

**A.B.A.T.E. OF IL, INC.-Board of Directors Meeting October 18, 2008**

**These minutes approved December 13, 2008**

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Board of Directors meeting October 18, 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   | 11. Activities-Carl Shamhart      |
| 2. Assist. State Coord. -Ed Domine | 12. Bike Raffle-Gus Miller        |
| 3. Secretary-Paulette Pinkham      | 13. Office Manager-Pauli Ward     |
| 4. Treasurer-Julie Bacon           | 14. NE Region-Rick "RO" Olson     |
| 5. Legislative-Dan Harper          | 15. NE Region-Mike Ryan           |
| 6. Safety & Ed.-Elizabeth Kren     | 16. NW Region-Mike Myers          |
| 7. Products-Laura Mayer            | 17. EC Region-Stacey Rigsby       |
| 8. Newsletter- Deb King            | 18. WC Region-Steve "Rat" Surratt |
| 9. Public Relation- Carleen Grant  | 19. WC Region-Randy Hays          |
| 10. Activities-Crystal Shamhart    | 20. SE Region-Rick "Doc" Jones    |
|                                    | 21. SW Region-Bob Myers           |

**EXECUTIVE BOARD ABSENT**

1. EC Region-Richard "Heavy" Carr-work

**CHAPTERS PRESENT**

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|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Apple Creek          | 17. Freedom By Choice  | 34. Open Roads           |
| 2. Arrowhead Valley     | 18. Freedom Riders     | 35. Pathfinders          |
| 3. Backroads            | 19. Freeport           | 36. Peo-Taz              |
| 4. Blackhawk            | 20. Fulton County      | 37. Piasa-Gateway        |
| 5. Central Illinois     | 21. Heart of Illinois  | 38. Prairieland          |
| 6. Chicago              | 22. Heartland          | 39. Salt Creek           |
| 7. Children of the Corn | 23. Hubbard Trail      | 40. Shawnee Hills        |
| 8. Crawford County      | 24. Iron Riders        | 41. Shoal Creek          |
| 9. Crossroads           | 25. Kaskaskia Valley   | 42. South Suburban       |
| 10. Dukane              | 26. Kishwaukee Valley  | 43. Southern DuPage      |
| 11. Eastern Illinois    | 27. Liberty            | 44. Southern Freedom     |
| 12. Embarras Valley     | 28. Lincolnland        | 45. Southern Illinois 27 |
| 13. Flatlanders         | 29. Lost Creek         | 46. St. Clair            |
| 14. Ford County         | 30. Midstate           | 47. Starved Rock         |
| 15. Franklin County     | 31. Northern Illinois  | 48. Thunder Rock         |
| 16. Freebird            | 32. Northwest Suburban | 49. Tri County           |
|                         | 33. Old River          | 50. Twin Rivers          |

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51. Westgate

52. Will County

**CHAPTERS ABSENT**

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|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Beaucoup Bottoms            | 7. Heritage Trail    |
| 2. Big River                   | 8. Jasper County     |
| 3. Black Diamond               | 9. Lamoine Valley    |
| 4. Brothers of Grundy          | 10. Union Jack       |
| 5. Freedom Valley              | 11.                  |
| 6. Great River-officer funeral | <b>Wabash Valley</b> |

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:**

Note from the State Coordinator Jim "Legs" Korte that letters were received from both John "Hunter John" Harris and Ray "Razor" Swinda of both withdrawing from the election process for Legislative Coordinator.

**Motion made by Heart of Illinois to approve minutes as written, Heartland 2<sup>nd</sup>, no discussion, motion passed with the following chapter in opposition: Southern DuPage.**

**Old Business:**

**Fiscal Year:** Suggestion made by the CPA for the organization change the budget year to a calendar year. The Executive Board is making this recommendation to the Board of Directors.

**Motion made by Heart of Illinois to change the fiscal year to a calendar year January 1 to December 31 with a 2-month extension to the end of this year, Kaskaskia Valley 2<sup>nd</sup>, discussion on the extension of the budget for this year and that funds are available, motion passed. BOD2008-58.**

**Budget:** The Executive Board is recommending to the Board of Directors to take the budget back and redo to represent at the December Board of Directors meeting.

**Motion made by Freedom By Choice for the Executive Board to take the budget back and correct the budget proposal in November and to represent the Budget at the December meeting to be balanced, Lost Creek 2<sup>nd</sup>, discussion, motion passed with the following chapters in opposition: Dukane, Lamoine Valley, Lost Creek, Southern DuPage, Will County. BOD2008-59.**

**Legal Service Advice:** Rod Taylor from ABATE Legal Service was recognized to answer questions from the previous Board of Directors meeting per this motion: Motion made by Will County for Legal Service to come to the October meeting to divide as to the organizations legal recourse in the previous matter. BOD2008-47. Previous matter being in legal prosecution.

