

A.B.A.T.E. OF IL, INC.-Board of Directors Meeting October 17, 2009

These minutes approved December 19, 2009

Secretary Minutes

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Board of Directors meeting October 17, 2009

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.-Jeff Marsh | 12. Bike Raffle-Gus Miller |
| 3. Secretary-Paulette Korte | 13. Office Manager-Pauli Ward |
| 4. Treasurer-Julie Bacon | 14. NE Region-Mike Ryan |
| 5. Legislative-Bob "Korg" Ward | 15. NW Region-Scott Gerke |
| 6. Safety & Ed.-Laura Mayer | 16. EC Region-Stacey Rigsby |
| 7. Products-Terrie VanHuss | 17. WC Region-Steve "Rat" Surratt |
| 8. Newsletter-Ronie "RJ" Scroggins | 18. WC Region-Randy Hays |
| 9. Public Relation- Carleen Grant | 19. SE Region-Rick "Doc" Jones |
| 10. Activities-Crystal Shamhart | 20. SW Region-Bob Myers |

CHAPTERS PRESENT

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| 1. Apple Creek | 18. Freedom By Choice | 36. Pathfinders |
| 2. Arrowhead Valley | 19. Freedom Riders | 37. Peo-Taz |
| 3. Backroads | 20. Freedom Valley | 38. Piasa-Gateway |
| 4. Beaucoup Bottoms | 21. Freeport | 39. Prairieland |
| 5. Big River | 22. Fulton County | 40. Salt Creek |
| 6. Blackhawk | 23. Great River | 41. Shawnee Hills |
| 7. Central Illinois | 24. Heart of Illinois | 42. Shoal Creek |
| 8. Chicago | 25. Heartland | 43. South Suburban |
| 9. Children of the Corn | 26. Heritage Trail | 44. Southern DuPage |
| 10. Crawford County | 27. Hubbard Trail | 45. Southern Illinois 27 |
| 11. Crossroads | 28. Iron Riders | 46. St. Clair |
| 12. Dukane | 29. Kaskaskia Valley | 47. Starved Rock |
| 13. Eastern Illinois | 30. Kishwaukee Valley | 48. Thunder Rock |
| 14. Embarras Valley | 31. Lincolnland | 49. Tri County |
| 15. Flatlanders | 32. Lost Creek | 50. Twin Rivers |
| 16. Ford County | 33. Midstate | 51. Westgate |
| 17. Freebird | 34. Northwest Suburban | 52. Will County |
| | 35. Open Roads | |

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CHAPTERS ABSENT

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| 1. Black Diamond | 7. Old River |
| 2. Franklin County | 8. Southern Freedom |
| 3. Jasper County | 9. Union Jack |
| 4. Lamoine Valley | 10. Wabash Valley |
| 5. Liberty | 11. |
| 6. Northern Illinois | |

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.

Before the meeting starting for the day the State Coordinator Jim “Legs” Korte is asking clarification from the Board of Directors on Write-in candidates. Previous practices of current by-laws, Robert’s Rules of Order to be followed.

Motion made by Kaskaskia Valley to allow write in votes and to vote by ballot, also for the By-law review committee to look into the current by-law and make corrections accordingly to this action taken today, Peo-Taz 2nd, further discussion, motion passed with the following chapters voting in opposition: Big River, Blackhawk, Embarras Valley, Heart of Illinois, Southern DuPage. BOD 2009-55.

Terrie VanHuss the current Product Coordinator will be able to stay in office until December of 2009. She will not be able to fulfill the position after January 1, 2010.

Candidates were given the opportunity to speak before the elections today.

Motion made by Heart of Illinois to limit the candidates to speak for only 2 minutes, Crossroads 2nd, no further discussion, motion passed. BOD2009-56.

Candidates recognized and spoke to the Board of Directors.

The Assistant State Coordinator also asked that a letter concerning ABATE Legal Service be read to the Board of Directors concerning ABATE Legal Services and who is the Liaison.

Approval of the minutes:

Motion made by Freeport to approve minutes as amended, Tri-County 2nd, no discussion, motion passed.

Old Business:

Budget for 2010-postponed from the August BOD meeting.

Motion made by Freeport to accept the budget as presented, Kaskaskia Valley 2nd, no discussion, motion passed with the following chapter voting in opposition: Southern DuPage. BOD2009-57.

Scholarship announcement: Stacey Rigsby recombined to announce the winner of the scholarship award. The award goes to Dillon Best.

Suggested that the essay be published in the newsletter and recommend to send to the MRFA&E YAS for all candidates with permission first.

