

**A.B.A.T.E. OF IL, INC.-Board of Directors Meeting October 16, 2010**

**These minutes approved December 18, 2010**

**Secretary Minutes**

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Board of Directors meeting October 16, 2010

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          | 10. Activities-Carl Shamhart      |
| 2. Secretary-Kat Conner             | 11. Bike Raffle-Gus Miller        |
| 3. Treasurer-Julie Bacon            | 12. Office Manager-Pauli Ward     |
| 4. Legislative-George Tinkham       | 13. NE Region-Mike Ryan           |
| 5. Safety & Ed.-Laura Mayer         | 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. Assist. State Coord.-Roger Leach

**CHAPTERS PRESENT**

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

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| 1. Arrowhead Valley  | 9. Northwest Suburban    |
| 2. Crawford County   | 10. Open Roads           |
| 3. Ford County       | 11. Prairieland          |
| 4. Franklin County   | 12. Southern Illinois 27 |
| 5. Jasper County     | 13. Thunder Rock         |
| 6. Lamoine Valley    | 14. Tri County           |
| 7. Lincolnland       | 15. Union Jack           |
| 8. Northern Illinois |                          |

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 1:00pm with the State Coordinator Mike Myers leading in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of the minutes:**

**Motion made by Heartland to approve minutes as written, Freedom Riders 2<sup>nd</sup>, no discussion, motion passed.**

**Unfinished Business:**

**Nominations:**

Freeport nominated Scott Gerke, Blackhawk 2<sup>nd</sup>, accepted

Pathfinders nominated Don Boland and Kevin Goudschaal, Fulton Co. 2<sup>nd</sup>, accepted

Northwest Suburban had nominated Gus Miller at the last meeting, he accepted.

Shoal Creek nominated Terrie Van Huss for products, Dukane 2<sup>nd</sup>. Terrie accepted with the condition that she get a trailer to hold the products.

Crossroads had nominated Carl & Crystal Shamhart, they now accept.

There were no other nominations for officers.

Elections will be held at the December meeting.

**Products Trailer:** -The person who was to bring prices for vendor trailers for products was not present. **Motion by Dukane, Liberty 2<sup>nd</sup>, to postpone any decision on a trailer until the December BOD meeting. BOD2010-32**

**Rich Neb Award** Nominations are due December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**By-law recommendation:** Jim "Legs" Korte explained why the by-law review committee does not recommend accepting the proposed by-law change concerning Article 4, Section 6, Subsection E. **Motion by Southern Dupage, South Suburban 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion to accept the by-law review committees recommendation to not accept the by-law proposal concerning election of executive board officers, discussion. Opposed: Blackhawk, Fulton Co., Freedom Valley, Starved Rock. Motion carried. BOD2010-33**

**Budget:** **Motion by Freedom Riders, Freedom Valley 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept the 2011 budget proposal. Opposed: Will Co. Motion carried. BOD2010-34**

**By-laws:** Mike Myers read Article 4 Section 5 that states that executive officers can not be voting BOD members.

**Christmas Party:** The annual Christmas party after the December BOD meeting will be held at the VFW behind Hall's H-D in Springfield.

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**State Party Incident: Motion by South Suburban, Dukane 2<sup>nd</sup> to discuss incident that occurred at the 2010 state party, discussion, motion carried. BOD2010-35**

Discussion included statement from Mike Myers as to what he had done and the lack of feedback afterwards. It was felt that the BOD does not have the authority to take care of what is a personal issue.

**Motion by Freeport, Blackhawk 2<sup>nd</sup>, to call the question, motion carried.**

**Motion by Freedom Riders, Fulton Co. 2<sup>nd</sup>, to accept the action taken by the State Coordinator (letter) concerning the state party incident; opposed: Chicago, South Suburban, motion carried. BOD2010-36**

**Motion made by Kaskaskia Valley to close Old Business, Piasa-Gateway 2<sup>nd</sup>, no discussion, opposed: Blackhawk, motion passed.**

**Reports:**

**State Coordinator:** Mike, Laura, and George met with several officers of the State Police about the safety checks they have been conducting on motorcycles. The State Police feels that the 22% of the riders who do not have their "M" classification on their licenses is unacceptable. They would like the number to be about 5%. If you do not have the proper classification you will automatically lose your license for three months. Several ways to get this message out were discussed. **Motion by Shawnee Hills, Freeport 2<sup>nd</sup>, to work with the State Police on getting the message out about the importance of having the correct classification and the consequences to those who don't.**

**Opposed: Kaskaskia Valley, Piasa-Gateway, St. Clair Co., Heart of Illinois, motion carried. BOD2010-37**

**Seminar 2011:** December 1<sup>st</sup> will be the deadline to reserve the chapter room for the state seminar. Lunch will be in house this year.

**Legislative:** See attached draft for the 2011 Legislative Agenda. Elections were discussed.

**Safety & Education:** 32 chapters have taught 13,000 students so far this year. If you can't get into schools, you can also go to VFW's, union meetings, etc. Updated Safety & Ed. Officer contact information is needed in order to get information out to schools. Fatalities were down in 2009, registrations are up. It has been suggested the State Police hand out class information when they find unendorsed riders.

**Activities:** Carl is working on an updated state party criteria list.

**Bike Raffle:** Chapters who sold more than one thousand dollars worth of raffle tickets include: Freeport, Beaucoup Bottoms, Iron Riders, Blackhawk, Will Co, Piasa-Gateway, Crossroads, Peo-taz, Dukane, Kishwaukee Valley, Freedom by Choice, Lincolnland, SW Region, Starved Rock.