**Membership:** Postponed from previous meeting.

**Motion made by Freeport to suspend Rodney Stage membership to ABATE of IL, Inc for 5 years and to not allow him to hold an office at any level in ABATE of IL, Inc., Open Roads 2<sup>nd</sup>, discussion of letter of self imposed content,**

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motion passed with the following chapters in opposition: Arrowhead Valley, Children of the Corn, Crawford County, Dukane, Ford County, Hart of Illinois, Heartland, Lost Creek, Pathfinders, Prairieland, Tri-County. BOD2008-60.

Guidelines for PAC's: Ray "Razor" Swinda recognized to read the guidelines for the STATEPAC.

Motion made by Kaskaskia Valley that instead of 2 making decision for the STATEPAC the need of contacting the 5 trustees needs to be done for money disbursement, Fulton County 2<sup>nd</sup>, discussion, motion failed with the following chapters in opposition: Blackhawk, Central Illinois, Chicago, Children of the Corn, Crawford County, Dukane, Eastern Illinois, Embarras Valley, Flatlanders, Ford County, Franklin County, Freedom Riders, Freeport, Fulton County, Heart of Illinois, Heartland, Hubbard Trail, Iron Riders, Kishwaukee Valley, Liberty, Lincolnland, Lost Creek, Midstate, Northern Illinois, Northwest Suburban, Old River, Open Roads, Pathfinders, Peo-Taz, Prairieland, Salt Creek, South Suburban, Southern DuPage, Southern Freedom, Southern Illinois 27, Starved Rock, Thunder Rock, Tri-County, Twin Rivers, Westgate. BOD2008-61.

Jim Conley recognized from FedPac to read the guidelines presented. These are for the Board of Directors to take back to the chapters for view and to make any recommendations.

Safety & Education Video-postponed from previous Board of Directors meeting:

Motion made by Kaskaskia Valley to accept video as presented, Open Roads 2<sup>nd</sup>, discussion, motion passed with the following chapters in opposition: Arrowhead Valley, Chicago, Crawford County, Dukane, Flatlanders, Lincolnland, Northern Illinois, Northwest Suburban, Old River, South Suburban, Southern DuPage, Starved Rock, Tri-County, Westgate, Will County. BOD2008-62.

By-law proposal: Ray Heck recognized to speak that the by-law review committee did not have a full meeting on the proposal given.

Motion made by Freedom By Choice to accept the proposal as written, Freeport 2<sup>nd</sup>, discussion, motion failed with the following chapters in opposition: Backroads, Blackhawk, Chicago, Children of the Corn, Crossroads, Embarras Valley, Franklin County, Freebird, Freedom Riders, Heart of Illinois, Iron Riders, Kaskaskia Valley, Liberty, Lincolnland, Lost Creek, Midstate, Northern Illinois, Northwest Suburban, Old River, Piasa-Gateway, Prairieland, Salt Creek, Shawnee Hills, South Suburban, Southern DuPage, Southern Illinois 27, St.Clair, Starved Rock, Tri-County, Twin Rivers, Westgate, Will County. BOD2008-63.

Motion made by Crossroads to close Old Business, Kaskaskia Valley 2<sup>nd</sup>, no discussion, motion passed.

Break 2:26pm

Resumed 2:50pm

New Business:

Elections: Results were read to the Board of Directors

Following are the election results:

State Coordinator: Jim "Legs" Korte 28 votes, Ed Domine 18 votes.

Assistant State Coordinator: Jeff Marsh 40 votes.

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Secretary: Paulette Korte 40 votes, Mike Ryan 1 vote.

Treasurer: Julie Bacon 39 votes.

Legislative: This position was not filled: Following were the votes cast including write ins: Bob "Korg" Ward 1 vote, John Harris 5 votes, Ray Swinda 4 votes, Ed Domine 1 vote, Dan Harper 5 votes.

Safety & Education: Elizabeth Kren 24 votes, Jim Balaja 13 votes, Laura Mayer 9 votes.

Activities: Carl and Crystal Shamhart 40 votes

Newsletter: Ronnie "RJ" Scroggins 40 votes

Products: Terri VanHess 40 votes.

Public Relations: Carleen Grant 42 votes.

Bike Raffle: Gus Miller 42 votes.

NE Region: Mike Ryan 8 votes.

NW Region: Scott Gerke 6 votes.

EC Region: Stacey Rigsby 9 votes.

WC Region: Steve "Rat" Surratt, Randy Hays 6 votes.

