

A.B.A.T.E. OF IL, INC.-Board of Directors Meeting February 23, 2008

These minutes approved April 19, 2008

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Board of Directors meeting February 23, 2008

Meeting Location-Brookens Auditorium

University of Illinois at Springfield, One Plaza

Springfield, IL 62703

EXECUTIVE BOARD PRESENT

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| 1. State Coord.-Jim "Legs" Korte | 10. Bike Raffle-Gus Miller |
| 2. Assist. State Coord.-Ed Domine | 11. Office Manager-Pauli Ward |
| 3. Secretary-Paulette Pinkham | 12. NE Region-Rick "RO" Olson |
| 4. Treasurer-Julie Bacon | 13. NE Region-Mike Ryan |
| 5. Legislative-Dan Harper | 14. NW Region-Mike Myers |
| 6. Safety & Ed.-Elizabeth Kren | 15. EC Region-Stacey Rigsby |
| 7. Products-Laura Mayer | 16. EC Region-Dick "Heavy" Carr |
| 8. Public Relation- Carleen Grant | 17. SE Region-Rick "Doc" Jones |
| 9. Activities-Crystal Shamhart | 18. SW Region-Bob Myers |

EXECUTIVE BOARD ABSENT

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| 1. Newsletter-Deb King-weather | 4. |
| 2. WC-Rodney "Roadside" Stage | 5. |
| 3. | |

CHAPTERS PRESENT

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| 1. Backroads | 16. Ford County | 32. Lost Creek |
| 2. Beaucoup Bottoms | 17. Franklin County | 33. Midstate |
| 3. Big River | 18. Freebird | 34. Northern Illinois |
| 4. Black Diamond | 19. Freedom By Choice | 35. Old River |
| 5. Blackhawk | 20. Freedom Riders | 36. Open Roads |
| 6. Brothers of Grundy | 21. Freedom Valley | 37. Peo-Taz |
| 7. Central Illinois | 22. Freeport | 38. Piasa-Gateway |
| 8. Chicago | 23. Fulton County | 39. Prairieland |
| 9. Children of the Corn | 24. Heart of Illinois | 40. Shawnee Hills |
| 10. Crawford County | 25. Heartland | 41. Shoal Creek |
| 11. Crossroads | 26. Iron Riders | 42. South Suburban |
| 12. Dukane | 27. Kaskaskia Valley | 43. Southern DuPage |
| 13. Eastern Illinois | 28. Kishwaukee Valley | 44. Southern Freedom |
| 14. Embarrass Valley | 29. Lamoine Valley | 45. Southern Illinois 27 |
| 15. Flatlanders | 30. Liberty | 46. St. Clair |
| | 31. Lincolnland | 47. Starved Rock |

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48. Thunder Rock
49. Tri County

50. Twin Rivers
51. Wabash Valley

52. Westgate
53. Will County

CHAPTERS ABSENT

1. Apple Creek
2. Arrowhead Valley
3. Great River
4. Heritage Trail
5. Hubbard Trail

7. Northwest Suburban

8. Salt Creek

9. Union Jack

6. Jasper County

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 1:07pm with the State Coordinator Jim "Legs" Korte leading in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the minutes:

Motion made by Freeport to approve minutes, 2nd Starved Rock, no discussion, motion passed.

Old Business:

PSA Approval-postponed:

Motion made by Freeport to remove this from the agenda do to no action, 2nd Heart of Illinois, no discussion, motion passed. BOD2008-01.

Wages: This item was already approved when the BOD accepted the budget for 2008, but to clean up formalities being brought to the BOD for approval. Southern DuPage has requested for the current benefits for the office to be stated in the minutes. They are as follows: Office Manager: \$13.50/hour, \$150.00 to retirement, 9 sick days, and 23 vacation days.

Motion made by Freeport to accept the raise for the office staff, 2nd Freedom Riders, no more discussion, motion passed. BOD2008-02.

Motion made by Crossroads to close Old Business, 2nd Thunder Rock, no discussion, motion passed.

New Business:

Policy Violation-chapter-History given by the state coordinator of South Suburban in their chapter newsletter advertising violation per policies of the organization.

Motion by Heart of Illinois for South Suburban to submit all newsletters for the next year for approval to the state office, 2nd Prairieland, discussion, South Suburban recognized to state it will follow the board direction and policies, motion passed with the following chapters opposing: Chicago, Dukane, Franklin County, Northern Illinois, South Suburban, Southern DuPage, Westgate, Will County. BOD2008-03.

Clarification that this is only on advertising for the chapter.

New Chapter-E-board recommends to the BOD that a new chapter wanting to form has met all of the by-law requirements.

Motion by Freeport to accept the new chapter to be called the Pathfinders, 2nd Twin Rivers, discussion will be in the West Central Region, motion passed. BOD2008-04.

