

A.B.A.T.E. OF ILLINOIS, INC.-Board of Directors Meeting August 25, 2007

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Board of Directors meeting August 25, 2007

Meeting location-Brookens Auditorium

University of Illinois at Springfield, One Plaza

Springfield, IL 62703

EXECUTIVE BOARD PRESENT

1. State Coordinator-Jim "Legs" Korte
2. Secretary-Paulette Pinkham
3. Legislative-Dan Harper
4. Safety & Ed.-Elizabeth Kren
5. Products-Laura Mayer
6. Newsletter-Ray Heck
7. Public Relations-Deb King
8. Office Manager-Pauli Ward
9. Activities-Crystal Shamhart
10. NE Region-Rick "RO" Olson
11. NE Region-Mike "Mike-Alobe" Ryan
12. EC Region-Stacey Rigsby
13. WC Region-Rodney "Roadside" Stage
14. SE Region-Rick "Doc" Jones

EXECUTIVE BOARD ABSENT

1. Assist State Coord.-Ed Domine-out of town
2. Treasurer-Julie Bacon-chapter event
3. Bike Raffle-Gus Miller-with bike-Alton
4. EC Region-Dick "Heavy" Carr-work

15. SW Region-Bob Myers

CHAPTERS PRESENT

1. Arrowhead Valley
2. Black Diamond
3. Blackhawk-left 4:03p
4. Central Illinois-left 3:42p
5. Chicago
6. Crossroads
7. Eastern Illinois
8. Embarras Valley
9. Flatlanders
10. Ford County
11. Franklin County
12. Freebird
13. Freedom By Choice
14. Freedom Riders
15. Freedom Valley
16. Freeport
17. Great River-left 2:43p
18. Heart of Illinois
19. Heartland
20. Heritage Trail
21. Hubbard Trail
22. Iron Riders

CHAPTERS ABSENT

1. Apple Creek
2. Backroads
3. Big River
4. Brothers of Grundy
5. Children of the Corn
6. Crawford County
7. Dukane
8. Fulton County
9. Lamoine Valley
10. Old River
11. Salt Creek
12. Shawnee Hills
13. Shoal Creek
14. Southern Freedom
15. Union Jack
16. Wabash Valley

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23. Jasper County
24. Kaskaskia Valley
25. Kishwaukee Valley
26. Liberty
27. Lincolnland
28. Lost Creek
29. Midstate
30. Northern Illinois-left 2:29p
31. Northwest Suburban
32. Open Roads
33. Peo-Taz
34. Piasa-Gateway
35. Prairieland
36. South Suburban
37. Southern DuPage
38. Southern Illinois 27
39. St. Clair
40. Starved Rock
41. Thunder Rock
42. Tri-County
43. Twin Rivers
44. Westgate
45. Will County

Meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 1:05pm with State Coordinator Jim "Legs" Korte leading in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Approval of June meeting minutes:

Motion to accept the minutes as amended by Kishwaukee Valley, 2nd by Flatlanders, motion passed.

Old Business:

2nd round of Executive Board nominations:

State Coordinator:	Jim "Legs" Korte	June	Accepted
	Mike Panzer	August	Accepted
Assistant State Coordinator:	Ed Domine	June	Accepted
	Rich Kincade	June	Decline
	Jeff Marsh	August	Accepted
Secretary:	Paulette Pinkham	June	Accepted
	Linda Pasetti-Olson	June	Declined
Treasurer:	Julie Bacon	June	Accepted
Legislative Coordinator:	Dan Harper	June	Accepted
Safety & Education:	Elizabeth Kren	June	Accepted
	Violet Roberts	August	Accepted
Public Relations:	Carlene Grant	June	Accepted
	Deb King	June	Declined
Products:	Laura Mayer	June	Accepted
Newsletter:	Ray Heck	June	Declined
	Sandy Barnett	August	Accepted
	Deb King	August	Accepted
Bike Raffle:	Gus Miller	June	Accepted
Activities:	Crystal Shamhart	June	Accepted
North East Region Coordinator:	Mike "Mike-Alobe" Ryan CO	June	Accepted
	Rick "RO" Olson CO	June	Accepted

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North West Region Coordinator:	Mike Myers	June	Accepted
West Central Region Coordinator:	Rodney "Roadside" Stage	June	Accepted
East Central Region Coordinator:	Stacey Rigsby CO	June	Accepted
	Dick "Heavy" Carr CO	June	Accepted
South East Region Coordinator:	Rick "Doc" Jones	June	Accepted
South West Region Coordinator:	Bob Myers	June	Accepted

Motion to close nominations by Kishwaukee Valley, 2nd Starved Rock, no discussion, and motion passed. B2007-35

Budget:

Motion to accept budget as written by Freedom by Choice, 2nd Freeport, and no discussion occurred, motion passed. B2007-36.

