

A.B.A.T.E. of ILLINOIS, INC-Board of Directors Meeting December 16, 2006
These minutes approved April 21, 2007

Approved Minutes

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Board of Directors Bi-monthly meeting-December 16, 2006

Meeting location-Brookens Auditorium
University of Illinois at Springfield, One University Plaza
Springfield, IL 62703

Executive Board Present

1. State Coordinator-Jim-“Legs” Korte
2. Assistant State Coordinator-Ed Domine
3. Secretary-Paulette Pinkham
4. Treasurer-Julie Bacon
5. Legislative-Dan Harper
6. S&E-Elizabeth Kren
7. Products-Laura Mayer
8. Newsletter-Ray Heck
9. Public Relations-Deb King
10. Bike Raffle-Gus Miller
11. Office Manager-Pauli Ward
12. Activities-Crystal Shamhart
13. NE Region-Rick “RO” Olson
Mike “Mike-Alobe” Ryan
14. NW Region-Mike Myers
15. EC Region-Dick “Heavy” Carr
16. WC Region-Rodney “Roadside”
Stage
17. SE Region-Rick “Doc” Jones

Executive Board absent

1. EC Region-Stacey Rigsby-personal
2. SW Region Bob Myers-surgery

Board of Directors Present

1. Arrowhead Valley
2. Backroads
3. Black Diamond
4. Blackhawk
5. Brothers of Grundy
6. Central Illinois
7. Chicago
8. Children of the Corn
9. Crossroads
10. Dukane
11. Eastern Illinois
12. Embarras Valley
13. Flatlanders
14. Ford County
15. Franklin County
16. Freebird
17. Freedom By Choice
27. Liberty
28. Lincolnland
29. Lost Creek
30. Midstate
31. Northern Illinois
32. Northwest Suburban
33. Old River
34. Open Roads
35. Peo-Taz
36. Piasa-Gateway
37. Prairieland
38. Salt Creek
39. Shoal Creek
40. South Suburban
41. Southern DuPage
42. Southern Freedom
43. Southern Illinois 27

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| 18. Freedom Riders | 44. St. Clair |
| 19. Freedom Valley | 45. Starved Rock |
| 20. Freeport | 46. Thunder Rock |
| 21. Fulton County | 47. Tri-County |
| 22. Great River | 48. Twin Rivers |
| 23. Heart of Illinois | 49. Union Jack |
| 24. Heartland | 50. Wabash Valley |
| 25. Kaskaskia Valley | 51. Westgate |
| 26. Kishwaukee Valley | 52. Will County |

Chapters absent

1. Apple Creek
2. Crawford County
3. Heritage Trail
4. Hubbard Trail
5. Iron Riders
6. Jasper County
7. Lamoine Valley
8. Shawnee Hills

Call to Order

State Coordinator Jim “Legs” Korte opened the meeting at 1:07pm with the pledge of allegiance. The State Coordinator announced that the State Secretary is recording the meeting.

Approval of the October 2006 Minutes

Motion to accept the minutes as written with corrections by Freeport, 2nd Crossroads, discussion, motion passed.

Old Business

Truck extended warranty-At the November E-Board meeting it was voted to go with the Platinum plan for the extended warranty on the truck.

Sled bids to state office by January 1, 2007-Just a reminder that the sled bids to be at the State Office by January 1, 2007. As of this meeting there has been 1 bid received.

Calendar-No information or calendars as of this meeting.

Legislative Agenda-The legislative agenda was presented to the Board of Directors at the October meeting. Dan Harper went over the items on the Legislative agenda for the 2007 calendar. Todd Vandermyde ABATE of Illinois, Inc. lobbyist was recognized to speak.

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Motion to accept the legislative agenda for 2007 by Freeport, 2nd Heart of Illinois, and discussion occurred, motion passed. #B2006-069.

Special plates info-Nothing to report at this time.