SE Region: Rick "Doc Jones 5 votes.

SW Region: Bob Myers 4 votes.

Results will be filed in the state office and the secretary minutes.

**Open nominations for Legislative Coordinator:**

**Motion made by Kaskaskia Valley for Dan Harper to be protem for the Legislative Coordinator position, Freeport 2<sup>nd</sup>, discussion, motion passed. BOD2008-64.**

**Motion made by Crossroads to open nominations for the Legislative Coordinator position, Central Illinois 2<sup>nd</sup>, no further discussion, motion passed. BOD2008-65.**

Nominations: Ed Domine-declined

Ray Swinda: undecided

Roger Larson-declined

Bob "Korg" Ward-not here to answer

Nomination closed until the next Board of Directors meeting.

**Safety & Education:** Dukane recognized that per the By-laws someone to be elected into a position must have the majority of the chapter present.

**Motion made by Heart of Illinois that a vote by show of hands for the Safety & Education Coordinator, 2<sup>nd</sup>, discussion, motion passed with the following chapters in opposition: Backroads, Crossroads, Midsate. BOD2008-66.**

Elizabeth Kren re-elected by show of hands 35 votes. Jim Balaja received 12 votes. Laura Mayer received 13 votes.

**Lobbyist Contract:** Recommendation from the Executive Board that the Lobbyist receive a raise from \$33,750 to \$35,000 for the contract.

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**Motion made by Freeport to accept the recommendation of \$35,000 to the Lobbyist Contract, Dukane 2<sup>nd</sup>, discussion, motion passed with the following chapter in opposition: Peo-Taz. BOD200867.**

Secretary note: Also will change the current contract with the Lobbyist and the Webmaster to reflect the calendar year change.

**Recommendation of vehicle charge to State Party:**

**Motion made by Flatlanders to table and write down options for vehicle fees for the State Party and bring to next Board of Directors meeting, Dukane 2<sup>nd</sup>, discussion, motion passed. BOD2008-68.**

**MOTM 2010:** Announcement made by the State Coordinator Jim "Legs" Korte that the MOTM will be held at the Holiday Inn Centre Downtown Peoria in 2010. The State Coordinator will be making contact for further information.

**Recommend- Office Manager raise:** The Executive Board is making a recommendation to the Board of Directors to raise the Office Manager pay by 3%.

**Motion made by Southern DuPage no raise for the Office Manager, Lincolnland 2<sup>nd</sup>, discussion, motion failed with the following chapter voting in opposition: Apple Creek, Backroads, Blackhawk, Central Illinois, Chicago, Children of the Corn, Crawford County, Crossroads, Eastern Illinois, Embarras Valley, Flatlanders, Ford County, Franklin County, Freebird, Freeport, Fulton County, Heart of Illinois, Heartland, Kaskaskia Valley, Kishwaukee Valley, Liberty, Midstate, Old River, Open Roads, Pathfinders, Peo-Taz, Piasa-Gateway, Prairieland, Shawnee Hills, Southern Freedom, Southern Illinois 27, St. Clair, Thunder Rock, Twin Rivers. BOD2008-69.**

**Motion made by Prairieland to accept the recommendation of the 3% raise to the Office Manager, Heartland 2<sup>nd</sup>, discussion, motion passed with the following chapters in opposition: Arrowhead Valley, Dukane, Lincolnland, Lost Creek, Northern Illinois, Northwest Suburban, South Suburban, Southern DuPage, Starved Rock, Tri-County, Westgate. BOD2008-70.**

**South Suburban advertising:** Recommendation from the Executive Board of violation and sanctions of the South Suburban Chapter is investigated.

**Motion made by Prairieland to bring the South Suburban officers to the next Board of Directors meeting, Freeport 2<sup>nd</sup>, discussion, motion passed with the following chapters in opposition: Dukane, Northern Illinois, Northwest Suburban, South Suburban, Southern DuPage, Will County. BOD2008-71.**

Secretary note: per the by-laws a letter will be sent by regular and certified mail to the chapter officers.

**By-Law review committee: Steve "Rat" Surratt will be the representative for the WC Region on the By-Law review committee.**

**Membership: Lincolnland recognized that at the September Executive Board meeting that comments were made in negativity and that the negativity needs to end.**

Motion made by Crossroads to Close New Business, Kaskaskia Valley 2<sup>nd</sup>, no discussion, motion passed.

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**Officers Reports:**

**Public Relations:** Carleen Grant reported that things are ready for the State Seminar. IDOT has instituted a proclamation that looks very similar to the one ABATE of Illinois uses. ABATE of Illinois proclamations will be ready at the seminar.

