

A.B.A.T.E. OF ILLINOIS, INC. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, July 21, 2007
These minutes approved August 25, 2007
Approved Minutes

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Executive Board meeting July 21, 2007

Meeting location-Prairieland chapter building

1901 Railroad Ave.

Decatur, IL 62526

Executive Board Present

State Coordinator-Jim "Legs" Korte

Assist. State Coordinator-Ed Domine
bike

Secretary-Paulette Pinkham
Ward-personal

Treasurer-Julie Bacon
Jones

Safety & Ed-Elizabeth Kren

Products-Laura Mayer

Newsletter-Ray Heck
Activities-

Public Relations-Deb King

Activities-Crystal Shamhart
Choice

NE Region-Rick "RO" Olson

Mike "Mike-Alobe" Ryan

Executive Board Absent

Legislative- Dan Harper

Bike Raffle-Gus Miller-with

Office Manager-Pauli

SE Region-Rick "Doc"

SW Region-Bob Myers-vacation

Others Present

Carl Shamhart-Assist.

Crossroads

Razor Swinda-Freedom By

Mike Fisher-New Chapter

Roger Fisher-New Chapter

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NW Region-Mike Myers

Sandy Barnett-Lincolnland

EC Region-Dick "Heavy" Carr
Gateway-Assist. PR

Carleen Grant-Piasa-

Stacey Rigsby
Gateway

Marc Grant-Piasa

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 9:08am with the State Coordinator Jim "Legs" Korte leading in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Quorum present with 5 executive officers absent.

Approval of the June 16, 2007 Executive Board minutes:

Name spelling corrections in others present by secretary sent by the state office made.

Motion to approve the minutes as amended by Julie Bacon, 2nd Ed Domine, and motion passed.

Old Business:

None on the agenda.

Motion to close Old Business by Rick "RO" Olson, 2nd Laura Mayer, no discussion needed, and motion passed.

New Business:

Guidelines for newsletters:

Motion from the Board of Directors meeting in June for the Executive Board to present guidelines for newsletter articles to bring back to the Board of Directors August Board meeting.

Motion by Rick "RO" Olson that the current newsletter guidelines are adequate, 2nd Ray Heck, discussion as to what are the current guidelines and where are they printed. On page 4 of the newsletter statement is made, but there is nothing written in the current policy update as to guidelines for the newsletter. Question asked on who has the discretion of what is put in the newsletter Ray Heck answered it is up to the newsletter coordinator.

Amendment to the original motion by Ed Domine to suggest to the Board of Directors to accept newsletter guidelines as currently printed in the newsletter, accepted by Rick "RO" Olson with original motion with Ray Heck 2nd the motion, motion to accept amendment with Deb King, Elizabeth Kren, and Paulette Pinkham opposed. EB2007-21.

Vote on original motion with amendment reading as such Suggest to Board of Directors to accept the current newsletter guidelines as currently printed in the newsletter, motion failed. EB2007-22.

Suggested by the State Coordinator to form a committee of Executive Board officers to gather information from all the regions and compile information, bring back to the Executive Board to present to the Board of Directors.

Motion by Stacey Rigsby to form a committee of the 6 regions to bring back suggestions from the regions for guidelines, 2nd Julie Bacon, discussion, motion passed with Rodney "Roadside" Stage opposed. EB2007-23.

The committee will consist of the 6 regions of the following: NE-Mike "Mike-Alobe" Ryan, NW-Mike Myers, EC-Stacey Rigsby, WC-Rodney "Roadside" Stage, SE-Deb King, and SW-Jim "Legs" Korte. Deadline for all information and suggestions to given to the State Coordinator no later than August 18, 2007.

License Plates:

Ed Domine stated that 250 signatures were gathered at the state party. The secretary will send a copy to be posted to the website; copies were also passed out to the regional coordinators.

Meeting of the Minds:

State Coordinator asked for the names of Executive Board officers who are planning to attend the Meeting of the Minds. The following stated on planning attendance: Elizabeth Kren, Laura Mayer, Deb King, Jim "Legs" Korte, Paulette Pinkham, Stacey Rigsby, Ed Domine, Mike Myers, Rick "RO" Olson, Ray Heck, Crystal Shamhart, Rodney "Roadside" Stage.

Lincoln Circuit Ride:

Sandy Barnett recognized by the State Coordinator. Sandy had questions as to the Lincoln circuit ride for this year and the participation of ABATE of Illinois.

There are no current motions from the Board of Directors for participation for the 2007 year of Lincoln Circuit Ride.

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Do to the late timing of the year for chapters' participation from the regions involved it was suggested to work with the regional coordinators for next year participation and scheduling of events.

Credit Card Machine:

The current credit card machine being used by products is outdated and needs to be updated and Laura Mayer is asking to purchase a new credit card machine.

Motion by Mike Myers recommend to buy a new credit card machine, 2nd by Ed Domine, discussion to take the money out of savings to purchase machine, motion passed. EB2007-24.

