

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

These minutes approved October 18, 2008

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Board of Directors meeting August 23, 2008

Meeting Location-Brookens Auditorium

University of Illinois at Springfield, One Plaza

Springfield, IL 62703

EXECUTIVE BOARD PRESENT

1. State Coord. -Jim "Legs" Korte
2. Assist. State Coord. -Ed Domine
3. Secretary-Paulette Pinkham
4. Treasurer-Julie Bacon
5. Legislative-Dan Harper
6. Safety & Ed.-Elizabeth Kren
7. Products-Laura Mayer

8. Public Relation- Carlene Grant
9. Office Manager-Pauli Ward
10. NE Region-Mike Ryan
11. NW Region-Mike Myers
12. EC Region-Stacey Rigsby
13. EC Region-Dick "Heavy" Carr
14. SE Region-Rick "Doc" Jones
15. SW Region-Bob Myers

EXECUTIVE BOARD ABSENT

1. Newsletter-Deb King-Family
2. Activities-Crystal Shamhart-Family
3. Activities-Carl Shamhart-Family
4. Bike Raffle-Gus Miller-with Bike

5. NE Region-Rick "RO" Olson-non given
6. WC Region-Randy Hays-wedding

OTHERS PRESENT

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CHAPTERS PRESENT

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| 1. Backroads-left 3:42 | 13. Embarras Valley | 26. Kaskaskia Valley |
| 2. Big River | 14. Flatlanders-left 5:43 | 27. Kishwaukee Valley |
| 3. Black Diamond-left 4:51 | 15. Ford County | 28. Lamoine Valley-left 5:00 |
| 4. Blackhawk | 16. Freebird | 29. Liberty |
| 5. Brothers of Grundy | 17. Freedom By Choice | 30. Lincolnland-left 5:00 |
| 6. Central Illinois-left 5:00 | 18. Freedom Valley | 31. Lost Creek |
| 7. Chicago-left 5:10 | 19. Freeport | 32. Midstate |
| 8. Children of the Corn | 20. Fulton County-left 5:10 | 33. Northern Illinois-left 5:00 |
| 9. Crawford County | 21. Great River-left 4:34 | 34. Northwest Suburban-left 4:55 |
| 10. Crossroads | 22. Heart of Illinois | 35. Old River |
| 11. Dukane | 23. Heartland | 36. Open Roads |
| 12. Eastern Illinois | 24. Heritage Trail | |
| | 25. Iron Riders | |

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| 37. Pathfinders | 44. South Suburban | 50. Thunder Rock |
| 38. Peo-Taz-left 5:00 | 45. Southern DuPage-left | 51. Tri County |
| 39. Piasa-Gateway | 4:55 | 52. Twin Rivers |
| 40. Prairieland | 46. Southern Freedom | 53. Westgate |
| 41. Salt Creek-left 4:34 | 47. Southern Illinois 27 | 54. Will County |
| 42. Shawnee Hills | 48. St. Clair | |
| 43. Shoal Creek-left 5:00 | 49. Starved Rock | |

CHAPTERS ABSENT

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| 1. Apple Creek | 7. Jasper County |
| 2. Arrowhead Valley | 8. Union Jack |
| 3. Beaucoup Bottoms | 9. Wabash Valley |
| 4. Franklin County | |
| 5. Freedom Riders | |
| 6. Hubbard Trail | |

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 1:00pm with the State Coordinator Jim "Legs" Korte leading in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the minutes:

Motion made by Heart of Illinois to approve minutes as written, 2nd Twin Rivers, no discussion, motion passed.

Old Business:

2nd round Nominations:

State Coordinator: No other nominations: June: Jim "Legs" Korte, Ed Domine.
Assistant State Coordinator: Jeff Marsh: June: Mike Myers
Treasurer: none: June: Julie Bacon
Secretary: none: June: Paulette Korte
Legislative: Ray "Razor" Swinda: June: "Hunter" John Harris
Safety & Education: Jim Balaja, Laura Mayer: June: Elizabeth Kren
Newsletter: none: June: Roni "RJ" Scroggins
Public Relations: none: June Carleen Grant
Activities: none: June: Crsytal & Carl Shamhart
Products: none: June: Terri VanHuss
Bike Raffle: none: June: Gus Miller
NE Region: Mike Ryan
NW Region: none June: Scott Gerke
EC Region: Stacey Rigsby
WC Region: none: June: Steve Surratt & Randy Hays
SE Region: none: June: Rick Jones
SW Region: none: June: Bob Myers

Motion to close nominations made by Thunder Rock, 2nd Tri-County, no further discussion, motion passed

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Budget: Pre discussion occurred about the budget as presented to the BOD at the June meeting to be taken back to chapters for discussion. Point of order made, as there is no motion on the floor for open discussion.

