

A.B.A.T.E. OF ILLINOIS, INC.-Board of Directors Meeting June 16, 2007  
These minutes approved August 25, 2007  
Approved Minutes

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STATE SECRETARY-PAULETTE

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**Executive Board Present**

1. State Coordinator Jim "Legs" Korte  
work
2. Assist. Coordinator Ed Domine  
Ryan-work
3. Secretary-Paulette Pinkham
4. Treasurer-Julie Bacon
5. Legislative-Dan Harper
6. Safety & Ed.-Elizabeth Kren
7. Products-Laura Mayer
8. Newsletter-Ray Heck
9. Public Relations-Deb King
10. Office Manager-Pauli Ward
11. NE Region-Rick "RO" Olson
12. NW Region-Mike Myers
13. EC Region-Dick "Heavy" Carr-left early  
Stacey Rigsby
14. WC Region-Rodney "Roadside" Stage
15. SE Region-Rick "Doc" Jones
16. SW Region-Bob Myers

**Executive Board Absent**

1. Activities-Crystal Shamhart-
2. NE Region-Mike "Mike-Alobe"
3. Bike Raffle-Gus Miller-with bike

**Board of Directors Present**

1. Apple Creek-left 3:30p
2. Backroads
3. Black Diamond
4. Blackhawk
5. Central Illinois
6. Chicago
7. Children of the Corn
8. Crossroads-left 3:00
9. Dukane
10. Eastern Illinois
11. Embarras Valley
12. Ford County
13. Franklin County
14. Freebird
15. Freedom By Choice-left 4:10
16. Freedom Riders
17. Freedom Valley
18. Freeport
19. Fulton County
20. Heart of Illinois
21. Heartland
22. Iron Riders
23. Kaskaskia Valley

**Board of Directors Absent**

1. Arrowhead Valley
2. Brothers of Grundy
3. Crawford County
4. Flatlanders
5. Great River
6. Heritage Trail
7. Hubbard Trail
8. Jasper County
9. Lamoine Valley
10. Northern Illinois
11. Old River
12. Salt Creek
13. Shawnee Hills
14. Southern Freedom
15. Union Jack

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24. Kishwaukee Valley
25. Liberty
26. Lincolnland
27. Lost Creek-left 4:10
28. Midstate
29. Northwest Suburban
30. Open Roads
31. Peo-Taz
32. Piasa-Gateway-left 3:55
33. Prairieland
34. Shoal Creek-left 5:06
35. South Suburban
36. Southern DuPage
37. Southern Illinois 27
38. St. Clair
39. Starved Rock
40. Thunder Rock
41. Tri-County
42. Twin Rivers
43. Wabash Valley
44. Westgate
45. Will County

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**Call to order:**

State Coordinator Jim "Legs" Korte called the meeting to order at 1:08pm with the pledge of allegiance. State Secretary announced that the meeting is being recorded.

**Approval of minutes of April 21, 2007:**

**Motion to approve minutes as written by Freeport, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Heart of Illinois, motion passed with Dukane, Blackhawk, South Suburban, Southern DuPage, and Will County objecting.**

**Old Business**

**Chapter Service Area:**

SE and SW Region Coordinators were to get together to discuss chapter service area. Bob Myers and Rick "Doc" Jones got with the 2 chapters to work out differences and are planning events together in the future.

**Lincoln ride:**

George Tinkham and Rick "Doc" Jones recognized. Looking at 2 weekends and make more of a region event instead of statewide. Looking at 2 weekends in September and nothing is wanted from A.B.A.T.E. OF ILLINOIS, INC. August newsletter should have more information on the ride.

**Chapter Charter Review:**

Iron Riders has a representative here today:

Jeff Duvine here to represent the chapter stating someone will be at 4 of the 6 meetings, chapter is going to work on membership, getting back to getting more involved.

**Motion by Freeport for Iron Rider be put on a probationary period to the end of the calendar year (December 31, 2007) in having to attend all state board meetings, 2<sup>nd</sup> Heart of Illinois, discussion, motion passed. B2007-16.**

**Raffle Bike at events B2007-08**

Previous motion from April 21, 2007 meeting: (Motion by Heart of Illinois to limit bike raffle sales to ABATE state events to our own and to be at all state events, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thunder Rock, discussion, motion passed with the following chapters opposed, Blackhawk, Crawford County, Dukane, Embarras Valley, Flatlanders, Ford County, Franklin County, Hubbard Trail, Kishwaukee Valley, Lincolnland, Lost Creek, Midstate, Northern Illinois,

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Northwest Suburban, South Suburban, Southern DuPage, Southern Illinois 27, St. Clair, Twin Rivers, Wabash Valley, Westgate, Will County).

