

A.B.A.T.E. OF IL, INC.-Board of Directors Meeting December 19, 2009

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SECRETARY MINUTES

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Board of Directors meeting December 19, 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.-Mike Myers | 11. Activities-Carl Shamhart |
| 2. Assist. State Coord.-Roger Leach | 12. Bike Raffle-Gus Miller |
| 3. Secretary-Kat Conner | 13. Office Manager-Pauli Ward |
| 4. Treasurer-Julie Bacon | 14. NE Region-Mike Ryan |
| 5. Legislative-George Tinkham | 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 |

EXECUTIVE BOARD ABSENT

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| 1. Bike Raffle- Gus Miller | 3. Public Relations-Carleen Grant |
| 2. Office Manager-Pauli Ward-funeral | 4. Newsletter- Ronie "RJ" Scroggins |

OTHERS PRESENT

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| 1. American Income Life rep- Dawn Truden | 3. John "Hunter John" Harris-Fedpac |
| 2. Neal Toepfer- Fedpac | |

CHAPTERS PRESENT

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

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| 1. Apple Creek | 11. Jasper County |
| 2. Arrowhead Valley | 12. Lamoine Valley |
| 3. Big River | 12. Lost Creek |
| 4. Black Diamond | 13. Northwest Suburban |
| 5. Crawford County | 14. Prairieland |
| 6. Flatlanders | 15. St. Clair |
| 7. Franklin County | 15. Tri County |
| 8. Freedom Riders | 16. Wabash Valley |
| 9. Fulton County | |
| 10. Hubbard Trail | |

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 1:00pm with the State Coordinator Mike Myers leading in the Pledge of Allegiance. Heart of Illinois thanked the new officers for taking on their positions.

Approval of the minutes:

Motion made by Freeport to approve October 17 minutes with corrections, 2nd Dukane. Corrections noted by Freeport; page 2 “5 more days, not 5 ore days”, page 6 “fir” changed to “for”. Motion passed.

American Income Life: State Coordinator Mike Meyers introduced Dawn Truden from American Income Life who made a brief presentation about a free death benefit policy available to all Abate members. This is the same company that covers the MRF members and can be added to coverage you already have. Roger Leach suggests that if you do not want to be contacted by the company for any other insurance, to write this on your card when you send it back to the company.

Old Business:

Products nomination: Terrie VanHuss will stay on as long as she can, so there is no need to replace her as yet.

BOG funds: Dukane made a motion to extend the time frame by six months (until June BOD meeting) of the forfeiture of money from the old BOG to formulate a new chapter in Grundy County. 2nd Blackhawk, discussion, motion failed with the following chapters voting no: Backroads, Beaucoup Bottoms, Central Illinois, Children of the Corn, Crossroads, Eastern Illinois, Embarras Valley, Ford County, Freebird, Freedom by Choice, Freedom Riders, Freedom Valley, Freeport, Great River, Heart of Illinois, Heartland, Kaskaskia Valley, Kiswaukee Valley, Liberty, Lincoln Land, Midstate, Open Roads, Pathfinders, Peo-Taz, Piasa-Gateway, Salt Creek, Shoal Creek, Southern Freedom, Southern Illinois 27, Starved Rock, Thunder Rock, Twin Rivers, Union Jack. BOD2009-70

Kaskaskia Valley has volunteered to retrieve the trailer from the BOG chapter.

By-law Proposal: Southern Dupage motion to accept the By-Law Review Committee’s recommendation to vote against the proposed by- law concerning taxes under Article 5 Section 7. 2nd Dukane, discussion. Motion passed, Kaskaskia Valley opposed. BOE2009-71

By-law Clerical: Discussion on making clerical changes to By-Laws. Dukane made a point of order that this can not be done without following the by-law change process.

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Motion made by Kaskaskia Valley to close Unfinished Business (Old Business), 2nd South Suburban, no discussion, Black Hawk opposed, motion passed.

New Business:

FEDPAC: Motion made by Heart of Illinois to accept James Conley's resignation from FEDPAC, Freeport 2nd, discussion, motion passed. BOD2009-72

Motion made by Dukane to increase the number of FEDPAC trustees from 5 to a total of 7. Kaskaskia Valley 2nd, discussion, chapters opposed: Back Roads, Midstate, motion passed. BOD2009-73

Motion made by Blackhawk to have Mike Myers read the Letters of Intent from those candidates who are not here and to have those present speak briefly as to why they want the position, 2nd Heart of Illinois. Motion passed, BOD2009-74

Voting was held with Craig Ashbaugh, John "Hunter John" Harris, Ray, Jim "Legs" Korte, Rick "RO" Olson being elected for two year terms as FedPac trustees.

MRF rep: Motion made by Heart of Illinois to nominate Jim "Legs" Korte as MRF rep, 2nd Freeport, no discussion, motion passed. BOD2009-75

DNR rep: Motion made by Embarras Valley to nominate Stacey Rigsby as DNR rep, 2nd Kaskaskia Valley, no discussion, motion passed. BOD2009-76

AMA District 17 rep: Motion made by Kaskaskia Valley to reseal Stacey Rigsby as District 17 AMA rep, 2nd Open Roads, no discussion, motion passed. BOD2009-77

By-Law Review Committee: Heart of Illinois made a motion to reseal the by-law review committee as it stands, 2nd Dukane. Discussion. Kishwaukee Valley pointed out that the southwest region needs a committee rep. Heart of Illinois amended their motion to reseal the by-law review committee with the addition of Jim "Legs" Korte as com. Rep. for the southwest region. Dukane 2nd the amendment, no discussion, motion passed. BOD2009-78

Motion made by Dukane to close New Business, 2nd, Open Roads, no discussion, motion passed. With Heart of Illinois opposing.