06 Grant follow up:

Information still being collected on the 06 grant application (federal 2010 monies) with the 07 being collected also.

Motion to continue on grant application follow up including 07 monies including at the national level by Blackhawk, 2nd Ford County, no discussion, motion passed. B2007-37.

D-17 Rep.

The appointment for the D-17 Rep to be done at this meeting. Stacey Rigsby and Greg Bacon have been nominated Clarification of job description was discussed, 4 meeting a year, representing ABATE of Illinois, a voice of communication.

Show of hands voted Stacey Rigsby into the position. Greg Bacon received 3 votes.

Guidelines for newsletters:

Handouts of information collected as suggestions by the regions. What is in the newsletter is currently not a policy only a statement. Suggested for information to be taken back to chapters for input and to bring back a recommendation to the next BOD meeting.

Motion to postpone until next BOD meeting by Freeport, 2nd Crossroads, discussion, motion passed with the following chapters opposing, Blackhawk, Southern DuPage, Heart of Illinois, South Suburban, Westgate. B2007-38.

Approval of PSA's-postponed.

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Motion to close Old Business by Crossroads, 2nd Open Roads, no discussion, and motion passed.

New Business:

New Chapter:

Executive Board has reviewed that all chapter formation qualifications have been met.

Motion to accept the chapter as presented to be called Beaucoup Bottoms and be in the South West Region by Freeport, 2nd Thunder Rock, discussion, motion passed. B2007-39.

Patches & Rockers:

At the July Executive Board meeting recommendation was to bring this issue to the Board of Directors for direction.

Questions about patches and rockers being worn brought to the Board of Directors. The person in question has removed the articles in question.

By-laws read: Article 1-Principal Office and Registered Agent, Section 4. Trademark (s) - The name A.B.A.T.E. and A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc. is a registered service mark of A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc. and its chapters. The corporation reserves the right to regulate its use.

Article 5-Chapters of the Corporation, Section 5. Back patches, No chapter chartered by the Corporation shall produce, sell or distribute, any A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc. patch, with or without upper or lower rockers, to be worn on the back of an individual.

SA letter:

A letter was drafted by the Public Relations officer to be used by chapters to be sent to their local States' Attorneys on issues at hand.

Motion to accept the letter as written and post on the website by Freeport, 2nd by Arrowhead Valley, discussion, letter was read by the Legislative Coordinator and ABATE's attorney George Tinkham, motion passed. B2007-40.

Lease agreement for office copy machine:

Time has come for the renewal of the lease agreement for copier used in the state office. 2 proposals have been brought in for approval. Recommendation being made by the Executive Board to go with the larger copier with the cost \$6775 with the cost per copy to be around \$.0095 per copy, with the money to purchase to come out of the savings.

Motion to go with the larger bid for copy machine for the state office by Freeport, 2nd Northwest Suburban, discussion, motion passed. B2007-41.

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Annual document papers:

A suggestion from a member for annual signing of chapter documents. Suggestion was rejected by the Board of Directors.

Non Preferred Vendors List:

Letter was presented by Freedom Valley from Crusaders for Kids to be removed from the Non Preferred Vendors list. Letter of statement was read to the Board of Directors.

Motion to remove Crusaders for Kids and Ham – n – Jam from the Non Preferred Vendors list and be put on probation for 1 year by Freedom Valley, 2nd Peo-Taz, discussion, motion passed with opposition from Heart of Illinois and Prairieland. B2007-42.

Motion to do an annual evaluation of the Non Preferred Vendors list at the February Board of Directors meeting by South Suburban, 2nd Northern Illinois, discussion, motion passed. B2007-43.

