

A.B.A.T.E. OF IL, INC.-Board of Directors Meeting February 28, 2009

These minutes approved April 18, 2009

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Board of Directors meeting February 14, 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 | 10. Activities-Carl 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-Bob "Korg" Ward | 14. NW Region-Scott Gerke |
| 6. Products-Terrie VanHuss | 15. EC Region-Stacey Rigsby |
| 7. Newsletter- Ronie "RJ" Scroggins | 16. WC Region-Steve "Rat" Surratt |
| 8. Public Relation- Carleen Grant | 17. WC Region-Randy Hays |
| 9. Activities-Crystal Shamhart | 18. SE Region-Rick "Doc" Jones |
| | 19. SW Region-Bob Myers |

EXECUTIVE BOARD ABSENT

1. Safety & Education-Elizabeth Kren-resigned

CHAPTERS PRESENT

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

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51. Tri County-left at 2:50
52. Twin Rivers

53. Wabash Valley
54. Westgate

55. Will County

CHAPTERS ABSENT

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|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Apple Creek | 6. Old River |
| 2. Arrowhead Valley | 7. Thunder Rock |
| 3. Brothers of Grundy | 8. |
| 4. Heritage Trail | Union Jack |
| 5. Hubbard Trail | |

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 1:11pm 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 2nd, no discussion, motion passed.

Old Business:

Election: Election of Bob “Korg” Ward as the Legislative Coordinator.

Motion made by Dukane to elect Bob “Korg” Ward as the Legislative Coordinator, Embarras Valley 2nd, non discussion, motion passed. BOD2009-01.

Officer Removal: Letter sent to Elizabeth Kren, Safety & Education Coordinator for removal as an officer.

Motion made by Freeport to accept the resignation of Elizabeth Kren as the Safety & Education Coordinator, Heart of Illinois 2nd, discussion, motion passed. BOD2009-02.

Sanction Review-South Suburban:

Motion made by Kaskaskia Valley to extend the current sanction for South Suburban of sending their newsletter to the State Office for review by the state office and the State Coordinator, Ford County 2nd, discussion, motion passed with the following chapters voting in opposition: Chicago, Dukane, Iron Riders, Northern Illinois, Northwest Suburban, South Suburban, Southern DuPage, Westgate, Will County. BOD2009-03.

Lawsuit status: George Tinkham recognized to update on the status of the Lawsuit in appeals court. Brief do sometime in May.

MOTM artwork: State Coordinator Jim “Legs” Coordinator reminded the board that the artwork for the MOTM 2010 is due to him by March 31, 2009.

Motion made by Dukane to close Old Business, Northwest Suburban 2nd, no discussion, motion passed.

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New Business:

Legal Service Report & Review: Recommendation from the E-Board to retain Rod Taylor as the administrator of the ABATE legal service plan.

Motion made by Ford County to continue with Rod Taylor to administer the ABATE Legal Service Plan, Northwest Suburban 2nd, discussion, motion passed. BOD2009-04.

Review of the Non preferred vendors list:

Motion made by South Suburban to remove all general references to personal injury lawyers from the Non-Preferred Vendors Policy, specifically to remove the wording from the following sections: Section 3.0 Procedure, Paragraph 1d, remove this entire subparagraph, which currently reads: "Individuals or groups directly competing with ABATE of Illinois owned, managed or sponsored programs (i.e.: ant individuals or group advertising personal injury services in competition with ABATE Legal Services)" Appendix A-List of Non-Preferred Vendors. Remove the following: "Any individual or group advertising personal injury services in competition with ABATE Legal Services, including but not limited to", and "Personal Legal Services Contract and", Westgate 2nd, discussion, motion failed with the following chapter voting in opposition: Backroads, Beaucoup Bottoms, Black Diamond, Central Illinois, Children of the Corn, Crawford County, Crossroads, Eastern Illinois, Flatlanders, Ford County, Freebird, Freedom By Choice, Freedom Riders, Freedom Valley, Fulton County, Heart of Illinois, Jasper County, Kaskaskia Valley, Lamoine Valley, Liberty, Lincolnland, Midstate, Open Roads, Peo-Taz, Piasa-Gateway, Prairieland, Shawnee Hills, Shoal Creek, Southern Freedom, Southern Illinois 27, Tri-County, Twin Rivers. BOD2009-05.

