A.B.A.T.E. OF IL, INC.-Board of Directors Meeting April 18, 2009
These minutes approved June 20, 2009
Approved Minutes

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Board of Directors meeting April 18, 2009
Meeting Location-Brookens Auditorium
University of Illinois at Springfield, One Plaza
Springfield, IL 62703

EXECUTIVE BOARD PRESENT

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

EXECUTIVE BOARD ABSENT

1. Activities-Carl Shamhart-work
2. WC Region-Steve "Rat" Surratt-ill
3.
4.

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CHAPTERS PRESENT

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

51. Will County

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CHAPTERS ABSENT

1. Beaucoup Bottoms
2. Brothers of Grundy
3. Crawford County
4. Freedom Riders
5. Hubbard Trail
6. Jasper County
7. Lamoine Valley
8. Northern Illinois
9. Northwest Suburban
10. Thunder Rock
11. Tri-County
12. **Union Jack**

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 Freeport to approve minutes as written, Open Roads 2nd, no further discussion, motion passed.

Old Business:
Truck Bids-Eve Pierson sent in a bid of $2,000 for the truck. She will be contacted to make arrangements for pick up.

Safety & Education-2nd round of nominations, none received.
Motion made by Dukane to close nominations for Safety & Education, Liberty 2nd, no further discussion, motion passed. BOD2009-14.

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

New Business:

Review Legal Action Fund-The time of the year to review on what action to take on this fund.

Motion made by Heart of Illinois to maintain the Legal Action Fund as is, Freeport 2nd, no further discussion, motion passed. BOD2009-15.

E-Board vetoes-State Pac chair and Guidelines:

Motion made by Lincolnland to override the E-Board veto and reseat the State Pac committee with exception of the State Pac chair, Southern DuPage 2nd, no further discussion, motion passed. BOD2009-16.

Motion made by Heart of Illinois to seat the State Pac chair with John "Hunter John" Harris, Lincolnland 2nd, no further discussion motion passed. BOD2009-17.

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Guidelines:

Motion made by Southern DuPage to accept the E-Board veto of the guidelines, Dukane 2nd, no further discussion, motion passed. BOD2009-18.

Motion Made by Kaskaskia Valley to reseat Bob Myers as a trustee to State Pac, Freeport 2nd, no further discussion, motion passed. BOD2009-19.

By-law Proposal: 4 proposals total:

Officer Elections: bylaw change read and recommendation to the Board presented by the chair of the By-law review committee.

Motion made by Freeport to accept the recommendation from the By-law review committee to reject the proposal of change, Twin Rivers 2nd, no further discussion, motion passed. BOD2009-20.

Taxes: bylaw change read and recommendation to the board presented by the chair of the By-law review committee.

Motion made by Blackhawk to accept the recommendation from the By-law review committee to reject the proposal of change, Black Diamond 2nd, no further discussion, motion passed. BOD2009-21.

By-Law review committee: bylaw change read and recommendation to the Board presented by the chair of the By-law review committee.

Motion made by Iron Riders to accept the recommendation from the By-law review committee to reject the proposal of change Freeport 2nd, no further discussion, motion passed. BOD2009-22.

Secretary: bylaw change read and recommendation to the Board presented by the chair of the By-law review committee.

Motion made by Dukane to accept the recommendation from the By-law review committee to reject the proposal of change Prairieland 2nd, discussion, motion passed with the following chapters voting in opposition: Apple Creek, Backroads, Big River, Central Illinois, Embarras Valley, Freedom Valley, Freeport, Heartland, Heritage Trail, Iron Riders, Kaskaskia Valley, Kiskwaukee Valley, Lincolnland, Open Roads, Pathfinders, Peo-Taz, Piasa-Gateway, Shawnee Hills, St.Clair. BOD2009-23.

FEDPAC letter of resignation: State Coordinator Jim "Legs" Korte received from Michael "Boz" Kerr of resignation as a trustee on the FEDPAC committee.

Motion made by Freeport to accept letter of resignation, Duane 2nd, no further discussion, motion passed. BOD2009-24.

Letter of intent read presented by Rick "RO" Olson, to fill the position vacated on the FEDPAC committee.

Motion made by Dukane to accept letter of intent from Rick "RO" Olson, Westgate 2nd, no further discussion, motion passed. BOD2009-25.

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Safety & Education:

Motion made by Kaskaskia Valley to have Laura Mayer to fill the term of the Safety & Education, Old River 2nd, no further discussion, motion passed. BOD2009-26.

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

Officers Reports:
Treasurer: Julie Bacon reported.
Heart of Illinois questioned the as to compliance of Brothers of Grundy as to sanctions placed. No reports have been currently turned in to the State Treasurer.