Motion to move the authority of the running of the Springfield Swap meet back to the Activities Department by Lincolnland, 2nd Black Diamond, discussion, motion passed with opposition from Heart of Illinois, Northern Illinois, and Prairieland. B2007-44.

Motion to close New Business by Kishwaukee Valley, 2nd Crossroads, discussion, motion passed.

Break at 2:21pm

Resumed at 2:35pm

Officers Reports:

Legislative-Dan Harper-see attachments.

Questions were also asked about local endorsement of candidates and clarifications were made.

Reminder that any suggestions for the legislative agenda need to be submitted in writing with name and membership number to the legislative department.

FEDPAC Report-read by Dan Harper see attachments.

ABATE PAC Report-Razor Swinda-read report see attachments.

Safety & Education-Elizabeth Kren

The new posters were printed for free. More brochures from the Illinois Department of Transportation were received for free. There will now be 2 reporting systems set up: 1 for school presentations the other for anything else outside of schools.

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Poster contest will now begin. There are 2: one to be placed in the schools and the other for supporters to the organization.

Will be bringing back the awards system to the seminar in 2008.

A presentation was made to the organization by **Rhonda Beard** in memory of her husband Bob who was killed recently for donations given to the Safety & Education Department.

Products-Laura Mayer

A check was turned over to the office for monies made by products. Having a close out on ladies apparel. Products are out of chapter flags and the price has gone up for flags. Suggestion made to get more bids.

Treasurer-Julie Bacon not present-Pauli Ward state that a letter that went out to chapters from the IRS does not apply to the chapters so please disregard the letter.

Assistant State Coordinator-Ed Domine-not present.

Sent a report stating that plates have been issued out. Have not made money on the plates this year at all.

Year round plate petition is being passed around yet, on website, in packets, in newsletter.

Public Relations-Deb King

Look at the state website for pictures that have been posted from the state party. A link to Cruisin America has also been added.

The list of proclamations that have been turned in is at a minimal and asking for other copies to be turned in. Please remember what the mission of ABATE of Illinois, Inc. is about.

State Office-Pauli Ward.

Raffle tickets need to be into the state office by this Wednesday.

State party tickets that still need to be turned by from the WC region Coordinator.

Seminar room list needs to be turned into Pauli today as rooms will be released this week. A letter of confirmation will be sent to the chapters for rooms at the Northfield Inn.

Heart of Illinois recognized Pauli for 20 years of service to ABATE of Illinois, Inc.

Newsletter-Ray Heck.

Nothing to report.

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Activities-Crystal Shamhart

Nothing to report except to work on security for the state party next year. Clarification of miscellaneous items listed for expenses at the state party.

Bike Raffle-Gus Miller-with bike in Alton today.

State that the purchase for next year he is trying to get the Rocker, if cannot with get the Deluxe.

Current reports accepted as given.

Region Reports:

NE Region-Mike "Mike-Alobe" Ryan:

PACTOBERFEST is coming up soon and hosted by Dukane. Tickets will be \$10/advance and \$15 at the door.

NW Region-Mike Myers

Check bikes over and be safe.

EC Region-Stacey Rigsby:

Thanked Dick "Heavy" Carr for running another term with him.

Regional meeting coming up in September to plan next year's events.

WC Region-Rodney "Roadside" Stage:

Regional meeting coming in September to do planning of party for next year.

SE Region-Rick "Doc" Jones:

Thanks was given to all the chapters and members who helped out and extra help at the state party.

Bean Farm is the same weekend as the Chiggerfest.

SW Region-Bob Myers:

Welcome to the new chapter into the region.

Marble Run Party Oct. 6.

Reports accepted as given.

Panel Reports:

MRF-Jim "Legs" Korte:

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All applications need to be turned in now for the bike give away at the MOTM.

Meeting of the Minds is September 20-23 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Thank you to the assistants for signing up of members.

D-17 Rep-No report.

DNR Rep-No report.

MAP Rep-Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Sept. 20.

Off Road-No report.

By-Law review-1 change submitted and read.

Panel reports accepted as read.

Motion to adjourn by Crossroads, 2nd Arrowhead Valley, and motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:14pm

Respectfully,

Paulette Pinkham

State Secretary