Motion made by Freeport to accept the budget as presented, 2nd Twin Rivers, discussion, motion died do to a tie vote, the following chapter voted against: Backroads, Black Diamond, Blackhawk, Brothers of Grundy, Chicago, Children of the Corn, Crossroads, Iron Riders, Kaskaskia Valley, Kiskwaukee Valley, Lincolnland, Lost Creek, Northern Illinois, Northwest Suburban, Old River, Shawnee Hills, Shoal Creek, South Suburban, Southern DuPage, Southern Freedom, Southern Illinois, St. Clair, Westgate, Will County. BOD2008-41.

Motion made by Freedom Valley to take out the membership money to pass the budget, 2nd Blackhawk, discussion, motion failed with the following chapter voting against: Backroads, Big River, Black Diamond, Brothers of Grundy, Crossroads, Dukane, Eastern Illinois, Embarras Valley, Ford County, Great River, Heart of Illinois, Heartland, Kaskaskia Valley, Lamoine Valley, Liberty, Lincolnland, Lost Creek, Northern Illinois, Northwest Suburban, Open Roads, Pathfinders, Peo-Taz, Piasa-Gateway, Prairieland, Shoal Creek, South Suburban, Southern DuPage, St. Clair, Starved Rock, Tri-County, Twin Rivers, Westgate, Will County, BOD2008-42.

Motion made by Will County for the budget to be taken back to the Executive Board to rework and represent without taking back the membership money, 2nd Kaskaskia Valley, discussion, motion passed with the following chapters in opposition: Big River, Chicago, Crawford, Eastern Illinois, Flatlanders, Ford County, Freebird, Freedom by Choice, Freedom Valley, Freeport, Great River, Heart of Illinois, Heartland, Liberty, Old River, Pathfinders, Peo-Taz, Prairieland, Shawnee Hills, Starved Rock, Thunder Rock, Tri-County, Twin Rivers. BOD2008-43.

Motion made by Freebird to stop the Bike Raffle 10% return for ticket sales to the chapters, 2nd Westgate, discussion, motion failed with the following chapters voting in opposition: Backroads, Big River, Black Diamond, Brothers of Grundy, Chicago, Crawford County, Dukane, Eastern Illinois, Emabarras Valley, Ford County, Fulton County, Heart of Illinois, Heartland, Heritage Trail, Iron Riders, Kaskaskia Valley, Kishwaukee Valley, Liberty, Lost Creek, Northwest Suburban, Open Roads, Pathfinders, Piasa-Gateway, Shoal Creek, South Suburban, Southern DuPage, St. Clair, Starved Rock. BOD2008-44.

Motion made by Freedom Valley to see 60% profit of all chapters to go back to the organization, 2nd Black Diamond, discussion, discussion, motion failed with the following chapters voting in opposition: all chapter present. BOD2008-45

Break: 2:40pm

Back in session: 3:02

WC Region issue:

Mike Myers presented the information of a previous member and his actions against the organization.

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Motion made by Freeport to send a letter for attendance to the October meeting to Rodney Stage to address permanent removal from the organization for actions, 2nd Freebird, no further discussion, motion passed. BOD2008-46.

Motion made by Iron Riders to seriously take in consideration of prosecution of Rodney Stage, 2nd Southern Illinois, no further discussion, motion passed. BOD2008-47.

Motion made by Will County for Legal Services to come to the October meeting to advise as to the organizations legal recourse in the previous matter, 2nd Kaksaskia Valley, no further discussion, motion passed. BOD2008-48.

Compliance letter follow-up: To report to the BOD that Central has sent in their forms showing IRS compliance and that contact has been made with Prairieland to send in their paperwork. Brothers of Grundy as of this meeting have turned in all paperwork required as of this BOD.

Motion made by Tri-County to close Old Business, 2nd Freebird, no discussion, motion passed.

New Business:

D-17 Rep:

Motion made by Old River for Stacey Rigby to stay on as the District 17 Rep., 2nd Piasa-Gateway, no further discussion, motion passed. BOD2008-49.

Rich Neb nominations: Nominations for the Rich Neb awards are now open. Need to have recommendations sent to the State Office by December.

Probation from NPV list-Crusaders for Kids BOD2007-42:

Motion made by Freedom Valley for the probationary period for Crusaders for Kids to end, 2nd Westgate, discussion, Crusaders met all standards set for the past year, motion passed. BOD2008-50.

Webmaster pc update:

The computers for the Webmaster was replaced by ABATE of IL, Inc. to be used strictly for the web updates and web work.

Motion made by Northwest Suburban for the purchase of the webmaster computer, 2nd Fulton County, discussion that a written form be written of use of the computer only for the web, motion passed with the following chapter voting in opposition: Dukane, Flatlanders, Ford County, Heart of Illinois, Heartland, Kaskaskia Valley, Will County. BOD2008-51.

Contract: Webmaster & Lobbyist:

Suggestion made by the E-Board that the reimbursement policies for officers be placed in the Webmaster and Lobbyist contracts.

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Motion made by Iron Riders to accept the policies to place in the webmaster and the Lobbyist contracts, 2nd Kaskaskia Valley, discussion, motion passed with the following chapter voting in opposition: Northwest Suburban, Southern DuPage. BOD2008-52.