Motion made by Heart of Illinois to pull the charter of Brothers of Grundy, Kaskaskia Valley 2nd, discussion of passed sanctions still in place, motion passed with the following chapters voting in opposition: Apple Creek, Arrowhead Valley, Chicago, Dukane, Freedom Valley, Fulton County, Heritage Trail, Iron Riders, Peo-Taz, South Suburban, Southern DuPage, Westgate, Will County. BOD2009-27.

Internal audit done at the state office went well with a few recommendations of clarification in notes on the budgets.

Break: 2:21pm
Back: 2:47pm

Legislative: Bob "Korg" Ward reported on disappointment in the DC trip for appointments and refusal of attendance to a meeting by Michael "Boz" Kerr. Bib "Korg: Ward is asking for reimbursement from the MRF Board member budget for expenses of the DC trip.

Motion made by Fulton County for reimbursement out of the MRF Board member budget, Freebird 2nd, discussion, Michael "Boz" Kerr not present to participate in conversation, statement also made that no expenses out of the MRF Board budget as of yet, estimate of bill around $1300 but no actual amount, motion passed with the following chapters voting in opposition: Black Diamond, Chicago, Dukane Freeport,, Kishwaukee Valley, Pathfinders. BOD2009-28.

Thank you to others who attended the DC Trip.
Thank you for the participation of the defeat of the helmet bill.
Discussed bill and other actions going on at the state and at the Federal level.
Court appeals case will be May 8, 2009.

Pac Reports:
ABATE-PAC: Neal Toepfner gave report on action of the PAC.

Motion made by Freedom Valley for Mike Straker to fill a seat on the State Pac committee Fulton County 2nd, no further discussion, motion passed. BOD2009-29.

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FED/PAC: Jim Conley reported on actions of the FEDPAC. Thank you to chapters for their donations. Next meeting will be May 2, 2009 after the E-Board meeting in Springfield.

Reports accepted as given.

Safety & Education: Laura Mayer reported on updates done on programs and supplies ordered. Reported on a website with IDOT for information, contact Laura for further information. Laura reported on accidents in Illinois are down this year (2008). Registrations are up.

Products: Terrie VanHuss reported on sales in products.

Assistant State Coordinator: Jeff Marsh reported on contract signed for next year's State Seminar, January 15-17, 2009. There will be price changes in registration fees for the coming year to recoup some of the meal costs.

Public Relations: Carleen Grant reported on the IDOT press release and the organizations participation again this year, April 28 in three locations.

State Office: Pauli Ward reported that tickets for the State Party are available today and Bike raffle tickets are also available today. Whoever took the stands for the membership applications need to bring them back.

Newsletter: Ronie "RJ" Scroggns reported on newsletter going out on time. Complimented on how good it looks.

Secretary: Paulette Korte reported on the banners being passed out to the chapters today for Motorcycle Awareness. Nothing else to report

Activities: Crystal Shamhart reported that there will be a Bike Blessing at the Freedom Rally. Need help in outing barricades up on Sunday morning. No pre armbands or release forms will be given to chapters this year. All registration will be at the grounds. First shift pick for the State Party will be Freedom by Choice. Crystal also reported on shifts that still need to be covered by chapters.

Bike Raffle: Gus Miller-SELL SELL SELL

Reports accepted as given.

Region Reports:

NE: Mike Ryan reported the next region meeting will be May 31, 2009.

NW: Scott Gerke reported on county seat run.

EC: Stacey Rigsby reported that the last meeting cancelled. Next meeting scheduled May 9, 2009.

WC: Randy Hays reported the next region meeting will be tomorrow in Beardstown.

SE: Rick "Doc" Jones reported the region meeting will be during the break at the board meeting. Next meeting will be at the State Party before the parade.

SW: Bob Myers reported next region meeting May 7. Marble Run up and running.

Reports accepted as given.

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Panel Reports:

MRF Rep: Jim "Legs" Korte reported that tickets available for $2 for a motor to be drawn at the BOD meeting in December.

D-17 Rep:

DNR Rep: Richard "Heavy" Carr reported on act9on of the DNR panel and gave a brief description of how the panel works and what goes on with submissions to the panel for consideration. Reaffirmed that the representation of ABATE of IL on this panel is about motorcycles.

MAC Rep: Bob "Korg" Ward reported that a meeting coming up. Things are still status quo.

Bylaw: Jeff Marsh reported that nothing has been submitted.

Membership drawing & Adjourn.
Meeting adjourned at 4:45pm

Respectfully submitted
Paulette Korte
State Secretary