Document Control Policy-From the October 2006 Board of Directors meeting: **Freeport moved to accept the Document Control Policy as written, 2nd by Kishwaukee Valley, discussion, Dukane moved to postpone action on the policy until the Feb. BOD meeting; so legal issues can be checked, 2nd by Brothers of Grundy, motion carried without opposition. #B2006-059.**

More discussion occurred on the Document Control Policy. George Tinkham one of ABATE of Illinois, Inc. attorneys was recognized to speak about the policy.

Motion to postpone the Document Control Policy by Midstate, 2nd by Dukane, discussion, Julie Bacon was recognized to speak along with George Tinkham. **Motion passed 29 to 22 with the following chapters opposed:** Black Diamond, Brothers of Grundy, Central Illinois, Dukane, Flatlanders, Ford County, Freebird, Freedom By Choice, Freeport, Fulton County, Great River, Heart of Illinois, Lincolnland, Open Roads, Peo-Taz, Piasa-Gateway, Prairieland, Salt Creek, Southern Freedom, Tri-County, Wabash Valley, Westgate. **#B2006-070.**

By-law Proposal-Chair Ed Domine read the by-law proposal presented to the by-law review committee. **Motion by Freedom By Choice to accept the by-law proposal as read, 2nd by Kishwaukee Valley, discussion,** the chair read the recommendations given by the by-law review committee as to not accept as written, questions occurred during discussion. **Motion failed 22 to 21 note as a 2/3 needed to pass with the following chapters opposed:** Southern Freedom, Lincolnland, Thunder Rock, Chicago, Northern Illinois, Northwest Suburban, Southern DuPage, Dukane, Tri County, Lost Creek, Starved Rock, Freedom Valley, Blackhawk, South Suburban, Will County, Arrowhead Valley, Southern Illinois 27, Brothers of Grundy, Ford County, Heartland, Eastern. **#B2006-071.**

Strategic Plan-Chair Kristin Koehler was recognized. The Strategic plan was passed out to the Board of Directors in August. **Motion by Freedom by Choice to reject report as written, 2nd Prairieland, discussion, motion passed 34 to 10 with the following chapters opposed:** Brothers of Grundy, Dukane, Heartland, Northern Illinois, Northwest Suburban, South Suburban, Southern DuPage, Starved Rock, Thunder Rock, Will County. **#B2006-072.**

Motion by Freedom by Choice not to reseal the Strap panel this year, 2nd Fulton County, discussion, motion passed 25 to 24 with the following chapters opposed: Arrowhead Valley, Brothers of Grundy, Chicago, Crossroads, Dukane, Embarras Valley, Flatlanders, Ford County, Franklin County, Freedom Valley, Kaskaskia Valley, Lincolnland, Northern Illinois, Northwest Suburban, Open Roads, Shoal Creek, South Suburban, Southern DuPage, Starved Rock, Thunder Rock, Twin Rivers, Wabash Valley, Westgate, Will County, **#B2006-073.**

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Incorporation Papers-Southern DuPage encouraged chapters to check their records for their incorporation papers being filed.

Lawsuit-George Tinkham updated the Board of Directors on the status of the lawsuit against the governor on the Cycle Training funds.

Motion to close Old Business by Crossroads, 2nd Freeport, discussion, motion passed with the following chapter opposed: Northern Illinois.

New Business

Meeting dates for 2007-Board of Directors was given a copy of the meeting dates for the year 2007.

Scooter issue-The scooter issue has been resolved and the winner now has the scooter in possession.

Off Road Charter

Motion to accept the Off Road Charter as written by Freeport, 2nd Freedom By Choice, discussion, motion passed with the following chapter opposed: Franklin County. #B2006-074.

Lincoln Marker Assoc. seat-The E-Board voted to postpone this issue until more information is collected.

Reseat panels:

MRF Rep.-Blackhawk motion for Jim “Legs” Korte, 2nd Fulton County, accepted, motion passed. #B2006-075.