Wreck less Endangerment:

Rodney "Roadside" Stage brought up questions about legislative stance on reckless endangerment to motorcyclist and prosecution of regarding accidents occurring with vehicles and motorcycles. Suggestion made that a standard letter be drafted up from the public relations department and legislative department to be placed on the website for availability to chapters for use in mailing to local entities for mailing to the local levels of government for prosecution.

Rockers:

A verbal complaint made to Rodney "Roadside" Stage about chapter rockers and back patch being worn to a non ABATE of Illinois, Inc. function.

Motion made by Ed Domine to recommend to the Board of Directors to address the issue of members wearing ABATE of Illinois, Inc. or chapter back patches and/or rockers, 2nd Ray Heck, discussion, motion passed. EB2007.

Motion to close New Business by Mike Myers, 2nd Laura Mayer, and motion passed.

Break 11:43am.

Back 12:01pm.

Brian Oliver "Hopsing" recognized by the State Coordinator.

State Coordinator suggested that a meeting of the activities, region coordinator, public relations, state coordinator and the chapters involved with the swap meet to occur after the budget has been set for the following year (2008) to start laying out plans.

Lunch 12:01pm to 1:01pm

Introduction for Mike Fisher representing new chapter interest.

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Mike Fisher stated when asked that all by-law requirements have been met to form a new chapter.

Motion by Paulette Pinkham to recommend to the Board of Directors at the August meeting the forming of a new chapter to be called Beaucop Bottoms chapter, 2nd Mike Myers, no more discussion, motion passed. EB2007-26.

Officers Reports:

Legislative-Dan Harper not present with no report given.

No PAC reports for the Executive Board.

Safety & Education-Elizabeth Kren:

To date there have been 318 presentations with 10,637 students educated. Elizabeth will be doing a teaching seminar at the Prairieland building on Sunday following the E-Board meeting. Elizabeth would like to encourage all chapter safety & education coordinators to be on the same page in doing presentations. Guidelines have been in place for 15 years and need to be used.

Assistant State Coordinator-Ed Domine:

The license plates will be mailed out of the Secretary of States office this week to individuals who ordered. Ed stated that the plate program will probably lose money this year.

Secretary-Paulette Pinkham:

The following chapters received letters to the membership for non attendance to 2 consecutive Board of Directors meetings. They were the following: Arrowhead Valley, Jasper County, Salt Creek, Shawnee Hills, and Union Jack.

The State Coordinator had been previously asked as to a vote count in October of 2006. These records are not at the state office or with the secretary records. It was asked that the records be turned over and found either to the state office or to the secretary.

Going to check with the University to see if locking in meeting dates for 2008 will lock in current charge for the University. Will have this information at the August meeting.

Treasurer-Julie Bacon:

The ABATE of Illinois, Inc. audit will be September 11, 2007 using the same auditor from 2003. Questions were presented at the Board of Directors meeting in June from Dukane

concerning treasury procedures and products. The questions with the answers were mailed in the June mailing.

Questions concerning the treasury and products were presented at the July Executive Board meeting to the treasurer. These questions and answers will be mailed with the July mailings.

Activities-Crystal Shamhart:

The following chapters and individuals owe or have not turned in the state party tickets:

Crossroads, Freebird, Ford County, Old River, Chicago, Rodney Stage, St. Clair, Carl Shamhart, Piasa-Gateway, Black Diamond, Heart of Illinois.

Crystal asked for suggestions for gate shift coverage for the state party. Crystal thanked the E-Board officers who covered the uncovered shifts at the state party. Looking for volunteers for security to balance out the work load for the state party. Discussion occurred about how to better handle comp tickets.

Kaskaskia Valley had sent Crystal an e-mail regarding the breakdown of cost for the state party. Information was mailed in the June mailing packets.

Public Relations-Deb King:

Cruisin Illinois was invited to the State Party and did a few interviews of attendees. This will be broadcast thru the summer and fall. Deb sent an article in the June mailing packets to all of the chapters about article being printed and to please use consideration.

Products-Laura Mayer:

Did very well at the state party as far as sales. Cleared out a lot of old event shirts and such. Working on 2 new shirts one for legislative and one for off road.

Newsletter-Ray Heck:

Looking at the cost for reformatting to get the cost of mailing down.

Bike Raffle-Gus Miller:

With bike at an event. No report other than the standard to sell tickets.

State Office-Pauli Ward:

Not present but sent report: membership at 11, 733.

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Question sent concerning dual membership if the voting membership has expired what happens to the voting rights of that member; does it transfer to the secondary chapter membership? The voting rights do not transfer.

NE Region-Mike "Mike-Alobe" Ryan:

Pactoberfest is sponsored by the Dukane chapter, September 29, 2007.

NW Region-Mike Myers:

Went to Big Rivers first chapter meeting and all went well.

EC Region-Stacey Rigsby:

Planning session for this fall to get calendar of events for next year.

WC Region-Rodney "Roadside" Stage:

Region meeting planned for September to make plans for region party for next year.

SE Region-Rick "Doc" Jones:

Not present no report given>

SW Region-Bob Myers:

On vacation no report given.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Ed Domine, 2nd Mike Myers, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 1:55pm.

Paulette Pinkham

State Secretary