**Motion to reconsider Motion B2007-08 stated above by Freeport, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thunder Rock, discussion occurred about concerns and limitations of bike sales outside of ABATE members, motion passed. B2007-17.**

**Motion by Freeport rescind B2007-08 (Motion by Heart of Illinois to limit bike raffle sales to ABATE state events to our own and to be at all state events, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thunder Rock, discussion, motion passed.), discussion, motion passed . B2007-18.**

**Motion by Heart of Illinois to withdraw motion B2007-08, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thunder Rock, no discussion, motion passed. B2007-19.**

**Motion by Heart of Illinois not let any other bike ticket raffle sales at state sponsored events (which are state seminar, freedom rally, swap meets, state) party but our own bike raffle , 2<sup>nd</sup> Prairieland, discussion, motion passed, opposed Franklin County, Dukane, Lincolnland, Midstate, Northwest Suburban, South Suburban, Southern Dupage, Westgate, Will County. B2007-20.**

#### **Bear Raffle motion B2007-11**

Previous motion from April 21,2007 meeting (Motion by Freedom By Choice to make up tickets to sell for the bear to raffle off at state seminar of 2008, 2<sup>nd</sup> Embarras Valley, discussion, bear purchased at a fund raiser and how to disburse money, motion passed.)

Freedom By Choice would like to offer a solution of funding and additions to the bear raffle sale.

ABATEPAC will do the tickets and flyers of bear raffle. Also postpone raffle to end at the state seminar of 2009 instead of 2008.

**Motion to reconsider motion B2007-11, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dukane, no discussion, motion passed. B2007-21**

**Motion to amend motion B2007-11 to 2009 instead of 2008 seminar, 2<sup>nd</sup> Embarras Valley, discussion, motion passed. B2007-22. Motion B2007-11 will now State the following: to make up tickets to sell for the bear to raffle off at state seminar 2009.**

#### **Bylaw proposals:**

The motion of the secretary's duties was withdrawn by the writer Terry Hopkins. No action taken.

Proposed bylaw amendment:

Article 3. Board of Directors

Section 3. Duties.

- A) Shall report to the chapter on business transacted, and decisions made at those meetings, and or questions that the Board of Directors has sent to the chapter for consideration.
- B) Shall be responsible to disburse Minutes of approved Executive and Board of Directors meetings to any chapter member upon request.
- C) Shall disburse to any reports, documents or any other materials provided by Executive Coordinators to corresponding chapter officers.
- D) Shall insure approved minutes from Executive and Board of Directors meetings, and other documents made available at Board of Directors meetings for chapter records.
- E) Assist and present issues, wishes and problems that their chapter may have to the Board of Directors.

The Bylaw review committee has reviewed this proposal, and recommends a vote against adopting this amendment to our bylaws as presented. Although this proposal provided definitions for the duties of the BOD reps, the committee was not convinced that the bylaws are the appropriate place for this amount of detail. The proposal provides some specific duties, but does not provide for the primary duties of the BOD, which is to make decisions and set policy for ABATE of Illinois. There was a question as to the responsibility for the distributing of the minutes should reside. The committee believes that the BOD rep should provide the minutes as well as all other information provided to the BOD, to the appropriate chapter officers. It would then be the chapter's responsibility (most likely the chapter secretary), to distribute minutes to members that request them. Additionally, the proposal leaves questions of how it is to be included in the bylaws. If this creates a new section for duties of the BOD rep how does this affect the current Section 11 on Powers and Duties? The committee suggest that this proposal be rewritten to define exactly how it fits into the existing bylaws, how Section 11 is affected, and includes references to the primary duties of the Board of Directors.

**Motion by Freedom By choice to not accept this bylaw proposal, 2<sup>nd</sup> Black Diamond, discussion, motion passed, opposed Freeport, St. Clair. B2007-23**

**Motion by Heart of Illinois to discuss slander activities in the state newsletter and chapter newsletter by Lincolnland, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prairieland, discussions occurred.**

### **License Plates**

Freedom Valley brought up questions about long term license plates.

**Motion by Heart of Illinois to start the petition process for a year round license plated for vehicles and bikes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Blackhawk, discussion, motion passed, opposed Freebird, Fulton county, Freeport, Southern DuPage, Twin Rivers, Freedom By Choice. B2007-24**

Petition will be at state party, in newsletter, and on website.

**Motion to close Old Business Kishwaukee Valley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Backroads, and motion passed.**

Break 2:34p

Back in session 2:54p

### **Activities report:**

Assistant Carl Shamhart-state party is ready to roll, with line up at the high school Thursday night. Some roads under construction so may have to change traveling routes.

