

**A.B.A.T.E. OF IL, INC.-Board of Directors Meeting December 13, 2008**

**These minutes approved February 28, 2009**

**Approved Minutes**

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Board of Directors meeting December 13, 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. Activities-Crystal Shamhart   |
| 2. Assist. State Coord.-Jeff Marsh  | 11. Bike Raffle-Gus Miller        |
| 3. Secretary-Paulette Korte         | 12. Office Manager-Pauli Ward     |
| 4. Treasurer-Julie Bacon            | 13. NE Region-Mike Ryan           |
| 5. Legislative-Dan Harper           | 14. NW Region-Scott Gerke         |
| 6. Safety & Ed.-Elizabeth Kren      | 15. WC Region-Steve "Rat" Surratt |
| 7. Products-Terrie VanHuss          | 16. WC Region-Randy Hays          |
| 8. Newsletter- Ronie "RJ" Scroggins | 17. SE Region-Rick "Doc" Jones    |
| 9. Public Relation- Carleen Grant   | 18. SW Region-Bob Myers           |

**EXECUTIVE BOARD ABSENT**

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|------------------------------------|----|
| 1. Activities-Carl Shamhart-work   | 4. |
| 2. EC Region-Stacey Rigsby-funeral | 5. |
| 3.                                 | 6. |

**CHAPTERS PRESENT**

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

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| 1. Apple Creek      | 8. Lamoine Valley    |
| 2. Arrowhead Valley | 9. Lincolnland       |
| 3. Beaucoup Bottoms | 10. Salt Creek       |
| 4. Big River        | 11. Southern Freedom |
| 5. Great River      | 12. Tri County       |
| 6. Heartland        | 13.                  |
| 7. Hubbard Trail    | <b>Wabash Valley</b> |

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 1:09pm 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 amended, Open Roads 2<sup>nd</sup>, no discussion, motion passed with the following chapter in opposition: Midstate.**

**Old Business:**

**Nominations for Legislative Coordinator:** Bob “Korg” Ward has accepted the nomination for Legislative Coordinator.

**Motion made by Crossroads to close nominations for Legislative Coordinator, Piasa-Gateway 2<sup>nd</sup>, no further discussion, motion passed. BOD2008-76.**

**Motion made by Dukane to appoint Bob “Korg” Ward as the Legislative Coordinator until the election at the February board meeting Fulton County 2<sup>nd</sup>, no further discussion, motion passed. BOD2008-77.**

**Budget:**

**Motion made by Freeport to accept the budget as presented, Heart of Illinois 2<sup>nd</sup>, discussion, motion passed with the following chapters in opposition: Black Diamond, Blackhawk, Brothers of Grundy, Central Illinois, Chicago, Children of the Corn, Dukane, Eastern, Heritage Trail, Kaskaskia Valley, Kishwaukee Valley, Lost Creek, Northern Illinois, Northwest Suburban, South Suburban, Southern DuPage, Southern Illinois 27, St. Clair, Starved Rock, Westgate, Will County. BOD2008-78.**

**Guidelines for PAC’s:**

**Motion made by Heart of Illinois to accept PAC guidelines as presented to the board at the October board meeting, Twin Rivers 2<sup>nd</sup>, discussion, motion passed. BOD2008-79.**

**South Suburban Sanction violation:**

John Kolar recognized by the chapter board rep to speak to the board.

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**Motion made by Crawford County for the removal of the chapter officers involved in the sanction, Kaskaskia Valley 2<sup>nd</sup>, discussion, motion failed. BOD 2008-80.**

**Motion made by Dukane for the Executive Board to work with South Suburban to go over the Non-Preferred Vendors List for changes to the policy and procedure of the document, Freedom Riders 2<sup>nd</sup>, discussion, motion failed with the following chapters in opposition: Backroads, Blackhawk, Central Illinois, Chicago, Children of the Corn, Crawford County, Crossroads, Eastern Illinois, Embarras Valley, Flatlanders, Franklin County, Freebird, Freedom By Choice, Freedom Riders, Freedom Valley, Freeport, Fulton County, Heart of Illinois, Heritage Trail, Iron Riders, Jasper County, Kaskaskia Valley, Kishwaukee Valley, Liberty, Midstate, Old River, Open Roads, Pathfinders, Peo-Taz, Piasa-Gateway, Prairieland, Shawnee Hills, Shoal Creek, Southern Illinois 27, St. Clair, Starved Rock, Thunder Rock, Twin Rivers, Union Jack. BOD2008-81.**