Break 2:25pm

Resumed from break at 2:55pm. The following chapters left at break: Great River, Westgate, Northern Illinois.

State Coordinator Mike Myers opened New Business in order to elect a FEDPAC chair.

Motion made by Heart of Illinois to let the FedPac panel seek their own chair, Freeport 2nd, discussion, motion passed. BOD-79

Motion to close New Business again by Heart of Illinois, Chicago 2nd, no discussion, motion passed.

Officers Reports:

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Legislative: -George Tinkham went over his legislative draft agenda. Several chapters did not receive the draft that was sent out November 30th. **Motion made by Freeport to press ahead with the draft of the Legislative Agenda,2nd Heart of Illinois. No discussion, motion carried, chapters opposed: none. BOD2009-80**

Motion made by Dukane to support the current lawsuit and pay up to \$1000.00 out of the Legal Defense fund with Todd Vandermyde's recommendation. 2nd Freeport, discussion.

Motion carried with the following chapters opposing: Central, Freedom Valley. BOD-81

Pac Reports:

ABATE-PAC: John "Hunter John" Harris thanked chapters for their donations. The Voter's Guide is done and will be in the state paper in January. If any chapter publicly endorses a candidate the chapter must put the ABATE-PAC disclaimer in that endorsement or the chapter officers can be fined. Neil Toepfer will be taking donations at the seminar for the auctions.

FED/PAC: The Northeast Region raised \$1,991.00 at their Pactoberfest this fall.

Chapters were thanked for their donations. Help is needed Friday at 4 pm at the seminar and donations are needed for the auctions.

Safety & Education: 721 presentations for a total of 19,188 for 2009. Yard signs will be for sale at the seminar for \$5.00. There will be a seminar safety & ed meeting for all the chapters.

Products: Seminar shirts have been ordered.

Treasurer: Chapter treasurers need to come to the seminar as the 990's are more complicated. The meeting will be in room 200 from 1-5 p.m.

State Office: Pauli Ward was at a funeral, no report.

Assistant State Coordinator: Roger Leach thanked Jeff Marsh for helping to make his transition into the job very easy. He thanked chapters for their seminar donations. Starved Rock asked about the status of the permanent license plates. Roger will check into it. Roger requested that people call him with questions rather than email him.

Public Relations: Report given by Shirley "Swirl" Lacock. The Alton police have placed signs about keeping the sound down throughout their town.

Newsletter: Ronie "RJ" Scroggins absent. Mike Myers asked people to get their articles in early.

Secretary: No report.

Activities: Swap Meet and Freedom Rally letters are ready and will be sent after Christmas. Two bands have been booked for the State Party and one more is needed as an opening act for Saturday.

Bike Raffle: Gus Miller absent; no report. Dukane reported that the bike will be at the Dukane County Fairground on December 20th.

Region Reports:

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NE: International Bike Show, Rosemont on Feb 19-21st. If you volunteer to work two hours you then get in free. Volunteers are needed to run a hospitality room, selling tickets, etc.

NW: Region meeting at the seminar- 8 AM Saturday

EC: Stacey Rigsby would like his chapters to let him know what time they would like to have a region meeting at the seminar.

WC: Region meeting at the seminar- noon Saturday.

SE: Rick "Doc" Jones expressed his concern that if the tax by-law is resubmitted it needs to have some teeth in whatever plan of action is chosen. He feels the region coordinator should be in charge of getting the chapters to comply. His region is not having a meeting at the seminar, but a gathering around 6 p.m. in the hospitality room.

At this time **Kaskaskia Valley made a motion to reopen Legislative because we neglected to approve the Legislative draft. 2nd by Blackhawk, no discussion, motion carried. BOD2009-82**

Motion by Freeport to accept Legislative Agenda. Dukane 2nd.

Motion by Blackhawk to postpone acceptance in order to give chapters the opportunity to read the agenda since some did not receive the draft edition. Embarras Valley 2nd, discussion. Chapters opposed: Freeport, Heart of Illinois, Chicago, and Southern Dupage. Motion passed. BOD 2009-83

Heart of Illinois made a motion to accept the tentative Legislative Agenda as proposed. Freeport 2nd, discussion, motion carried. BOD2009-84

Piasa-Gateway made a motion to close the Legislative report, Kaskaskia Valley 2nd, no discussion, motion carried.

SW: January 3rd Bellville Swap Meet, January 7th Region Meeting, the region has voted to be a Platinum Sponsor for the seminar.

Panel Reports:

MRF Rep: September 23-26 Meeting of the Minds, Peoria. There is a flyer on the MRF website. We need to raise \$6-7,000 to host this. Several chapters were thanked for donating money. Checks can be made out to Abate of Illinois, MOTM expense fund. There will be a committee meeting on February 27th in the cafeteria to work on the MOTM.

Grants are now available at the federal level, MRF is keeping an eye on the Patriot Act, and the federal highway administration to see how they plan to mark uniform traffic control devices. Look on mutcd.fhwa.dog.gov for updates.

The MRF A&E fund needs more for conference rooms in Washington, D.C. These donations can be put as 5013c tax deductions.

A drawing was held for the winner of the S&S motor the MRF was raffling off- Jim Weltner of Neva, Il. was the lucky winner.

D-17 Rep: Stacey discussed the CPC Safety Act, lack of training/instructors for young four wheeler riders, the Conservation Congress has been revived.

DNR Rep: same as D-17 Rep. report

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MAP Rep: no report given

Bylaw: no report given

Motion made by Dukane to accept reports as given, 2nd Freeport, no discussion, motion carried.

Membership drawing & Adjourn.

Motion made by Dukane to adjourn, 2nd Crossroads, no discussion, motion carried.

Adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Submitted by,

Kat Conner

State Secretary