

**A.B.A.T.E. OF IL, INC.-Board of Directors Meeting April 19, 2008**

**These minutes approved June 14, 2008**

**Approved Minutes**

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Board of Directors meeting April 19, 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. Office Manager-Pauli Ward   |
| 2. Assist. State Coord.-Ed Domine | 11. NE Region-Rick "RO" Olson   |
| 3. Treasurer-Julie Bacon          | 12. NE Region-Mike Ryan         |
| 4. Safety & Ed.-Elizabeth Kren    | 13. NW Region-Mike Myers        |
| 5. Products-Laura Mayer           | 14. EC Region-Stacey Rigsby     |
| 6. Newsletter- Deb King           | 15. EC Region-Dick "Heavy" Carr |
| 7. Public Relation- Carlene Grant | 16. SE Region-Rick "Doc" Jones  |
| 8. Activities-Crystal Shamhart    | 17. SW Region-Bob Myers         |
| 9. Activities-Carl Shamhart       |                                 |

**EXECUTIVE BOARD ABSENT**

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| 1. Secretary-Paulette Pinkham-MRF Business | 4. WC Region-Rodney Stage-resigned |
| 2. Legislative-Dan Harper-sick             | 5.                                 |
| 3. Bike Raffle-Gus Miller-Woodstock        |                                    |

**CHAPTERS PRESENT**

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

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48. Twin Rivers  
49. Union Jack

50. Wabash Valley  
51. Westgate

52. Will County

**CHAPTERS ABSENT**

1. Arrowhead Valley  
2. Backroads  
3. Big River  
4. Crawford County  
5. Heritage Trail  
6. Hubbard Trail  
7. Lamoine Valley

8. Northern Illinois  
9. Northwest Suburban  
10. Old River  
11. Southern DuPage

**Note that Brothers of Grundy is present but cannot vote do to 990's not being turned in to the treasurer.**

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 1:08pm with the State Coordinator Jim "Legs" Korte leading in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of the minutes:**

**Motion made by Freeport to approve minutes as amended, Southern Illinois Chapter 27 2<sup>nd</sup>, no discussion, motion passed.**

**Old Business:**

**Trailer Bids**-Thomas Mc for a bid of \$1000 from Woodlawn. Notification will be made by the State Coordinator Freebird asked as to the mileage on the trailer, no information available as Gus Miller is not present.

**AFLAC**-advertisement in the state newsletter: More information needs to be collected as to helmet issues lobbying.

**Motion made by Freedom Riders to close Old Business, Flatlanders 2<sup>nd</sup>, no discussion, motion passed.**

**New Business:**

**George Tinkham recognized as to the Governor raiding funds again and the pursuit of lawsuit to incur.**

**Corporate Structure**-Update of the corporate structure drawing presented to the BOD today.

**Motion made by Embarras Valley for Board Reps to take back to the membership for input and bring back to the next BOD meeting, Freedom Riders 2<sup>nd</sup>, discussion, motion passed with opposition from Freeport. BOD2008-19.**

**Letter of Intent for FEDPAC**-Letter of intent from Ray Heck to be an assistant to FEDPAC to Bob "Korg" Ward.

**Motion made by Shawnee Hills to accept the letter of intent, Freeport 2<sup>nd</sup>, discussion, motion passed. BOD2008-20**

**Letter of resignation from Elizabeth Kren from the Bylaw review committee.**

**Motion made by Prairieland to accept the resignation, Thunder Rock 2<sup>nd</sup>, no discussion, motion passed with the following chapter in opposition: Heart of Illinois. BOD2008-21.**

**Letter of resignation from the WC Region Coordinator Rodney Stage.**

**Motion made by Freebird to accept the resignation, Tri-County 2<sup>nd</sup>, no discussion, motion passed. BOD2008-22.**

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**Motion made by Freebird to accept Steve Surratt and Randy Hays to be Co-Coordinator for the WC Region, Lincolnland 2<sup>nd</sup>, no discussion, motion passed. BOD2008-23.**

**Review of the Legal action fund:** history stated and to be reviewed on a yearly review with recommendation to the BOD.

Recommendation from the Executive Board is to leave as is.

**Motion made by Freedom by Choice to leave the Legal action fund as is, Freeport 2<sup>nd</sup>, discussion, motion passed. BOD2008-24.**

**By-law Proposals:**

**State Membership proposal:**

**Motion made by Freedom Valley to reject by-law proposal as written, Blackhawk 2<sup>nd</sup>, no discussion, motion passed. BOD2008-25.**

Mission statement: recommendation to go back to the original mission statement taken to the by-law review committee.

**Motion made by Freedom By Choice to go back to the original mission statement, Freeport 2<sup>nd</sup>, discussion, motion fails with the following chapter voting in opposition: Beaucoup Bottoms, Big River, Central, Chicago, Children of the Corn, Crawford County, Crossroads, Dukane, Eastern Illinois, Embarras Valley, Flatlanders, Franklin County, Freebird, Freedom Riders, Fulton County, Great River, Heartland, Iron Riders, Jasper County, Kaskaskia Valley, Liberty, Lincolnland, Lost Creek, Midstate, Open Roads, Pathfinders, Peo-Taz, Salt Creek, Shawnee Hills, Shoal Creek, South Suburban, Southern Freedom, Southern Illinois 27, St. Clair, Starved Rock, Twin Rivers, Union Jack, Wabash Valley, Westgate, Will County. BOD2008-26.**

**California request for money:** California asking for money for the pending lawsuit:

**Motion made by Freeport to not send money to California, Freedom by Choice 2<sup>nd</sup>, no discussion, motion passed with the following chapters in opposition: Westgate, Jasper County, Lincolnland, Dukane, Freedom Riders, Kishwaukee Valley. BOD2008-27.**

**Belleville Swap meet:** Belleville Swap meet has been offered to ABATE of IL, Inc. for the sum of \$100,000. E-board recommendation is to not accept the proposal.