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Recommendations-Membership x2- Rick "Doc" Jones recognized by the chair to speak on this issue. Recommendations are being made to clarify the current by-laws and policies on removing a member from a chapter. **Motion by Crossroads to accept the recommendation of the e-board as follows: help clarify policy as referenced in the state by-laws on removing a member for cause, the cause should be related to a specific ABATE by-law or Policy & Procedure (state or chapter), 2nd Fulton County, discussion, motion passed. BOD2008-05.**

Motion by Freeport to accept recommendation of the e-board as follows: in order to implement the procedure for notifying a chapter of any action taken on a member transferring any chapter removing a member, when sending the letter to the state listing their findings of fact and specify the violated by-law and/or policy & procedure, 2nd Embarrass Valley, discussion, motion passed. BOD2008-06.

Reseat of Panels:

MRF Rep.: motion by Blackhawk for Jim "Legs" Korte, 2nd Starved Rock, Jim "Legs" Korte accepted, discussion, motion passed.

DNR Rep.: motion by Heartland for Richard "Heavy" Carr, 2nd Heart of Illinois, Richard "Heavy" Carr accepted.

Motion by Freeport for John "Hunter" Harris, 2nd Freebird, John "Hunter" Harris accepted.

Motion by Southern DuPage for Terry Hopkins, 2nd Starved Rock, Terry Hopkins accepted.

State Coordinator called for hand votes, results as follows: Richard "Heavy" Carr with 20 votes, John "Hunter" Harris with 15 votes, Terry Hopkins with 13 votes.

Richard "Heavy" Carr names the winner of the results for the DNR position.

FEDPAC- Recommendations from the e-board for reseating position open on the FEDPAC to be Jim Conley to be the chair, Bob "Korg" Ward for 2 year trustee term, Michael "Boz" Kerr for 2 year trustee term, Bob Myers to finish 1 year term for trustee, Rick "RO" Olson for assistant to Michael "Boz" Kerr for 2year assistant trustee term.

Motion by Freedom Riders to accept the recommendation as stated for the FEDPAC, 2nd Freebird, discussion, motion passed. BOD2008-07.

By-Law review: E-board voted the chair of the by-law committee to be Mike Myers.

NE Region: Terry Hopkins, Ray Heck nominated by Southern DuPage, 2nd South Suburban, accepted.

NW Region: Ernie Steele, Elizabeth Kren nominated by Freeport, 2nd Blackhawk, accepted.

EC Region: Denny Turner, Jeff Marsh, nominated by Freedom by Choice, 2nd Embarrass Valley, accepted.

WC Region: Sandy Barnett, nominated by Freebird, 2nd Freedom Valley, accepted.

SE Region: Bill Bennett, Rick "Doc" Jones, nominated by Freedom Riders, 2nd Shawnee Hills, accepted.

SW Region: Ed Show, Rich Kincade, nominated by St. Clair, 2nd Kaskaskia Valley, accepted.

Off-Road:

Nominations made by Freeport, 2nd by Freedom Valley for the following:

Dan Speerly, John "Hunter" Harris, Stacey Rigsby, Richard "Heavy" Carr, accepted and passed.

Legal Service Report: Report read to the Board as to the past years flow of activity of the Legal Services. See attachment.

Thunder Roads Proposal: Covers the northern portion of the state. The Public Relations department Carleen Grant has been the designated person for the articles and communication to this magazine.

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Review of the Non-preferred Vendors list: The list is up for review on an annual basis, which the board has designated to be in February.

A letter was presented from the Westgate chapter as in removing the Green Ribbon Rally from this list. Action taken by the e-board did not remove the Green Ribbon Rally from the list.

Motion by Freedom by Choice to keep the list as it is with no changes, 2nd Flatlanders, discussion, motion passed with the following chapters opposed: Dukane, Northern Illinois, South Suburban, Southern DuPage, Westgate, Will County. BOD2008-08.

Trailer Bids: Sealed bids to be sent to the state office before the April BOD meeting. The trailer will be listed in the state newsletter with a picture.

Save A Life Foundation: Information shared with the board ABOUT THE save A Life Foundation.

Motion by Heart of Illinois, 2nd Twin Rivers, discussion, motion passed. BOD2008-09.

AFLAC:

Motion by Peo-Taz to postpone until the April meeting to discuss advertisement, 2nd Freedom by Choice, discussion, motion passed. BOD2008-10.

Mission Statement: Discussion occurred about changing the current mission statement being the Conservation Congress no longer exists.

Motion by Freeport to refer this the by-law review committee for further investigation, 2nd Freedom Riders, discussion, motion passed. BOD2008-11.

On-line membership: Questions were asked to review and bring back to the next meeting for on-line application by credit card. Laura Mayer will bring more information to the next meeting as to positive and negatives.

Will County recognized: Statement of a PSA made by a famous member of a group and is limited to use by the organization only. For more Information contact Will County.

South Suburban recognized:

Motion by South Suburban to amend the Non-proffered Vendors list language to read the following to be any individual or group advertising Personal injury limited to Michael F. Huppy, 2nd Southern DuPage, discussion, motion fails. BOD2008-12.

Southern Dosage recognized:

Motion by Southern DuPage that any time a board meeting cancelled will be automatically rescheduled board meetings the following Saturday with notification to the board the Monday immediately following by mail, 2nd Westgate, discussion, motion fails. BOD2008-13.

