letter has been sent to the IHSDA for response on article.

Assistant State Coordinator-Ed Domine reported by-law teleconference will be tomorrow on proposal. Will bring up in the teleconference about the generic by-laws for chapters. Following up on the information on year round specialty plates.

Secretary-Paulette Pinkham reported on the packet that was passed out to the Executive Board on the updated Policy and Procedure manuals. They will also be passed out to the Board of Directors in December.

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Treasurer-Julie Bacon reported on budget overage by department for this past budget. Expenses have til December 31 to be turned in for past budget. Suggestion made to stay within each department budget. Discussion on balancing the budget at the end of the year. A full report will be given at the December meeting. Chapter 990 letters will be going out to the chapter treasurers and presidents. Julie will be doing a 990 class at the seminar. The billboards will be cleared off the financial report as they have already been paid for.

Activities-Crystal Shamhart reported that the Freedom Rally is progressing well. Some of the previous expenses will not occur next year. State Party there will be only 1 golf cart per region. There will be no trailers this year other than the office trailer. Discussion occurred about line up and arrangements for vendors to get in for the coming year.

Public Relations-Deb King reported on the Swap meet for Springfield. Working with Elizabeth on impaired rider program and Dial-A-Ride program. Reported on an occurrence in a parade in Centralia by a non-chapter group. Paperwork for grant money had been turned into the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Newsletter-Ray Heck reported on advertising for a Wisconsin event in the state newsletter. Articles are due by the 15th of the month. Discussion occurred about looking into updating the look of the state newsletter. No action taken. Discussion occurred on the breakdown cost of the newsletter. No action taken.

Bike Raffle-Gus Miller reported that the Vespa is still not settled. Contact has been made to the president of the company and to the ABATE attorneys on the status. There is still no title for the Vespa and now there are 2 vespa's with the same VIN number. Letters have also been sent with no action following.

Motion made to go buy another vespa to replace the one not titled to settle with the winner by Rodney "Roadside" Stage, seconded by Mike Myers. Discussion occurred, motion passed. #EB2006-97. Gus will take care of the purchase and take care of the winner.

State Office-Pauli Ward reported that membership around 11, 450. The office rent will change in January and DSL is offered thru that. Will check into it and see what it is and it might change the state e-mail. The office has only received 1 entry for the Rich Neb.

Regional Reports

NE Region-Mike Ryan reported plans on paperwork for EXPO in Chicago. Letters will go to the chapters in the region. Westgate and Northern Illinois have new officers for the chapters.

NW Region-Mike Myers reported there would be a Slider presentation in the NW region. A chili cook off will be occurring for the PAC.

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EC Region-Stacey Rigsby reported that some chapter meetings have been attended. There will be a region meeting at the state seminar. Discussion occurred about getting a report from past regional coordinator on the calendar.

WC Region-Rodney "Roadside" Stage reported that a region meeting would be occurring today. WC region will be hosting Fed Pac Friday at the seminar. WC region will be hosting a hospitality room at the seminar and a challenge to the other regions for donations. Working on the Springfield Swap Meet for February.

SE Region-Rick "Doc" Jones reported region meeting would be tomorrow in Mt. Vernon. Bean Farm will have to be moved possibly, will know more in March.

SW Region-Bob Myers not here and no report given.

Motion to accept reports, seconded, motion passed.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Ray Heck, seconded by Crystal Shamhart, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20pm.

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