**Motion made by Twin Rivers for South Suburban to not be allowed to publish their newsletter for the next 6 months, Blackhawk 2<sup>nd</sup>, discussion, motion failed with the following chapters in opposition: Blackhawk, Brothers of Grundy, Central Illinois, Chicago, Children of the Corn, Crawford County, Crossroads, Dukane, Eastern Illinois, Flatlanders, Franklin County, Freedom Riders, Freeport, Heart of Illinois, Kaskaskia Valley, Kishwaukee Valley, Lost Creek, Midstate, Northern Illinois, Northwest Suburban, Old River, Piasa-Gateway, Prairieland, Shawnee Hills, Shoal Creek, South Suburban, Southern DuPage, St. Clair, Starved Rock, Thunder Rock, Westgate, Will County. BOD2008-82.**

**Motion made by Starved Rock to fine South Suburban of \$5,000 for the current violation, Freedom Valley 2<sup>nd</sup>, no discussion, motion failed. BOD2008-83.**

**Motion made by Freeport for South Suburban to be in compliance with the current sanctions from February 23, 2008 as of today or pull the chapter charter at the February 2009 board meeting, Blackhawk 2<sup>nd</sup>, discussion for South Suburban to be submitting their newsletter to the state office prior to publication for approval, motion passed with the following chapters in opposition: Brothers of Grundy, Dukane, Embarras Valley, Flatlanders, Franklin County, Lost Creek, Northern Illinois, Northwest Suburban, Pathfinders, South Suburban, Southern DuPage, Southern Illinois 27, Westgate, Will County. BOD2008-84.**

**Motion made by Southern DuPage to postpone the previous action until after the review of the Non-preferred Vendors List at the February 2009 board meetings on South Suburban, Brothers of Grundy 2<sup>nd</sup>, discussion, motion failed with the following chapters voting in opposition: Backroads, Blackhawk, Central Illinois, Chicago, Children of the Corn, Crawford County, Crossroads, Eastern Illinois, Flatlanders,, Freebird, Freedom By Choice, Freedom Riders, Freeport, Fulton County, Heart of Illinois, Heritage Trail, Jasper County, Kaskaskia Valley, Kishwaukee Valley, Liberty, Midstate, Old River, Open Roads, Pathfinders, Peo-Taz, Piasa-Gateway, Prairieland, Shoal Creek, St. Clair, Starved Rock, Thunder Rock, Twin Rivers, Union Jack. BOD2008-85.**

**Brothers of Grundy monthly report requirement: Brothers of Grundy currently brought paperwork to the meeting today to get caught up with the State Treasurer.**

**Motion made by Southern DuPage for Brothers of Grundy to continue the remainder of the sanction of the monthly 990's to the State Treasurer, Franklin County 2<sup>nd</sup>, discussion, motion passed with the following chapter in opposition: Freebird. BOD2008-86.**

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

Break: 2:58pm

Resumed at 3:18pm

New Business:

By-Law proposals:

Proposal 1 presented by the state secretary

Motion made by Embarras Valley to accept the proposal as written, Freeport 2<sup>nd</sup>, discussion, motion failed with the following chapters in opposition: Backroads, Blackhawk, Central, Chicago, Children of the Corn, Crossroads, Dukane, Flatlanders, Freebird, Freedom Riders, Freedom Valley, Fulton County, Heritage Trail, Hubbard Trail, Iron Riders, Jasper County, Kaskaskia Valley, Liberty, Lost Creek, Midstate, Northern Illinois, Northwest Suburban, Old River, Open Roads, Pathfinders, Peo-Taz, Prairieland, South Suburban, Southern DuPage, Southern Illinois 27, St. Clair, Starved Rock, Thunder Rock, Twin Rivers, Union Jack, Westgate, Will County. BOD2008-87.

Proposal 2 presented by Ray Heck

Motion made by Southern DuPage to accept proposal as written, Northwest Suburban 2<sup>nd</sup>, discussion, motion passed with the following chapters in opposition: Central Illinois, Crossroads, Freedom By Choice, Freeport, Fulton County, Heart of Illinois, Kaskaskia Valley, Piasa-Gateway, Southern Illinois 27, Thunder Rock. BOD 2008-88.