Motion made by Piasa-Gateway to close New Business, 2nd Thunder Rock, no discussion, motion passed.

Break 3:00pm

Resumed from break at 3:15pm

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Officers Reports:

Legislative: Dan Harper-see attachments:

Spoke about the 3 bill introduced and what is going on. Spoke about Legislative Day coming up.

Report accepted as given.

Pac Reports:

ABATE-PAC: Razor Swinda spoke on the balance of ABATE-PAC-see attachment of statement. Rest of awards given out from the seminar. Bear tickets are available and will benefit both PAC's. Report accepted as given.

FED/PAC: Michael "Boz" Kerr gave balance statement -see attachment. Statement given on what was made at the seminar. Thank you to all who participated. Introduction of Jim Conley as the new chairman to the board. Reported accepted as given.

Safety & Education: Elizabeth Kren reported on the total number of students for 2007, which is 25, 783. Thank you to all who participated in the program. No posters were received but do have some archived which will be looked into for use. Lifesavers attendees will be Denny Turner, Roaddog, and herself. Suggestion of including other information into our current Share the Road Program.

Motion by Peo-Taz to pursue updating the Share the Road program for presentations, 2nd Blackhawk, discussion, motion passed. BOD2008-14.

Report accepted as given.

Products: Laura Mayer thanked the individuals who helped her at the seminar, special thanks to Terry and Anne. Reported on the amount made at the seminar. Just to let the board know that the truck is need of some repairs. Report accepted as given.

Treasurer: Julie Bacon reported on the chapter who attended the workshop to do the 990's. She had 33 chapters attend. 17 chapter were late in turning in their 990's, they are as follows: Big River, Old River, Heartland, Salt Creek, Lamoine Valley, NW Suburban, Ford County, Westgate, Freebird, Dukane, Piasa-Gateway, with the following chapter who are not turned in as of this meeting: Apple Creek, Arrowhead Valley, Black Diamond, Brothers of Grundy, Hubbard Trail.

The audit is this coming Thursday for the 2006 and 2007 year. Budget process will start next month with the e-board.

Report accepted as given.

State Office: Pauli has nothing to report.

Report accepted as given.

Assistant State Coordinator: Ed Domine reported that the dates for next year's seminar are January 16-18, 2009 at the Northfield Inn.

Motion by Old River to accept those dates for 2009 seminar, 2nd Piasa-Gateway, discussion, motion passed with the following chapter opposed: Blackhawk. BOD2008-15.

Rooms will be blocked one per chapter until the August Board meeting same as contacting the state office for the room for the chapter.

There will be plates for May and June send in request to Ed Domine.

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Public Relations: Carleen Grant reported on the events upcoming at the Swap Meet on Sunday. She will have supplies after today's meeting for Motorcycle Awareness. Proclamation usage will be posted on the website for chapter download. Anyone wanting to participate in this year Windshield washes please get with her. Report accepted as given.

Newsletter: No report given.

Secretary: No report given.

Activities: Crystal Shamhart reported on the Swap Meet for Sunday. Freedom Rally will have entrance into Gate 2 at the Fair grounds. State Party June 20-22, 2008.

Co-Coordinators:

Motion by Freebird to suspend rules of the by-laws, 2nd Blackhawk, discussion, motion passed. BOD2008-15.

Motion by Freeport to make Carl Shamhart and Crystal Shamhart Co-Coordinators for the organization, 2nd Freebird, discussion, motion passed. BOD2008-16.

Report accepted as given.

Bike Raffle: Gus Miller reported on bike raffle sales. The rest of the certificates from the seminar were also given out.

Reports accepted as given.

Region Reports:

NE: Reported on region events.

NW: Reported on region events.

EC: Reported on region events.

WC: Not present

SE: Region meeting March 30.

SW: Slider Gilmore presentation coming up.

All region reports accepted as given.

Panel Reports:

MRF Rep: Jim "Legs" Korte reported going to the NW Region Chili cook-off and attained 8 memberships. Read thank you letters from the MRF Vice President and MRF Secretary.

D-17 Rep: Stacey Rigsby reported on meeting past and upcoming.

DNR Rep: Reported that the meeting will be in March.

MAP Rep: Nothing to report.

Off-road: John "Hunter" Harris reported being busy with Woodford County.

Motion by Blackhawk to transfer the investigation of buying land to the Off Road panel, 2nd Freeport, discussion, motion passed. BOD2008-17.

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Motion by Tri-County to let the e-board bring back a business plan for land purchase to the board, 2nd Open Roads, discussion, motion passed. BOD2008-18.

Bylaw: The by-law review committee was handed to review 3 proposed by-laws changes with also looking into the mission statement. By-law proposals attached.

Membership drawing & Adjourn.

Membership drawing won by John from Northern who donated back to the organization in Northern Illinois chapter name.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Crossroads, 2nd Freeport, no discussion, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned @4:45pm

**Respectfully submitted,
Paulette Pinkham
State Secretary**