Scholarship winner:

Scholarship winner: Levy Best, son of Darrell and Lisa Best.

Motion made by Freeport to close New Business, 2nd Freebird: no discussion, motion passed.

Officers Reports:

Legislative: Dan Harper-see attachments:

Dan Harper reported on grading session of the PACs along with activity in Springfield. As previously stated see attachments.

Motion made by Freeport to allow the Legislative Department and the PACS to follow past practices used on the grading sessions, 2nd Lincolnland, discussion, motion failed with the following chapters voting in opposition: Brothers of Grundy, Crawford County, Freebird, Fulton County, Heart of Illinois, Lincolnland, Northern Illinois, Northwest Suburban, Open Roads, Pathfinders, Peo-Taz, Prairieland, Southern DuPage, Southern Freedom, Southern Illinois, Tri-County, Westgate. BOD2008-53.

Pac Reports:

ABATE-PAC: Ray "Razor" Swinda stated to buy tickets for the bear to benefit both PACs. Thank you to the chapters who donated to the PAC.

FED/PAC: Jim Conley reported on reading in the guidelines for FEC regulations and wants to continue to do this practice. Thank you to the chapters who have contributed to the PAC.

Motion made by Freedom Valley to look into politically and lawfully correct PAC guidelines, 2nd Freebird, no further discussion, motion passed. BOD2008-54.

Motion made by Embarras Valley to place the Fed Pac endorsement in the state newsletter, 2nd Westgate, no further discussion, motion passed. BOD2008-55.

Motion to accept reports as given, passed.

Break: 5:00pm

Return from the break 5:15pm

Safety & Education: Elizabeth Kren set up to show an added tool for the chapters to use for Safety & Education. Video was shown.

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Motion made by Freedom By Choice to take the video back to the chapters for viewing and bring back for a vote at the October BOD meeting, 2nd Will County, no further discussion, motion passed. BOD200856.

Products: Laura Mayer stated that sales went well at the State Party. \$12,000 income given to ABATE of IL, Inc as income. Discussion on chapter flags and what the cost is.

Treasurer: Julie Bacon discussed the 2 year audit that was to be last year did not occur do to personal problems with the auditor.

State Office: Pauli Ward asked if there are any questions of the state office, none given.

Assistant State Coordinator: Ed Domine gave the guideline that have been set up for room reservations for the state seminar, they are as follows: October 1 is the deadline for the first round of reservations to be to the state office by chapters. After December 1 call for the reservation at the hotel and give code confirmation that will be given to the chapters from the state office at the Northfield. Anything after that is open to the public. The seminar dates are January 16-18, 2009.

Public Relations: Carleen Grant reported that things are quiet at this point. A lot of proclamations returned this year and thank you to the chapters for doing this. Carleen stated she would like to see "Motorcycle Awareness Year"
Heads up given on the National DOT PSA out on drunk driving which includes motorcyclist.

Newsletter: Deb King not present, no report given.

Secretary: Paulette Korte, nothing to report.

Activities: Crystal and Carl Shamhart not present no report given.

Bike Raffle: Gus Miller not present, sent word that a Heritage will be purchased for the 2009 bike. Gus did ask to include in the raffle this coming year a 5-year membership to ABATE of IL, Inc. This is the last year Gus will be the Bike Raffle Coord. And is looking for someone to come on board as an assistant to learn the process.
Bike purchase for the 2009 year will be a Heritage.

Motion made by Southern Illinois to add the 5-year membership to the bike raffle, 2nd Tri-County, no further discussion, motion passed. BOD2008-57.

Region Reports:

NE: Mike Ryan reported that October 25 would be the region PAC fundraiser. Region meeting will be September 27.

NW: Mike Myers had nothing to report.

EC: Stacey Rigsby reported that he region meeting will be October 19 at noon hosted by the Children of the Corn. Chiggerfest September 4-6.

WC: Steve Surratt and Randy Hays not present but thank you was given to the chapters who attended toe region event with the Fulton County Rodeo

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SE: Rick "Doc" Jones asked that any feedback on budget suggestions be given to him. Biker Farm September 5-6. Heritage Trail to move to the EC Region.

SW: Bob Myers, nothing to report.

Panel Reports:

MRF Rep: Jim "Legs" Korte reported that MOTM September 25-28.

AMA Rep: No report to be given.

D-17 Rep: Stacey Rigsby states nothing to report no meeting date set as of yet.

DNR Rep: No report to be given.

MAP Rep: No report to be given no meeting scheduled at this time.

Off-road: Danny Spearly reported that a skill course is being looked into. The AMA gave the Off Road panel a grant and received a decibel meter to use on off road vehicles.

Bylaw: Chairman of the panel read by-law proposal submitted to the panel. Will be reviewed at reported at the next Board of Directors meeting.

All reports accepted as given.

Membership drawing & Adjourn.

Motion to adjourn by Starved Rock, 2nd Embarras Valley, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:23pm

Respectfully submitted

Paulette Korte

State Secretary