Checks were handed out for the 10% rebate with many chapters returning them to various funds.

Stacey Rigsby has taken pictures that are on the website as a thumbnail that can be opened and printed. Gus asked for people to please sign up to take the bike to events.

**State Office:** All advance state party tickets have finally been paid. Please let the state office know if someone has need of the insurance. If the AD&D insurance company calls, please get the person's name & number so Mike can take care of it. They are not supposed to be making calls.

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**Public Relations:** Outdoor Advertising of Illinois has offered to let ABATE use their company's billboards for a month at a time for a reduced rate. Carleen would like each chapter to let her know where they feel a billboard would be seen by the most people in their chapter area. A challenge was made for each chapter to pay for one billboard.

The Altamont Fire Dept. held their annual breakfast which was attended by 32 ABATE members.

Fliers are still needed for the state seminar.

**Motion by Heart of Illinois, Freeport 2<sup>nd</sup>, to accept Julie Bacon's idea for the Awareness placemats, motion carried. BOD2010-38**

**Products:** New product- 6 pack coolers.

**Treasurer:** 990 forms will be sent out to the chapter treasurer's by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**MRF:** The State Coordinator thanked all who helped at the MOTM. Comments received included how amazing the hospitality room was, bike security was excellent. **Motion by Freeport, Shawnee Hills 2<sup>nd</sup>, add to the MOTM total (\$5654) to make a donation of \$10,300 (or \$1.00/member) to the MRF, discussion, opposed: Heart of Illinois, Central, Fulton Co, Eastern, Blackhawk, motion carried. Motion by Dukane, Freeport 2<sup>nd</sup>, to amend the motion to take the money needed out of the regular savings account. Opposed to amendment: Heart of Illinois, Central, Eastern, Blackhawk, Fulton Co. Motion carried. BOD2010-39**

Awards were received at the MOTM for ABATE of Illinois' dedication, support, and outstanding Federal & State Legislative actions.

Break: 2:50-3:10

**FED-PAC:** Keep helping candidates, it helps them recognize us. NE Region PACtoberfest is Oct. 23 at Romeoville. Chapters should consider doing an event to help raise funds for this election cycle.

**ABATE-PAC:** Let Neal know about events to add to his list. The question was raised about a chapter endorsing a local candidate on their own; it was suggested that the chapter talk first to their region trustee.

Officer reports were accepted as given.

**New Business:**

**New Chapter:** Mike introduced Dave Wilson who explained the new chapter is based out of Macomb, has 53 new members, and has met all the required criteria. Their name will be Crooked Creek and they will be in the West Central Region. **Motion made by Iron Riders, Heart of Illinois 2<sup>nd</sup>, to accept Crooked Creek as a chapter of ABATE of Il,Inc. Motion carried. BOD2010-40**

**Employee Recommendation:** Mike read the recommendation of the executive board for the state office employees.

**ABATE promotion:** The question was raised as to what does ABATE do to promote itself? Carleen explained it is up to each chapter's public relations person(s). Questions were raised as to the validity of the numbers given on causes of motorcycle deaths.

**Motion by Piasa-Gateway, Blackhawk 2<sup>nd</sup>, close New Business, motion carried.**

**Panel Reports:**

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**MRF:** Jim "Legs" Korte announced that this year's top MRF recruiter is Jim Conley. If you haven't already, sign up for the MRF bulletins. He also discussed the Toward Zero Death conference and the EPA's new regulation for allowing more ethanol into gas. The Race to the States is the MRF membership drive, Illinois has been first for the last three years. He thanked us for our donation, and thanked some of the people who helped make the MOTM a success. It will be in Michigan next year.

He then explained his proposed Illinois Road Trip and asked that chapter reps discuss it with their members and let him know at the December BOD meeting what they think of it.

**AMA District 17:** The race schedule for next year will be set on December 1<sup>st</sup>. There is a pre-printed letter available to anyone on the website to send to your congressmen regarding the motorcycle safety checks.

**MAC:** Laura reports there has been no meetings for over a year.

**Region Reports:**

**NE:** PACtoberfest tickets are \$10. Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> is the region meeting at Crestwood  
Feb. 11-13 is the International Bike Show in Rosemont. If you volunteer for 2 hours  
you can get in free. The Spoke Run brought in \$2073.74.

**NW:** The Turkey Testicle Festival was last weekend. Starved Rock sold tickets  
there and put them in NW region's name. Feb. 12 will be the Chili Shootout in Dixon.

**EC:** Chapters were thanked for supporting the MOTM. Region meeting is Nov 7 at Farmer  
City, 1 pm.

**WC:** Welcomed Crooked Creek to ABATE. Dec 18- region meeting at noon.

**Motion by Freeport, S. Suburban 2<sup>nd</sup>, to accept the artwork for Crooked Creek chapter, no discussion, carried.  
BOD2010-41**

**Motion by Dukane, Liberty 2<sup>nd</sup>. to close New Business, no discussion, motion carried.**

**SE:** Region meeting at 12:30 p.m. before December's BOD meeting.

**SW:** Marble Run was a success. Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> is region meeting. Slider's Nov. 6 presentation will be Nov 6<sup>th</sup> in  
Marion at Black Diamond H-D.

**Membership drawing & Adjourn. Motion by S. Dupage, Embarras Valley 2<sup>nd</sup>, no discussion, motion carried.**

**Submitted by Kat Conner**

**State Secretary**