

A.B.A.T.E. OF IL, INC.-Board of Directors Meeting February 27, 2010

These minutes approved as written April 17, 2010

Secretary Minutes

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Board of Directors meeting February 27, 2010

Meeting Location-Brookens Auditorium

University of Illinois at Springfield, One Plaza

Springfield, IL 62703

EXECUTIVE BOARD PRESENT

1. State Coord.-Mike Myers
2. Assist. State Coord.-Roger Leach
3. Secretary-Kat Conner
4. Treasurer-Julie Bacon
5. Legislative-George Tinkham
6. Safety & Ed.-Laura Mayer
7. Products-Terrie VanHuss
8. Newsletter- Ronie "RJ" Scroggins
9. Public Relation- Carleen Grant

10. Activities-Crystal Shamhart - late (family event)
11. Activities-Carl Shamhart
12. Bike Raffle-Gus Miller
13. Office Manager-Pauli Ward
14. NE Region-Mike Ryan
15. NW Region-Scott Gerke
16. EC Region-Stacey Rigsby
17. WC Region-Steve "Rat" Surratt
18. SE Region-Rick "Doc" Jones
19. SW Region-Bob Myers

EXECUTIVE BOARD ABSENT

1. WC Region- Randy Hays

CHAPTERS PRESENT

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| 1. Apple Creek | 19. Freedom Valley | |
| 2. Backroads | 20. Freeport | 38. Salt Creek |
| 3. Beaucoup Bottoms | 21. Fulton County | 39. Shawnee Hills |
| 4. Black Diamond | 22. Heart of Illinois | 40. Shoal Creek |
| 5. Blackhawk | 23. Heartland | 41. South Suburban |
| 6. Central Illinois | 24. Iron Riders | 42. Southern DuPage |
| 7. Chicago | 25. Jasper County | 43. Southern Freedom |
| 8. Children of the Corn | 26. Kaskaskia Valley | 44. Southern Illinois 27* |
| 9. Crawford County * | 27. Kishwaukee Valley | 45. St. Clair |
| 10. Crossroads- | 28. Lamoine Valley | 46. Starved Rock |
| 11. Dukane * | 29. Liberty-Late | 47. Thunder Rock |
| 12. Eastern Illinois | 30. Lincolnland | 48. Tri County |
| 13. Embarras Valley | 31. Lost Creek | 49. Twin Rivers |
| 14. Ford County | 32. Midstate | 50. Union Jack |
| 15. Franklin County | 33. Northwest Suburban | 51. Wabash Valley |
| 16. Freebird | 34. Open Roads | 52. Westgate* |
| 17. Freedom By Choice* | 35. Pathfinders* | 53. Will County |
| 18. Freedom Riders | 36. Peo-Taz | |
| | 37. Piasa-Gateway | |

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Chapters with an asterick * were not able to vote because 990's were not done on time.

CHAPTERS ABSENT

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| 1. Arrowhead Valley* | 6. Hubbard Trail* |
| 2. Big River* | 7. Northern Illinois |
| 3. Flatlanders | 8. Old River |
| 4. Great River* | 9. Prairieland |
| 5. Heritage 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. He then read off the names of the chapters who were not eligible to vote because their 990 forms had not been turned in by the deadline. They were: Big River, Dukane, Westgate, Arrowhead Valley, Great River, Pathfinders, Heritage Trail, Hubbard Trail, Freedom by Choice, Crawford County, Southern Illinois 27.

Westgate was recognized and discussed their situation. State Coordinator Mike Meyers explained we had to follow the by-laws of the corporation.

State Coordinator Mike Myers also addressed the BOD concerning personal attacks on members.

Approval of the minutes:

Motion made by Starved Rock to approve minutes as amended, Freeport 2nd, no discussion, chapters opposed: none, motion passed.

Unfinished Business (Old Business):

1. MOTM Donation

The fund for sponsoring the MOTM 2010 is \$4950.98. Kaskaskia Valley donated \$250.00 to the MOTM fund. Jim "Legs" Korte was recognized and explained he needs the names of all contributors to the fund.

2. South Suburban Sanction

Motion made by Southern Dupage to remove South Suburban's newsletter sanction, N.W. Suburban 2nd, discussion, chapters opposed: none, motion carried. BOD2010-01 In discussion, State Coordinator Mike Myers said that the newsletters had been very well done since he had taken office. Motion made by Iron Riders to call the question, 2nd Southern Dupage, no discussion, chapters opposed: none, motion carried.