AMA Dist. 17-(Note needs to be reseated in August). **Freedom Valley motion for Dick “Heavy” Carr, 2nd by Fulton County, accepted, motion passed.** #B2006-076

ABATEPAC- The Chair and the Treasurer needs to be reseated this year for a 2-year term. Letters of intent from Mad Max for trustee, Razor Swinda for Chairman, Neal Toefper for Treasurer. **Prairieland motion to accept all letters of intent, 2nd by Heart of Illinois, discussion, John Harris letter of intent, Martha Kelley for trustee, Deb King for trustee, and Randy Scott for trustee, motion passed.** #B2006-077.

FEDPAC- South Suburban motion for Rita Bostleman as treasurer and Jim Connley 2nd by Thunder Rock, discussion, motion passed. #B2006-078.

Off Road Pane-Letters of intent from John Harris Dan Spearly, and Todd Darr, motion to accept all, 2nd, discussion, motion passed. #B2006-079.

By-law review Panel-Done by region: NE Region Terry Hopkins, Ray Heck as alternate, NW Region, Mike May, Neal Temper as alternate, EC Region Denny

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Turner, Jeff Marsh as alternate, WC Region Rodney Stage, Elizabeth Kern as alternate, SE Region Bill Bennett, Rick “Doc” Jones as alternate, SW Region Ed Show, Rich Kincaid as alternate. This panel voted in by regions, motions passed. #B2006-080.

Chapter Service Area-Questions were brought up at the E-Board about Chapter Service Areas. Recommendation was made by the E-Board to bring it to the Board of Directors. Motion made by Dukane to direct the Legislative Coordinator to bring in the legislative map that was drawn up in the past, 2nd Freeport, discussion, motion passed. #B2006-081.

Panel minutes-Questions were brought up about policy set for panels to turn in panel attendance and minutes of meetings held.

Motion to close New Business by Freebird, 2nd Piasa-Gateway, discussion, motion passed.

Announcements: Signed contract by our Lobbyist.
Chapters please send a list of members who past away in the calendar year 2006.

Officer Reports:

Legislative-Dan Harper-Legislative agenda passed, please send copies of tickets received. Meeting occurred with the AMA with Dan Harper, Jim “Legs” Korte in getting other entities involved in working together. Dan went over the agenda. Legislative Day will be March 7, 2007 starting at 9am at the Quality Inn same as last year. Flyer will be out soon.

Covered Federal issues with changes in house. AMA is looking for a sponsor for HIPPA. Discussed right to repair, Dept of Energy discussion about helmet on property still being addressed. Local election endorsement discussed no chapter can donate directly to a campaign. Contact your PAC’s if a mailing needs to be done do to change in regulations. Will County donation of \$3,000.

Motion to accept as read, 2nd, no discussion, motion passed.

PAC report-Mary Burgett gave a report and thank you for support to the PAC. Thank you to Ford County for donation of \$100. A year-end report was given out. Will County gave a donation of \$2,519.

Motion to accept report as read, 2nd, no discussion, and motion passed.

FEDPAC report-Michael “Bozz” Kerr gave report on outcome of elections and what the impact will be with 12 out of the 13 endorsed in seat. Friday Night at the seminar will be the FED PAC fundraiser.

Motion to accept report, 2nd, no discussion, motion passed.

Safety & Education report-Elizabeth Kren reported that Florida received money from the governor. Current numbers are at 16,806 for students touched this year so far. Will

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County gave a donation of \$1,000. Discussion occurred about covering material on ATV riding, no action taken.

Motion to accept report as given, 2nd, no discussion, and motion passed.

Products report-Laura Mayer reported on getting ready for the seminar

Motion to accept report as given, 2nd, no discussion, and motion passed.

Treasurer report-Julie Bacon reported that the 990's have been mailed to the chapters. A letter was also mailed to the chapter presidents for notification of the 990's. A past proposal suggested that a review be done every 2 years so Julie has made contact for this to be done for a report at the end of the year. Products will have inventory done again this year. Julie will also have a class at the seminar this year and also assist chapter who need help finishing their 990's

Motion to accept report as given, 2nd, no discussion, and motion passed.

