

A.B.A.T.E. of ILLINOIS, INC.-Executive Board Meeting March 17, 2007  
These minutes approved April 21, 2007.

Approved Minutes

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Executive Board meeting-March 17, 2007

Meeting location-Prairieland Chapter building

1901 Railroad Ave.

Decatur, IL 62526

Executive Board Present

1. State Coordinator-Jim "Legs" Korte personal
2. Assist. State Coord.-Ed Domine ABATE fund
3. Treasurer-Julie Bacon
4. Secretary-Paulette Pinkham Olson
5. Office Manager-Pauli Ward Carr-work
6. Safety & Ed-Elizabeth Kren
7. Products-Laura Mayer
8. Public Relations-Deb King
9. Bike Raffle-Gus Miller
10. Activities-Crystal Shamhart Leg. Assist.

Executive Board Absent

1. Legislative-Dan Harper-
2. Newsletter-Ray Heck-raiser.
3. NE Region-Rick "R.O."
4. EC Region-Dick "Heavy"

Visitors Present

1. Randy Hays-Great River
2. Hunter John Harris-Peo-Taz-

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| 11. NE Region-Mike "Mike-Alobe" Ryan<br>By Choice    | 3. Razor Swinda- Freedom          |
| 12. NW Region-Mike Myers<br>Activities               | 4. Carl Shamhart-Assist.          |
| 13. EC Region-Stacey Rigsby                          | 5. Spencer Gire-Heart of Illinois |
| 14. WC Region-Rodney "Roadside" Stage<br>Northern IL | 6. Mike "Maddog" Burns-           |
| 15. SE Region-Doc Jones                              |                                   |
| 16. SW Region-Bob Myers                              |                                   |

### **Call to Order**

State Coordinator Jim "Legs" Korte called the meeting to order at 10:20am with the Pledge of Allegiance. Quorum present with 4 executive officers absent.

Announcements- State Coordinator has bike raffle tickets for Iowa if any officers interested.

Letter of thank you from Charlie Preston **past state coordinator**.

### **Approval of the December 2006 E-Board minutes.**

**Motion to accept the minutes as amended by Ed Domine, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rodney "Roadside" Stage, discussion, motion passed.**

### **Old Business**

#### **Lincoln Marker Assoc.-**

State Coordinator touched base with George Tinkham. Assoc not formally inc. yet, with questions about previous existence. Contact to be made to the attorneys about the association and the ride for information before next board meeting (April 21).

#### **Steam-**

Hunter John **Harris** will be going to do the Legislative presentation at steam. State Coordinator asked **Rick "Doc" Jones** to attend the State Coordinators session at steam which will be held on Saturday of steam weekend.

**Motion to close Old Business by Rodney "Roadside" Stage, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deb King, discussion, motion passed.**

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**Motion to reopen Old Business by Rick "Doc" Jones, 2<sup>nd</sup> Paulette Pinkham, discussion, motion passed.**

### **Legislative Map-**

Follow up questions asked as to where the location of the map is. Last stated location is that all legislative material was transferred to the current legislative coordinator. More discussion occurred about the service area and by-law changes that were made.

**Motion to close Old Business by Stacey Rigsby, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rick "Doc" Jones, discussion, motion passed.**

### **New Business**

Communication made via e-mail to the State Coordinator by Jim Balaja with licensing questions and concerns. Contact was made and questions answered.

### **Seminar "08"-**

Assistant State Coordinator Ed Domine has the contract for the Northfield Inn for January 18-20, 2008 for the seminar.

**Motion to accept the contract for the Northfield in for January 18-20, 2008 with changes by Rodney "Roadside" Stage, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rick "Doc" Jones, discussion, motion passed. EB2007-01.**

**Motion to block all of the Northfield Inn with 1 room per chapter which needs to be confirmed by the chapter by the August BOD meeting, which then will be released to the chapters by Ed Domine, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rodney "Roadside" Stage, discussion occurred, motion passed. EB2007-02.**

### **BOD Quorum-990's-**

The February BOD meeting was canceled do to weather.

The following 19 chapters as of the February BOD meeting had not turned in their 990's:

Old River, Kaskaskia Valley, Jasper County, Freebird, Great River, Southern Freedom, Kishwaukee Valley, Twin Rivers, Dukane, NW Suburban, Lincolnland, Open Roads, Apple Creek, Brothers of Grundy, Heartland, Iron Riders, Salt Creek, Hubbard Trail, Crawford County.

Currently **as of this March meeting** there are as of this meeting 6 chapters 990's not in yet:

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Apple Creek, Brothers of Grundy, Heartland, Iron Riders, Salt Creek, Hubbard Trail, with Crawford County just in.

#### **Website listing on website-**

Question asked to list the chairs of the current panels and other seats to be listed on the state website. This would include By-law, Off Road, MRF, AMA, DNR. All those present at the meeting have no problem in doing this, need to contact members not present to check then list on website.

#### **Freedom Rally-**

Meeting will be held at the Ramada on Saturday starting at 2pm of the Freedom Rally weekend. Room reservations if staying board members need to make own reservations.

#### **Swap Meet-**

Questions and concerns were brought to the e-board on the handling of the Springfield Swap meet. The event is an ABATE of IL, Inc. event. The State Coordinator, Regional Coordinator, Public Relations and Activities will be notifying and attending the Lincolnland officers meeting on April 4, 6pm at the VFW to address the questions and concerns brought to the e-board.