### **New Business**

**Nominations opened up at the June meeting are following:**

State Coordinator-Jim "Legs" Korte-accepted.

Assistant State Coordinator-Ed Domine-accepted.

Rich Kincade-accepted.

Secretary-Paulette Pinkham-accepted.

Linda Paseti-Olson-undecided.

Treasurer-Julie Bacon-accepted.

Legislative-Dan Harper-accepted.

Safety & Education-Elizabeth Kren-accepted.

Public Relations-Carlene Grant-accepted.

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Deb King-declined.

Products-Laura Mayer-undecided.

Newsletter-Ray Heck-declined.

Bike Raffle-Gus Miller-not present.

Activities-Crystal Shamhart-not present.

Northeast Region-Rick "RO" Olson, Mike "Mike-Alobe" Ryan-accepted.

Northwest Region-Mike Myers-accepted.

West Central Region-Rodney "Roadside" Stage-accepted.

East Central Region-Stacey Rigsby, Dick "Heavy" Carr-Stacey accepted, Heavy not present.

South East Region-Rick "Doc" Jones-accepted.

South West Region-Bob Myers-accepted.

Note: Nominations will open and close at the August Board of Directors meeting.

### **Budget**

The budget has been passed out to the Board of Directors for consideration and discussed at the August Board of Directors meeting.

### **New Chapter:**

A new chapter in the Northwest region would like to form and be called Big River. The new chapter has met all the bylaw criteria for chapter formation. The Executive Board recommends accepting the new chapter.

**Motion by Freeport to accept and grant charter of the new chapter that will be called Big River, 2<sup>nd</sup> Freedom Riders, discussion, and motion passed. B2007-25.**

2006 Grant Follow up.

Questions have come up and not being answered by the government for application for 2010 federal grant money for 2006. Would like to pursue Illinois Department of Transportation, if no answer then to contact NHTSA region V, if no response then to honorable Costello's office to get answers.



**Motion by Fulton County to pursue the answers to questions of 2006 grant money, 2<sup>nd</sup> Heart of Illinois, discussion, motion passed. B2007-26.**

**D-17 Rep.**

Information received that the AMA district 17 seat needs to be seated in October. ABATE of Illinois needs to have a representative by September. This will be posted in the newsletter nominations and vote at the Board of Directors meeting in August.

Nominations for Stacey Rigsby-accepted, and Greg Bacon-undecided, Mike Myers-declined.

**Content of Newsletter Articles:**

**Motion by Heart of Illinois for the Executive Board to draft and bring to the Board of Directors guidelines for any newsletter articles, 2<sup>nd</sup> Starved Rock, discussion, motion passed, opposed Black Diamond, Dukane, Embarras Valley. B2007-26.**

**Minutes:**

**Motion by Freeport for chapters updated list for 3 designated minutes and state either for hard or electronic file, also the chapter mailbox by the August Board of Directors meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prairieland, discussion, motion passed, opposed Starved Rock. B2007-27.**

**PSA:**

**Motion by Will County for the Board of Directors make approval of the PSA's before end product, 2<sup>nd</sup> Southern DuPage, discussion letting the Board know that when the process does start it will be in a 3 step process with the production of the PSA's.**

**Motion to table motion on the floor by Blackhawk, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kaskaskia Valley, discussion, motion passed. B2007-28.**

**Motion by Southern DuPage for the grant application to see what is going on, 2<sup>nd</sup> Will County, discussion to bring to next Board of Directors meeting, motion passed , opposed Central Illinois, Children of the Corn, Eastern Illinois, Ford County, Freedom By Choice, Freedom Riders, Freeport, Heart of Illinois, Kishwaukee Valley, Liberty, Midstate, Prairieland. B2007-29.**

**Motion to close New Business by St. Clair, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thunder Rock, no discussion, motion passed.**

Break 3:57p

Back 4:15p

**Officers Reports;**

**Legislative**-Dan Harper, see attached reports. Asked to make sure to give to legislative director.

Possible of moving up of Primary Election day which would move up grading process. Primary proposed for Feb. 5, 2008.

**ABATEPAC**-RazorSwinda see attached.

**FEDPAC-Michael"Boz" Kerr** see attached. Will have to file a report on status of the pac and the drawing for the weekend getaway at Peoria races will be at the state party. Thank you to Bob Myers for attending events.

Motion to accept reports as given, accepted.

**Safety & Education**-Elizabeth Kren-so far this year 8614 students reached with 700 being windshield wash. Elizabeth read a letter of a person interested in the Dukane area in helping with sharing the awareness presentations. Training session coming up.

Motion to accept report as given by Blackhawk, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prairieland, accepted.