Budget Rescind-Will County:

Motion made by Will County in a previous notice to the Board of Directors to rescind the Budget Motion #BOD2008-78, Northern Illinois 2nd, no discussion occurred, motion failed with the following chapter voting in opposition: Backroads, Beaucoup Bottoms, Big River, Blackhawk, Central Illinois, Children of the Corn, Crawford County, Crossroads, Eastern Illinois, Embarras Valley, Flatlanders, Ford County, Franklin County, Freebird, Freedom By Choice, Freedom Riders, Freedom Valley, Freeport, Fulton County, Heart of Illinois, Iron Riders, Kaskaskia Valley, Kishwaukee Valley, Lamoine Valley, Liberty, Lincolnland, Lost Creek, Open Roads, Piasa-Gateway, Prairieland, Shawnee Hills, Shoal Creek, Southern Freedom, Southern Illinois 27, St. Clair, Twin Rivers, Wabash Valley. BOD2009-06.

Truck Donation: Due to advertising of the truck bid not included in the newsletter from the December board meeting, the recommendation from the E-board to extend the truck bid process until the April board meeting.

Motion made by Kaskaskia Valley to extend the truck bid process until the April Board meeting, Heart of Illinois 2nd, no further discussion, motion passed. BOD2009-07.

MRF additional donation: Jim "Legs" Korte reported on the financial challenge for the MRF and the challenge put out by ABATE of Wisconsin. A recommendation from the E-Board to the Board of Directors to send an additional \$5,000 to the MRF and take the money from savings.

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Motion made by Dukane to accept the recommendation from the E-board for the additional \$5,000 be sent to the MRF and to come from savings, Children of the Corn 2nd, no further discussion, motion passed. BOD2009-08.

Crawford County made an open challenge to all the chapters to match the \$500 donation to the MRF.

Safety & Education nominations: nominations open for the process for the Safety & Education Department.

Crossroads nominating Laura Mayer for Safety & Education, Dukane 2nd, Laura Mayer accepting the nomination.

Motion made by Dukane to appoint Laura Mayer in the position of Safety & Education, Lincolnland 2nd, no further discussion, motion passed. BOD2009-09.

Motion made by Piasa-Gateway to close New Business, Open Roads 2nd, no discussion, motion passed.

Break 2:25pm

Resumed from break at 2:55pm

Officers Reports:

Legislative: Bob "Korg" Ward reporting on activities in Springfield.

Thank you to the following people: Bob Myers for coming up and spending time in Springfield, Kim from Lincolnland for suggesting the mouse pads for the receptionists in the offices on Legislative Day.

Following are the bill activities in Springfield:

HB73 Vehicle Homicide

2 helmet bills introduced.

44 ABATE members showed up on a moment's notice of reading of helmet bills

HB160 24hour light law enforcement for all vehicles

Motion made by Freeport to monitor this bill in progress, Heart of Illinois 2nd, no further discussion, motion passed. BOD2009-10.

HB413 Vehicle Buyers Protection act. Dealers do not like the bill. Considered a lemon law.

SB944 Mandatory IDOT Motorcycle testing. Ann approved IDOT Motorcycle Safety Course. ABATE opposes this bill.

SB945 Helmet Law

Moped licensing being looked at

ATV enabling off highway use

ATV total banning of on highway use

HB2412 Mandatory Insurance for golf cart use (neighborhood vehicles).

Drug testing under 18 for licensing

Seizure for non proof of insurance

Vulnerable user's bill

Freedom Rally will be held at the DOT building with some help from friends at IDOT.

There are unpaid expenses to the lobbyist who did not turn them in. They are past do from 2 years ago in the amount of \$7500. If paid the bills will be square.

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Motion made by Kaskaskia Valley for STATE-PAC to transfer money back to the state to pay the lobbyist bills in the amount of \$7500 not turned in, Fulton County 2nd, no further discussion, motion passed with the following chapters voting in opposition: Lost Creek. BOD2009-11.

Legislative Day will be March 4, starting at the Ramada.

Pac Reports:

ABATE-PAC: Razor passed out the rest of the awards not picked up at the seminar. Thank you to the chapters who donated to the PAC.

FED/PAC: Jim Conley reported on the great fundraiser at the seminar for Pac. Jim Conley has been reseated as the chair, Cindy Lannom has been reseated as the treasurer, and Ray Heck has been seated as the Secretary.

The committee ratified the mission statement. A letter of thank you received from Steve Zimmer PAC chair of the MRF.

Safety & Education: Paulette Korte reported that supplies available at the end of the meeting today. Thank you for the refresher at the seminar. IDOT banners are available and a list has been passed around. Further disbursement of banners will be at the board meeting in April.

Products: Terrie VanHuss reported that there are outstanding bills from chapters that need to be taken care of. A form passed around for the chapters to fill out as to who has the authority to order products.

Treasurer: Julie Bacon reported on 16 chapters late in turning in their 990's. 7 chapters do not have their 990's in today. 24 chapters attended the class at the seminar and assisted them with their chapter 990's. Listed are the following chapters that were late: Jasper County, Flatlanders, Brothers of Grundy, Freebird, NW Suburban, Black Diamond, Iron Riders, Apple Creek, Arrowhead Valley, Dukane, Great River, Heartland, Hubbard Trail, Big River, Pathfinders, Westgate, Salt Creek Not finished. The following chapters are not allowed to vote today: Apple Creek, Arrowhead Valley, Great River, Hartland, Hubbard Trail, Pathfinders, Salt Creek.