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Brothers of Grundy recommendation-Will wait for discussion at the next BOD meeting in December.

Motion made by Backroads to close Old Business, Open Roads 2nd, no discussion, motion passed.

New Business:

Ratify Lobbyist and Webmaster contract-With the passing of the budget the recommendation is to ratify the Lobbyist and the Web-master contracts.

Motion made by Heart of Illinois to ratify the Lobbyist and the Web-master contracts, Lincolnland 2nd, no further discussion, motion passed. BOD2009-58.

Recommendation of Office Manager & part-time salary-recommendation from the Executive Board to the Board of Directors is to give Pauli Ward Office Manager 5 more days of paid vacation and Julie Bacon, the part-time office help a 3% raise.

Motion made by Heart of Illinois to accept the recommendation from the Executive Board on salary raises, Freeport 2nd, no further discussion, motion passed. BOD2009-59.

Schedule for 2010 meeting for the Executive Board and Board of Directors:

Motion made by Lincolnland to accept the meeting schedule for 2010, Open Roads 2nd, no further discussion, motion passed. BOD2009-60.

Bike Raffle checks and Certificates-Gus Miller presented to the Board of Directors the checks and certificates for Bike Raffle sales.

Rich Neb Award nominations-Nominations are to close and be received to the State Office no later than November 30, 2009.

Letter of intent for panel and Rep positions-Letter need to received and printed in the State Newsletter now.

American Income Life Insurance-contact made again to the State Coordinator from American Income Life to come to a Board meeting to do a presentation of a benefit to the membership.

Motion made by Midstate to invite American Income Life to the next Board of Directors meeting for presentation, Ford County 2nd, discussion, motion passed. BOD2009-61.

MRF SSRO Representative to the Board-Letter received for voting in of Larry Nelson to the MRF Board as SSMRO Representative.

Motion made by Midstate to vote for Larry Nielson, Open Roads 2nd, discussion, motion passed. BOD2009-62.

Road Condition announcements-procedure gone over with the Board of Directors if the weather is bad and cancelation of a meeting will be put out on ONDAGO and the State Office phone no later than 6 a.m.

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Non-preferred vendors list-

Motion made by Heart of Illinois to place the Fulton County Sheep Herders on the Non-Preferred Vendors List for cause, Heartland 2nd, discussion, motion failed with the following chapters voting in opposition: Apple Creek, Arrowhead Valley, Beaucoup Bottoms, Central Illinois, Chicago, Children of the Corn, Crawford County, Flatlanders, Freebird, Freedom By Choice, Freedom Valley, Freeport, Fulton County, Great River, Heritage Trail, Iron Riders, Kishwaukee Valley, Linconland, Midstate, Northwest Suburban, Open Roads, Pathfinders, Peo-Taz, Piassa-Gateway, Prairieland, Salt Creek, South Suburban, Southern DuPage, St. Clair, Starved Rock, Thunder Rock, Tri-County, Twin Rivers, Westgate, Will County. BOD2009-63.

Draft Minutes-

Motion made by Midstate for the State Secretary to state and place on the minutes "Secretary Notes", Southern DuPage 2nd, discussion of legality of calling them Draft Minutes, motion passed. BOD2009-64.

Letter of apology-no direction was given by the Board of Directors on who was to write the letter of apology to be placed in the Newsletter (August BOD action).

Motion made by Ford County for the State Secretary to use and be consistent with the letter used by John "Hunter John" Harris, Crossroads 2nd, no further discussion, motion passed. BOD2009-65.

Contract review-suggest moving the contract review to the month of June to be in better lineament with the budget process.

Motion made by Dukane to move the contract reviews to June to be in line with the budget process, Pathfinders 2nd, no further discussion, motion passed. BOD2009-66.

Motion made by Pathfinders to close New Business, Dukane 2nd, no discussion, motion passed.

Break 2:45pm

Resumed from break at 3:05pm

Officers Reports:

Legislative: Bob "Korg" Ward reported that the assembly is now in veto session. He has had discussion with some folks on the lead ban in place and its movement. Talked about the distracted driving movement. Discussed the program funds and what is going on and being looked into, Discussion on the muffler problems in Mt. Vernon and the sit down discussions happening there. The Cycle Training program issues being looked into. ATV training being investigated.

Report accepted as given.

Pac Reports:

ABATE-PAC: Neal Toefper recognized. Balance of fund given, listing also and thanking chapters who have donated.

Dan Harper verbal intent to be placed on the PAC committee.