Reseat Panels:

MRF: Jim "Legs" Korte-accepted

MAP: Bob "Korg" Ward-accepted

Off Road:

Motion made by Kaskaskia Valley to reseal panel as currently seated Thunder Rock 2<sup>nd</sup>: John "Hunter John" Harris, Daniel Speerly, Richard "Heavy" Carr, Stacey Rigsby motion passed. BOD2008-89.

By-Law review:

NE Region: Terry Hopkins-accepted, alternate Ray Heck

NW Region: Ernie Steele-accepted, alternate Neal Toepfer

EC Region-Denny Turner-accepted

WC Region-Steve Surratt-accepted, alternate Randy Hays

SE Region-Bill Bennett-accepted, alternate Rick "Doc" Jones

SW Region-open

ABATE PAC:

Motion made by Southern DuPage to reseal the ABATE PAC as currently seated, Backroads 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ray "Razor" Swinda, Neal Toepfer, KD "Mad Maxx" Meyer, Randy Scott, John Harris, Deb King, motion passed. BOD2008-90.

FEDPAC:

Motion made by Shawnee Hills to reseal Bob Myers and Cindy Lannom on FEDPAC, Dukane 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed. BOD2008-91.

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**Lawsuit protect CRT funds:** George Tinkham recognized to give summarization of happenings of the lawsuit status.

**Motion made by South Suburban to continue the process of the lawsuit to protect the CRT funds, Northwest Suburban 2<sup>nd</sup>, discussion, motion passed. BOD 2008-92.**

**Motion made by Freeport to approve up to \$3,000 to be spent for the appeal attorney fee on the Cycle Training fund lawsuit, Franklin County 2<sup>nd</sup>, discussion, motion passed. BOD2008-93.**

**Legislative agenda:** Recommendation of legislative agenda presented to the BOD from the executive board:  
To oppose: Helmet/Safety Gear Requirements, Graduated Licensing, and Requirement of Endorsement to Purchase.  
To Support: All Off Road Issues, Require M/L Endorsement for All 2-wheel Vehicles, National Agenda, Vulnerable User, Discrimination, Vehicle Homicide. Board of Directors would also like to include Pursue the transfer of the Cycle training program from the DOT department to the SOS office.

**Motion made by Crawford County to accept the Legislative agenda as written and to pursue more information and pursuit of the transfer of the Cycle Training program from the DOT to the SOS, Dukane 2<sup>nd</sup>, discussion, motion passed. BOD2008-94.**

**Truck Bids:** Recommendation from the Executive board to sell the previous ABATE truck by sealed bids until the February BOD meeting.

**Motion made by Kaskaskia Valley to accept sealed truck bids on the previous ABATE truck until the Friday before the February BOD meeting, Midstate 2<sup>nd</sup>, discussion, the truck is a 2000 Ford F150, motion passed. BOD2008-95.**

**Executive Board Officer action:** Recommendation from the Executive Board for a letter of notification to be sent to the Safety & Education Coordinator, Elizabeth Kren for recommendation of removal as an officer.

**Motion made by Will County to accept the Executive Board recommendation of sending a letter of notification to attend the next BOD meeting in February for notification of removal as an officer, Dukane 2<sup>nd</sup>, discussion, Treasurer recognized to state that there is the amount of \$1,228.66 not accounted for in charges with no receipts turned in to the treasurer, motion passed with the following chapters in opposition: Blackhawk, Southern Illinois 27. BOD2008-96.**

**Motion made by Southern DuPage to close New Business, Freeport 2<sup>nd</sup>, no discussion, motion passed.**

**Officers Reports:**

**Legislative:** Dan Harper-HB4861 is sitting on the Governor's desk. Dan thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve as the Legislative Coordinator. "Keep- the Vision, I Vote Motorcycles"  
Report accepted as given.

**Pac Reports:**

**ABATE-PAC:** Ray "Razor" Swinda reported that the Bear tickets were to be turned in at this meeting today. Thank you to the chapters for their donations to the ABATE PAC.