**Motion made by Heart of Illinois to accept the recommendation of not accepting the proposal, Peo-Taz 2<sup>nd</sup>, no discussion, motion passed. BOD2008-28.**

**Speakers at the Freedom Rally:** Lincolnland questioned as to the speakers at the upcoming Freedom Rally. Speakers need to be invited to speak at the Freedom Rally.

**Minutes-** Discussion occurred on receiving minutes by e-mail. Only the by-laws exist, no policy in place with the by-laws. No action taken.

Freedom Valley reported that Washington and Creve Coeur have the ABATE bumper stickers on their police cars.

**Will County to collect e-mails of chapter who wish for outside meeting communication.**

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

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**Break 2:23pm**

Resumed from break at 2:43pm

**Officers Reports:**

**Legislative:** Dan Harper ill- John Harris, assistant to Legislative gave report-see attachments:

**Pac Reports:**

**ABATE-PAC:** PAC chair Razor Swinda reported on status-see attachments

**FED/PAC:** Chair Jim Conley reported on status see attachments

**Safety & Education:** Elizabeth Kren reported on Lifesavers Conference attendance. Paid for advertisement in the Illinois High School which will feature the cover letter talking about what the awareness program consists of. Will be attending the Teachers conference in May in Effingham, and Heartland Steam. Heart of Illinois approached by entities wanting to use our S&E video for their promotion and the chapter declined.

**Products:** Laura Mayer reported having an assistant to help with products. Still investigating chapter flags from vendors.

**Treasurer:** Julie Bacon reported that there is still one chapter who has not filed their 990's with ABATE of IL, Inc. Questions on how this will affect the state filing. Questions also asked as to what if any kind of sanctions against the chapter for not filing.

Currently in the budget process for the organization. \$7500 taken out of savings to pay bills for the organization. The organization is \$23,000 behind on donations from the chapters and other.

Questions asked on what the "E-Board" is spending money on? Corrections made by the treasurer that the money spending is approved by the Board of Directors with the budget approval. Discussion occurring on money spending and cutting. Discussion on income from chapters that is not coming in to the state.

**State Office:** Pauli Ward that State Party tickets available, Raffle bike tickets available, and membership applications available. Also have membership stands available to pick up after meeting.

**Assistant State Coordinator:** Ed Domine showed and reported on the special event license plates. Only 100 total have been sold to date. Need to sell more.

**Public Relations:** Carleen Grant reported that Motorcycle Awareness supplies are available again today to be sent to the chapters. Great response to the proclamations from the chapters. Board available to the chapters for the Windshield Wash. IDOT press release again in 3 locations this year: Chicago, O'Fallon, and Springfield. ABATE will be attending all and inviting membership to attend.

Question from an outside organization to use the Share the Road video with name attachment from this organization.

**Motion mad by Kaskaskia Valley to decline the use of PSA's with attaching name of the organization, Freeport 2<sup>nd</sup>, no further discussion, and motion passed. BOD2008-29.**

**Newsletter:** Deb King reported for the chapters to look at this addition and check the map locator.

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Any comments, ideas, concerns, suggestions need to be made directly to the Newsletter Coordinator. If not receiving the newsletter please check first with the state office to see if address is correct, and then check with the local postmaster. A personal thank you to all who donate money toward the DC trip as this is a great opportunity to see what Motorcycling is all about.

**Secretary:** Paulette Pinkham absent no report sent.

**Activities:** Crystal Shamhart reported that a change in the Springfield Swap meet has been introduced to the organization with a reduction of the fee and other things. Recommendation from the E-Board is to change the swap meet date for 2009 to March 1, 2009.

**Motion made by Freedom by Choice to change swap meet date to March 1, 2009, Prairieland 2<sup>nd</sup>, no more discussion, motion passed. BOD 2008-30.**

State party still has opening still not filled for workers: Friday night-9p-12a, Saturday-12a-3a, 3a-6a, 6p-9p.

Freedom Valley stepped up and took the Saturday 6p-9p. The rest of the shifts will be addressed at the next e-board meeting if not filled. 7 chapters are basically covering the shifts for the state party.

The Freedom Rally is being moved back to the IDOT building do to the efforts and pursuit of Bob "Korg" Ward.

Contact was made to representatives to get answers as to why the grounds could not be used and Aaron Shock made the change. Announcements and signs will be posted of the change.

**Bike Raffle:** Gus absent with the bike. SELL SELL SELL

**Region Reports:**

**NE:** Region report given

**NW:** Region report given

**EC:** Region report given

**WC:** Region report given

**SE:** Region report given

**SW:** Region report given

All reports accepted as given.

**Panel Reports:**

**MRF Rep:** The membership for the MRF will be going up \$5.00 starting June 1. Questions asked as to a fund raiser occurring in a chapter area and no chapter notification given. The MRF rep also has no knowledge of the event.

**D-17 Rep:** Report given

**DNR Rep:** Report given

**MAP Rep:** Meeting held last month. IDOT supplies for Motorcycle Awareness are hoping to be available at the Freedom Rally.

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**Off-road:** Report given.

**Bylaw:** Nothing to report, no by-law proposals received.

**All reports accepted as given.**

**Membership drawing & Adjourn. Membership drawing of \$113 won by Denny Turner.**

**Motion to adjourn made by Starved Rock Piasa-Gateway 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed**

**Meeting adjourned at 5:14pm**

**Note there will be a reception at Bootleggers following the June meeting. All are invited to attend.**

**Respectfully submitted.**

**Paulette Pinkham**

**State Sectary**