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Motion made by Heart of Illinois for Dan Harper to be placed as a trustee on the PAC, Blackhawk 2nd, discussion, motion passed. BOD2009-67.

FED/PAC: Cindy Lannom recognized to read report. Thank you given to chapter participation.

Reports accepted as given.

Safety & Education: Laura Mayer reported that 474 presentations given with 12,854 students reached. Laura discussed the Life Savers Conference and attendance for next year. Large packet given to each chapter to take back to the SAFETY & EDUCATION folks for disbursement on materials for Safety & Education.

Report accepted as given.

Products: Terrie VanHuss reported that the plate covers and silk ties and scarves are in. Thank you to all for the support to products.

Report accepted as given.

Treasurer: Julie Bacon thanked the chapters who donated their checks back to the organization from the Bike Raffle. Thank you for the Pie Chart showing the chapters how much goes where as far as the funds from the chapters.

Report accepted as given.

Assistant State Coordinator: Jeff left a report that the seminar is moving along. The AMA and the MRF have both accepted to attend the seminar. Money for the sponsorship needs to be to the State Office by the December Board meeting.

Report accepted as given.

Public Relations: Carleen Grant again reported on the chapter who participated and paid for materials for Motorcycle Awareness this year, in which there are still supplies left for the year 2010. Paulette Korte received a grant application from the AMA at the MOTM and would like to apply in the name of Public Relations.

Motion made by Blackhawk to pursue the grant for \$1,000 for Public Relations, Tri-County 2nd, no further discussion, motion passed. BOD2009-68.

Report accepted as given.

State Office: Pauli Ward reported that there will be a Christmas Party in December. Pauli read off the chapter names that have submitted volunteers for the Downed Rider program and is asking the rest of the chapters to finish up and send to the office.

Report accepted as given.

Newsletter: Nothing to reports.

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Secretary: Paulette Korte read the names of chapters of non attendance to board meetings.

Report accepted as given.

Activities: Carl & Crystal reported on the state party, swap meet and the Freedom Rally that everything is on going in progress.

Report accepted as given.

Bike Raffle: Gus Miller reported that pictures of the new raffle bike are available.

Report accepted as given.

Region Reports:

NE: Mike Ryan reported that Pactoberfest is next weekend. Next region meeting will be November 8, in Kankakee at the legion hall.

NW: Scott Gerke reported that the chili cook off will be February 20, 2010

EC: Stacey Rigsby reported that the next region meeting will be at the State Seminar.

WC: Steve "Rat" Surratt reported that the next region meeting will be at the State Seminar.

SE: Rick "Doc" Jones would like to see more folks at "Biker Farm" Next region meeting will be in the time between meetings in December.

SW: Bob Myers reported that the Marble Run is finished and prizes were given. Bob also discussed the issues going on in Alton and will keep posted. Next region meeting will be November 5, in Trenton.

Reports accepted as given.

Panel Reports:

MRF Rep: Jim "Legs" Korte reported a meeting will be held October 25, 2009 in Peoria for anyone wishing to participate in working the MOTM next year. The meeting will start at 1pm at 3225 N.Dries Lane, in Peoria. Planning will start to get underway.

D-17 Rep: Stacey Rigsby reported on the activity on the youth ban going around. Stacey is giving his verbal intent to stay in this position.

Motion made by Dukane to accept Stacey Rigsby's verbal intent for D-17, Embarras Valley 2nd, no discussion, motion passed. BOD2009-69.

DNR Rep: Nothing to report.

MAP Rep: Nothing to report.

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Bylaw: Proposal read to the Board of Directors.

Nominations: Opening nominations for the Products Coordinator:

Heart of Illinois nominated Roger Larson-declined.

Election results were read to the Board:

State Coordinator: Mike Myers

Assistant State Coordinator: Roger Leach

Secretary: Kat Conner

Treasurer: Julie Bacon

Legislative: George Tinkham

Safety & Education: Laura Mayer

Products: Terrie VanHuss until December

Newsletter: Ronie "RJ" Scroggins

Public Relations: Carleen Grant

Activities: Carl and Crystal Shamhart

Bike Raffle: Gus Miller

Regions:

NE: Mike Ryan

NW: Scott Gerke

EC: Stacey Rigsby

WC: Steve "Rat" Surratt, Randy Hays

SE: Rick "Doc" Jones

SW: Bob Myers

Motion made by Heartland to adjourn the meeting, South Suburban 2nd, no discussion, meeting adjourned at 4:32pm

Membership drawing & Adjourn.

Respectfully submitted

Paulette Korte

State Secretary