**Motion made by Lincolnland for Public Relations to put the stand alone video on the u-tube, Kaskaskia Valley 2<sup>nd</sup>, discussion, motion passed with the following chapters in opposition: Blackhawk, Children of the Corn, Heart of Illinois, St. Clair, Will County. BOD2008-72.**

**Legislative:** Dan Harper reported on the timelines for veto session, which will be November 12-14 and November 19-21. Dan also gave report on the state and the federal issues, which are still the same as in August.

**Motion made by, 2<sup>nd</sup>, discussion, motion passed with the following chapters opposing:**

**Pac Reports:**

**ABATE-PAC:** See attachments

**FED/PAC:** See attachments

**Safety & Education:** Elizabeth Kren reported that 10,463 students have been reached so far this year. Thank to the Board of Directors for accepting the alternative video.

**Products:** Laura Mayer asked that the chapters who have ordered flags pick them up. Thank you to the Board for all the support in the department.

**Treasurer:** Julie Bacon reported that the Board received today a full report of all transactions for the year for ABATE of Illinois, Inc. Julie Bacon asked the Board as to the Memorial Fund not having funds. A few chapters stepped up and returned their 10% bike raffle to the organization which some asked to have placed in the Memorial Fund. Julie Bacon also reported that Brothers of Grundy has not been turning in reports as directed by the Board of Directors of their 990's.

**Motion made by Kaskaskia Valley to remove the charter of Brothers of Grundy, Backroads 2<sup>nd</sup>, discussion, motion failed with the following chapters voting in opposition: Arrowhead Valley, Blackhawk, Central Illinois, Chicago, Children of the Corn, Crossroads, Eastern Illinois, Ford County, Freebird, Fulton County, Heart of Illinois, Iron Riders, Kishwaukee Valley, Lincolnland, Lost Creek, Midstate, Old River, Open Roads, Peo-Taz, Piasa-Gateway, Prairieland, Southern DuPage, Southern Freedom, Starved Rock, Twin Rivers, Westgate. BOD2008-73.**

**Motion made by Heart of Illinois for the notification to be sent to the chapter officers certified of charter revocation and a general letter to the membership as to the action to be taken, Freebird 2<sup>nd</sup>, discussion, motion passed. BOD 2008-74.**

Lincolnland recognized to ask the treasurer if the CD and their safety. Julie Bacon responded that this has been investigated.

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**Assistant State Coordinator:** Ed Domine reported on the status of the State Seminar. Encouragement of Sponsorship with the sponsorship forms in Board packets today.

**State Office:** Pauli Ward reported on the December 1 deadline for chapter's registration at the Northfield Inn for the State Seminar. Memorial Fund is depleted with the recent deaths of ABATE members. Please send to the office the updated information for the Downed Rider Roads Service cards.

**Newsletter:** Deb King thanked the chapters who have been turning in letters and articles on time. If you are having problems with the mailings of the newsletters, encouragement made to contact the local postmaster as the problem is there. Thank you for the support to the department.

**Secretary:** Paulette Korte reported on the chapters who will be listed in the next newsletter for non-attendance per the by-laws.

**Activities:** Crystal Shamhart reported that the fairgrounds in Altamont would like to set the date for the 2010 State Party.

**Motion made by Freeport for the State Party date for 2010 be June 25-27, 2010, Crossroads 2<sup>nd</sup>, discussion, motion passed. BOD 2008-75.**

**Bike Raffle:** Gus Miller handed out certificates of thank you to chapters for the bike raffle sales.

**Region Reports:**

**NE:** Mike Ryan reported on the Pactoberfest coming up in the region.

**NW:** Mike Myers thank the chapters for support in the region.

**EC:** Stacey Rigsby reported that the region meeting is tomorrow.

**WC:** Steve "Rat" Surratt reported that the next region meeting would be November 16.

**SE:** Rick "Doc" Jones reported that the region meeting would be at the State Seminar.

**SW:** Bob Myers reported on the success of the Marble run Party the first of October.

**Panel Reports:**

**MRF Rep:** Jim "Legs" Korte reported on the donation from Heartland Steam to the MRF for the sum of \$9,388.24. The next Heartland Steam will be in Bismarck, ND.

**D-17 Rep:** Stacey Rigsby reported on the changes of the sound level for racing bikes.

**DNR Rep:** Richard "Heavy" Carr sent a report that there are no releases of funds as of yet.

**MAP Rep:** Bob "Korg" Ward sent word that there is an outing with meeting this week.

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**Off-road:** No report.

**Bylaw:** 2 proposals received for the committee.

**Membership drawing & Adjourn.**

**Motion made by Crossroads to adjourn the meeting, Embarras Valley 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:24pm

Respectfully submitted

Paulette Korte

State Secretary