Assistant State Coordinator report-Ed Domine reported on the works of the seminar in progress. AMA will be sending Terry Cook to the seminar. Not sure with the MRF except maybe it will be Bozz. Thunder Rock brought up a question that if a panel no longer exists could they spend the money on donating items to either PAC's.

Motion by Thunder Rock to buy items for PAC's, 2nd by Salt Creek, discussion, motion passed with the following chapters opposed: Northern Illinois, Midstate. #B2006-082.

Motion to accept report as given, 2nd, no discussion, and motion passed.

Public Relations report-Deb King reported on the passing out of the Disney Tickets. Looking for artwork for the back of the placemats. Everything up and running for the Swap meet in Springfield in February. All flyers and proclamations are on the website for downloading and use by chapters. Update on the Grant application made to the Illinois Department of Transportation, is still in the works and being reviewed. Working on new PSA's with IDOT. Coaster program dead in the water with Busch and looking at other avenues. Information passed out to the chapters on using some of the money from the Disney Tickets being sold to help pay for tri-folds and other items for public relations. Will County gave a donation of \$1,000.

Motion to accept report as given, 2nd, no discussion, and motion passed.

State Office report-Pauli Ward reported that the Christmas party after the meeting today.

Motion to accept report as given, 2nd, no discussion, and motion passed.

Newsletter report-Ray Heck asked if chapters to please send their meeting dates and event dates to the newsletter. Deadline for the newsletter is the 15th of every month.

Motion to accept report as given, 2nd, no discussion, and motion passed.

Secretary report-Paulette Pinkham had no report to give.

Motion to accept as given, 2nd, no discussion, motion passed.

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Activities report-Crystal Shamhart reported that Carl would be Activities assistant. Swap meet is set. Freedom Rally is set. The State Party will have 2 bands on Friday night. Sign up sheets the first postmark after March 1st will be brought at the February meeting. The chapter who receives the first shift will only get enough tickets for the opening shift. No Pre vehicles to the fairgrounds until Thursday, Only E-Board, E-Board gusts, and workers on the fairgrounds on Thursday night. The Main gate will not have line –up until 8am of Friday morning. A previous policy states that advance dtickets are not to be sold for the state party since 2001.

Motion by Freeport to sell advance tickets for the state party, 2nd by Dukane, discussion, motion passed with the following chapters opposed: Thunder Rock, Heart of Illinois, St. Clair. (2 other chapters opposed not recorded). #B2006-083.

Discussion occurred about campers no action taken.

Motion by Thunder Rock that all advanced tickets be paid for in advance, 2nd Open Roads, discussion, motion failed.

Motion to accept report as given, 2nd, no discussion, and motion passed.

Bike Raffle-Gus Miller reported on chapters picking up tickets and will also have them available at the seminar.

Motion to accept report as given, 2nd, no discussion, and motion passed.

Region reports-

NE Region- Rick “RO” Olson-nothing to report.

NW Region- Mike Myers- Chili shootout in February.

EC Region- Dick “Heavy” Carr- will be having a region meeting at the seminar. Heat of Illinois presented certificates of appreciation to chapters for help at the Chigger Fest.

WC Region- Rodney “Roadside” Stage reported a region meeting would be at 1:00pm at the seminar.

SE Region- Rick “Doc” Jones reported a region meeting would be in March. Region gave donations to the memorial fund and the hospitality room at the seminar.

SW Region-Bob Myers is not present do to surgery.

Motion to accept region reports as given, 2nd, no discussion, motion passed.

Panel reports-

MRF-Jim “Legs” Korte reported on MRF bike to check the MRF website.

AMA-Dick “Heavy” Carr reported on meeting with the AMA.

DNR-Terry Hopkins-no report given.

Off Road-John Harris reports more people need to get involved.

By-law review-Ed Domine reported that there are no changes submitted at this time.

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Will County donated to the general fund of \$1,000

Motion to accept reports as given, 2nd, no discussion, motion passed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Dukane, 2nd Thunder Rock, no discussion, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned 4:45pm

Submitted
Paulette Pinkham
ABATE of Illinois, Inc.
State Secretary

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