**Motion to take money to buy 2-40 foot ABATE of Illinois, Inc. banners to be used at all state events out of public relations or however by Deb King, 2<sup>nd</sup> Elizabeth Kren, discussion, motion passed. EB2007-03.**

**Motion to not have another raffle ticket sale in competition with the bike or ATV and ABATE product sales at state events by Bob Myers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Julie Bacon, discussion, motion passed. EB2007-04.**

#### **Region Parties-**

Discussion occurred about alcohol sales at region parties. Past practice has been that the hosting chapter has carried the liquor license. ABATE of IL, Inc. itself cannot sell alcohol and a region cannot obtain a liquor license.

#### **Review Non-preferred vendors' list-**

State Coordinator passed out a review of the motions that have occurred on the non-preferred vendors' list. Section of the policy was read by state coordinator for removal from the list. No action taken.

#### **New chapter logo-**

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Lost Creek presented their chapter logo for approval from the board.

**Motion to accept the chapter logo as is by Paulette Pinkham, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rick "Doc" Jones, discussion, motion passed. EB2007-04.**

**Motion to close New Business by Rodney "Roadside" Stage, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rick "Doc" Jones, discussion, motion passed.**

**Break**

### **Officers Reports**

#### **EC Region-**

Stacey Rigsby-region meeting is today.

#### **Legislative-**

Hunter John **Harris** presented the legislative report for Dan **Harper**. Report attached. List of all current bills and their status at this time.

Deb King added that 89 legislators responded positively for legislative day.

Laura Mayer had discussion on the legislators vest and the placement of a chapter pin not being put on do to the fact that legislative day is a state event.

Other questions occurred about Legislative day and press releases.

**Hunter** John **Harris** and Razor **Swinda** have been asked to start the process of a list of speakers for the Freedom Rally to be done by the April BOD meeting. One needed from the House and one from the Senate.

#### **PAC Reports-**

ABATEPAC is asking for hard copies of events to be sent to the **Treasurer** as soon as possible for set up.

FEDPAC fund raiser occurred in the southern part of the state last weekend.

#### **Safety & Education-**

Elizabeth Kren stated she has ordered yard signs for disbursement at the next BOD **(April)** meeting. 1, 000 bumper stickers have also been ordered.

Paulette Pinkham brought the e-board up to date as to the status of a Motorcycle Advisory Panel for the state of Illinois is now in progress.

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**Motion to recommend to the BOD at the April meeting to allow as many members as allowed to install to the Motorcycle Advisory panel by Ed Domine, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob Myers, discussion, possibility of having 2 people with recommendations for who from the e-board, motion passed. EB2007-05.**

Questions were brought up about ATV presentations being done in the high schools. Suggestions made to get with the Off Road panel and Safety & Ed to work on a presentation and bring to the BOD.

#### **Assistant State Coordinator-**

Ed Domine stated that the license plates will not be finished by the Freedom Rally but possibly the middle of May. Plates are valid to run May and June.

#### **Secretary-**

Paulette Pinkham discussed the disbursement of the minutes.

#### **Treasurer-**

Julie Bacon passed out the budget for 2008 to each department to be brought back by the April meeting. Julie is finishing up the 990's.

**Motion for someone to go to Springfield to help track movement of bill with reimbursement for expenses with either approval of the state coordinator or the legislative coordinator by Mike Myers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rodney "Roadside" Stage, discussion, motion passed. EB2007-06.**

#### **Activities-**

Crystal Shamhart stated that the Freedom Rally is ready to go. Bands are lined up for the State Party. Cart requests need to be made today. Campers for the office and activities. EB in on Thursday night with limited guests. Open shifts will be drawn out of a hat by region to fill time slots.

#### **Public Relations-**

Deb King stated that the posters and coasters have been ordered for pick up at the April meeting to be ready for Motorcycle Awareness Month. Proclamations are ready and available.

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Laura Mayer stated that more 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary patches will be made and ready for the Freedom Rally. Laura will need help at the state party or the doors will be closed accordingly.

#### **Newsletter-**

Ray Heck sent in a report stating that he has been in contact with the post office trying to track the mailing. He is asking that an address with zip be sent to him for tracking purposes.

Questions about quotes on the newsletter, the state coordinator will get with Ray.

#### **Bike Raffle-**

Gus Miller stated that he is looking for places to take the raffle items. Let him know of anything going on.

#### **State Office-**

Pauli Ward brought in the lap top purchased for the office by Shawnee Hills. Questions brought up about chapter officers business cards. General statement needs to be made at the BOD meeting in April. Possible of policy made by the BOD in February, 2005.

#### **Region Reports-**

**NE**-Mike "Mike-Alobe" Ryan stated that there have been 3 flag events in the region so far. Presidents are communicating with each other.

**NW**-Mike Myers stated the Chili shoot out has passed with good turn out. Slider Gilmore presentation on March 24 in Dixon. Chapters are coordinating ride to the Freedom Rally.

Note to the state coordinator from a member of Northwest Suburban, Ed Domine attended the chapter meeting.

**WC**-Rodney "Roadside" Stages stated region run June 8-10.

Follow up on correspondence from member of Lost Creek.

**SE**-Rick "Doc" Jones stated that the region meeting will be April 1, in Mt. Vernon at the Crossing starting at 1pm.

**SW**-Bob Myers stated that the Marble Run starts April 1. There will be 6 prizes this year.

**Motion to accept reports as given by Rodney "Roadside" Stage, 2<sup>nd</sup> Crystal Shamhart, no discussion, motion passed.**

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**Motion to adjourn the meeting by Rodney "Roadside" Stage, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike "Mike-Alobe" Ryan, no discussion, motion passed.**

**Meeting adjourned at 3:15pm.**

**Respectfully submitted**

**Paulette Pinkham**

**State Secretary**