**FED/PAC:** Jim Conley reported on the status of the FEDPAC currently.  
Reports accepted as given.

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**Safety & Education:** Elizabeth Kren reported that 14, 259 students have been reached in the “Share the Road” program this year.

Report accepted as given.

**Products:** Terrie Van Huss had nothing to report.

**Treasurer:** Julie Bacon all reports have been given on how to read the current financial report. Julie is making a suggestion to the BOD to conduct an Internal Audit to help assist in saving the organization money, as the previous outside audit has not been held.

**Motion made by Kaskaskia Valley to an internal audit for this year (2008) and if a replacement is needed from the list of suggested people from the State Treasurer is needed this can be done at the February 2009 meeting, Open Roads 2<sup>nd</sup>, discussion, motion passed. BOD2008-97.**

**This audit will be done on March 7, 2009 and will save the organization \$2700.**

Report accepted as given.

**Assistant State Coordinator:** Jeff Marsh reported on the status of the seminar. The general summation of the seminar will be posted on the website by Christmas.

Report accepted as given.

**Public Relations:** Carleen Grant reported the YouTube posting that the Board requested at the October Board meeting did not occur as the file is too large to post. Suggestion made to get with Ernie to post on the ABATE website. Advertising will not be placed in the race guides as to the budget cuts of the Public Relations. Any chapter interested in the coaster program will have to prepay for the coasters as to the cuts in the Public Relations budget.

Checking into getting posters printed for free, will update on status of this.

Report accepted as given.

**State Office:** Pauli Ward thanked the chapters who donated toward the Christmas party today.

Report accepted as given.

**Newsletter:** Ronie “RJ” Scroggins reported on the deadline of the 15<sup>th</sup> for articles for the newsletter.

Report accepted as given.

**Secretary:** Paulette Korte reported that with the changes in the by-laws information has to be presented to the secretary.

Reported accepted as given.

**Activities:** Crystal Shamhart reported on the status of the Swap meet. Freedom Rally is moving along. A band has been paid for the State Party.

**Motion made by Will County to request to provide a formal summary of the financials of the State party to be provided at the February board meeting, Westgate 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion failed with the following chapters in opposition: Backroads, Blackhawk, Children of the Corn, Crossroads, Eastern Illinois, Franklin County, Freebird, Freedom By**

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**Choice, Freeport, Fulton County, Heart of Illinois, Kaskaskia Valley, Midstate, Piasa-Gateway, Shoal Creek, St. Clair, Thunder Rock, Twin Rivers. BOD2008-98.**

Report accepted as given.

**Bike Raffle: Gus Miller reported that one more prize has been added to the bike raffle this year.**

Report accepted as given.

**Region Reports:**

**NE:** Mike Ryan reported that the next region meeting will be January 11, 2009 at the VFW. There will also be a region meeting at the seminar. Mike Ryan is also looking for donations for the hospitality suite for the seminar.

**NW:** Scott Gerke reported that the region Chili cook-off will be February 21, in Dixon. There will be a region meeting at the seminar. There will be 5 new chapter presidents in the region.

**EC:** Stacey Rigsby sent in a report that Denny Turner read. Thank you to the chapters for the calendar of events. There is to be a region meeting at the seminar.

**WC:** Steve "Rat" Surratt reported that it is needed the calendar of events for the chapters. There will be a meeting at the seminar.

**SE:** Rick "Doc" Jones reported that there will be a meeting at the seminar.

**SW:** Bob Myers wished everyone safe holidays.  
Reports accepted as given.

**Panel Reports:**

**MRF Rep:** Jim "Legs" Korte reported that we will be hosting the MOTM in 2010. Artwork for the design for the MOTM needs to be presented to him by March of 2009. A base associate account will need a starting fund of around \$6000.

Michael "Boz" Kerr Vice President of the MRF recognized to thank the organization for its continuous support of the MRF, the MRF Vice-President and the MRF Corporate Secretary.

**D-17 Rep:** Nothing to report.

**DNR Rep:** Nothing to report.

**Off-road:** No report presented.

**Bylaw:** No by-laws currently presented.

Reports accepted as given.

**Membership drawing & Adjourn.**

**Motion made by Crossroads to adjourn, Open Roads 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.**

**Meeting adjourned at 5:27pm**

**Respectfully submitted**

**Paulette Korte**

**State Secretary**