**Products**-Laura Mayer-a check to ABATE of Illinois, Inc. for \$10,795. Products report attached. If any chapters have a chapter event that would like state supplies give products a call.

Motion to accept report as given, accepted.

**Treasurer**-Julie Bacon-Summary of products is attached. A list of questions for the treasurer about products was given by Dukane. See attached questions and answers. Questions swap meet coming up next year what to do with swap meet 50/50.

**Motion that all membership drawing monies from the Springfield swap meet will be donated to the ABATEPAC fund, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kishwaukee Valley, discussion, motion passed, opposed Black Diamond, Dukane, Franklin County, Freeport, Fulton County, Lincolnland, Northwest Suburban, South Suburban, Southern DuPage, Southern Illinois 27, Starved Rock, Twin Rivers Westgate. B2007-30.**

**Motion by Black Diamond that all membership drawing monies from all state events go to the state organization, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fulton County, discussion, motion passed, opposed**

**Dukane, Franklin County, Northwest Suburban, South Suburban, Southern DuPage, Will County. B2007-31.**

**Assistant State Coordinator**-Ed Domine-reports that the plates will be able to be on for 2 months. Don't forget to make notification to state office for room reservation for the state seminar.

Motion to accept reports, accepted.

**Public Relations**-Deb King-some posters take them with you. Carlene Grant has been brought in as assistant to Public Relations, welcome. Touched on the summit in Indiana for the Region V NHTSA in April. Touched on the attendance of the invitation to both May 1 presentations by IDOT in Chicago and Springfield. No media attendance to the one in Chicago but coverage in Springfield. ABATE of Illinois, Inc was not included in the releases.

If you have proclamations please make copies and send them to the Public Relations Coordinator.

Special recognition to Bob "Korg" Ward for suggesting that IDOT put their new bumper stickers on all of the state vehicles to be seen.

Bob "Korg" Ward spoke some of the committee (Motorcycle Advisory Panel).

Thanks to Deb King for reporting about motorcycles.

Motion to accept report as given, accepted.

**State Office**-Pauli Ward-reported that she has state party tickets and bike raffle tickets. Changes are going to be made to the membership packets do to the raise in mailing cost. Bumper stickers will be downsized as envelopes will be a 6x9 now.

**Motion by Heart of Illinois to redesigned stickers with black and yellow, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dukane, discussion, motion passed. B2007-32**

**Motion by Dukane to ad website on the bottom of the bumper sticker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kishwaukee Valley, discussion, motion passed, opposed Franklin County, Blackhawk, Southern DuPage, Starved Rock, Will County, Prairieland, Children of the Corn. B2007-33.**

Question to the webmaster about the contacts listed in the state paper to be listed on the state website.

**Motion by Dukane for state newspaper contact be put on the state website, 2<sup>nd</sup> Twin Rivers, discussion, motion failed.**

Motion to accept report as given, accepted.

**Newsletter**-Ray Heck-June paper was put on better grad of paper and cost was 25% more per issue. Postage close to double for the paper.

Motion to accept report as given, accepted.

**Secretary**-Paulette Pinkham-nothing to report.

**Bike Raffle**-Gus Miller not present.

**Region Reports:**

**NE Region**-Rick "RO" Olson-Dukane hosting Pacfest. Parade coming up.

**NW Region**-Mike Myers-welcome to the new chapter to the region. Need help at the state party times assigned to the region.

**EC Region**-Stacey Rigsby-thanks to the rep from Iron Riders.

**WC Region**-Rodney "Roadside" Stage-first annual regional party went off well with 350 in attendance.

**SE Region**-Rick "Doc" Jones-Represented ABATE of Illinois, Inc. at Heartland Steam with Hunter John Harris. Help for shifts at state party Friday nite 9p-12a. Memorial ride coming up so watch for flyers. Region meeting will be Saturday at 10am at state party.

**SW Region**-Bob Myer-Run to the Wall came thru May 26. Marble run in full swing.

Region reports accepted as given.

**Panel Reports:**

**MRF**-Jim "Legs" Korte-reports going out weekly. Everything else covered earlier in le

**AMA**-Dick "Heavy" Carr-left early no reports other than what was covered earlier for the seat.

**DNR**-Terry Hopkins-grants have been given out in the sum of \$1.8 million. Designation of money will not be released until governor announces. Question asked if governor has made announcement yet answer was had to wait instead of like last year.

**Off Road**-Hunter John Harris-paper passed out last meeting.

**Bylaw review**-Ed Domine-nothing turned in.

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Membership drawing \$96 to Bob Myers.

Motion to adjourn by Black Diamond, 2<sup>nd</sup> Freedom Riders, motion passed.

Time 5:49p

Respectfully,

State Secretary

Paulette Pinkham