The internal audit will be March 6, starting at noon at the state office with the following participating: Linda Pasetti-Olson, Ann, Brian Oliver, Kim Costello, Donna Mills, Pam Hedden, Julie Bacon, Pauli Ward, Kat Conners.

Assistant State Coordinator: Jeff Marsh reported that there will be no plates this as to missing the deadline. Jeff has gotten with the Legislative Coordinator Bob "Korg" Ward to see if the permanent plates can be added to a shell bill this year. It will be looked into. The seminar came off well. Thank you to the chapters, individuals, and businesses who donated toward the seminar. Thank you to Rod Taylor for footing the bill for lunch at the tune of \$2,500.

Public Relations: Carleen said thank you to the Freedom Riders for their donation. Thank you to Pam Hedden of Fulton County for the work of the chapter in getting 99% of their proclamations. The budget for the Public Relations has been cut in half, do to that the following are the quotes for posters, coasters, placemats prices to chapters. These prices are to be paid upfront and the check sent to the Public Relations no later than March 13, 2009. Coasters: 397/\$56/chapter, posters: 16/\$8.25/chapter, placemats: 476/\$22.17/chapter. Proclamations are on the state website to be downloaded for use.

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State Office: Pauli Ward reported that the chapters need to update the membership applications being used. The state office did a special mailing to inactive members and has received great response already. State Party tickets are now available. Updated chapter information needs to be sent to the state office,

Newsletter: RJ reported that flyers sent in to be placed in the newsletter need to specify the size. Also looking for more ads.

Secretary: Paulette Korte reported on the current by-law change and the mailings going out to the chapters. The designated chapter representative needs to be named by the chapter.

Activities: Carl Shamhart reported on the status of the Freedom Rally which will be at the DOT building. The state party is progressing. Work sign-up sheet for the state party is out, please fill the openings.

Bike Raffle: Gus Miller finished giving out certificates not given at the seminar.

All reports accepted as given.

Region Reports:

NE: Mike Ryan reported on activity in the region.

NW: Scott Gerke reported on the activity in the region.

EC: Stacey Rigsby reported on the region meetings in the region April 4 in Farmer City.

WC: Steve "Rat" Surratt reported that the region meeting will be March 22 in Beardstown starting at noon.

SE: Rick "Doc" Jones reported that the region meeting will be during the BOD meeting in April.

SW: Bob Myers reported that the region Marble run is ready to kick off in April. Swap meet in Belleville April 5.

Panel Reports:

MRF Rep: Jim "Legs" Korte reported earlier on the status of the MRF. Tickets available for a fund raiser for the Reps and the MRF Board members to help with cost. The tickets are for a certified SS motor.

D-17 Rep: Stacey Rigsby reported on the status of the AMA. Nothing moving right now.

DNR Rep: Richard "Heavy" Carr reported that there have been a change of directors 2 times already. Legal counsel reported that past practices of the committee have actually been illegal. Changes to be made. The process for this year will be starting in request for funds.

MAP Rep: Bob "Korg" Ward reported on the past meeting held with some future action to report on at a later date.

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Off-road: John "Hunter John" Harris reported that there has been no activity of this committee. The committee is recommending to the BOD to disband this committee with individuals to still contact them for any information but to work with the Legislative Department which has already been happening.

Motion made by Freebird to dissolve the Off Road Panel, Midstate 2nd, no further discussion, motion passed. BOD2009-12.

Motion made by Freebird for the money designated for the Off Road Panel in the budget be applied toward the Legislative Coordinator budget, Shawnee Hills 2nd, no further discussion, motion passed. BOD2009-13.

Bylaw: Jeff Marsh reported on 4 by-law proposals turned in to the committee. One by-law proposed deals directly with the by-laws committee and suggested to be a conflict of interest. 1. Elections presented by Elizabeth Kren, 2 Taxes-990 presented by Julie Bacon, 3 By-laws presented by Paulette Korte, 4 Secretary presented by Paulette Korte.

Motions made by Freeport for the E-board with exception of the writer to review the by-law written and bring back to the Board of Directors at the April meeting, Dukane 2nd, no further discussion, motion failed needed 2/3 vote to pass. BOD2009-14.

Reports accepted as given.

Membership drawing & Adjourn. Motion made by Crossroads to adjourn, Freedom Riders 2nd, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:15pm. Winner of drawing was Denny Turner.

Respectfully submitted

Paulette Korte

State Secretary