3. Overdue receipts

Motion made by Southern Dupage to pay the overdue receipts of Mike Ryan, NE Region Coordinator from the region budget on the condition future receipts will be turned in on time, N.W. Suburban 2nd, discussion, motion carried 21-18. BOD2010-02 (Secretary note- chapter names were not read off, so did not record who voted yea/nay.)

Motion made by Southern Dupage to close Unfinished (Old) Business, Open Roads 2nd, no discussion, chapters opposed: none, motion carried..

New Business:

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1. **Facebook:** State Coordinator Mike Myers explained that the executive board had discussed the possibility of setting up a Facebook page on the web as a membership tool.
Motion made by Lincolnland to move forward with a Facebook page report addressing concerns with monitoring, guidelines, administration, Freeport 2nd, discussion, during discussion state coordinator Mike Myers asked that either he or assistant state coordinator Roger Leach be contacted by whomever would be responsible for this webpage to work both of them.
Motion made by Freeport to postpone the above, Blackhawk 2nd, motion carried, chapters opposed, none.
BOD2010-03

2. **Non Preferred Vendor List** State Coordinator Mike Myers asked BOD members to take the list in the packets, give it to the PR people in the chapters and look it over as some members did not know who was on it. **Motion made by Heart of Illinois to keep the NPV list as is, Freeport 2nd, discussion, motion carried, chapters opposed: Southern Dupage, N.W. Suburban, Will County, South Suburban. BOD2010-04**

3. State Coordinator Mike Myers read Jeff Marsh's resignation as ByLaw Review Chair.
Motion made by Freeport to accept the resignation with regret, Shawnee Hills 2nd, no discussion, motion carried, chapters opposed:none. BOD2010-05

4. State Coordinator Mike Myers then told the BOD that the executive board had appointed Rick "Doc" Jones as the new bylaw review chair.
Heart of Illinois pointed out that the region will then need a new alternate to replace Rick "Doc" Jones.

5. State Coordinator Mike Myers explained that Randy Scott had resigned from ABATE Pac
And read Charles "Bob" Dowler's letter of intent for that position. **Motion made by Freeport to accept the resignation and Charles "Bob" Dowler as Randy Scott's replacement, Blackhawk 2nd, no discussion, motion carried, chapters opposed:none. BOD2010-06**

6. Black Diamond requested their chapter move to the South Central Region. **Motion made by Kaskaskia Valley to let Black Diamond change regions, Open Roads 2nd, no discussion, motion carried, chapters opposed: Heart of Illinois. BOD 2010-07**

7. Iron Riders asked about the status of the trailer in BOG's possession and if there was any other property that needed to be returned. **Motion made by Blackhawk to have Bob Dobson repossess the trailer and have it retitled, Freeport 2nd, discussion, motion carried, chapters opposed: none. BOD2010-08**

Motion made by Open Roads to close New Business, Piasa Gateway 2nd, no discussion, motion passed, chapters opposed:none.

Officers Reports:

Legislative: George Tinkham explained the reason he has been unable to get registered as our lobbyist because of a current lawsuit over the raise in fees. He is making a good faith effort to follow Abate of Illinois bylaws.

There is no action at this time on the Cycle Rider Training fund lawsuit.

The bills currently in the house and senate are listed in the Legislative attachment.

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Motion made by Freeport to accept the Legislative Agenda as written, Heart of Illinois 2nd, discussion, motion made by Kaskaskia Valley to call the question, Freeport 2nd. Blackhawk voted no on call the question, motion carried, chapters opposed, none. BOD2010-09

Pac Reports:

ABATE-PAC: Neal Toepfer reiterated that chapters should NOT endorse any candidates unless they contact the PAC trustees first. Failure to do so can result in fines. Chapters can NOT give money to candidates. They do not get involved in local campaigns normally, but contact them if there is a major issue. Please let the PAC know before you do any advertising, you may be eligible to have it paid for through the PAC.

FED/PAC: Ray Heck is chair as of January. Two alternates have been appointed: Deb King as assistant treasurer, and Ryan Hubbard. Federal candidate surveys will go out next week; due the last Saturday in April. Candidates will be graded on May 1st based on the survey and their voting records. As soon as possible after that, they will be posted so chapters can get active and help with their campaigns. A website will be set up. A by-law proposal was made concerning Article 6 Section 5A. **Motion made by Freeport to approve Ray Heck as chair, Deb King, and Ryan Hubbard to Fed Pac, Embarras Valley 2nd, no discussion, Chapters opposed: Blackhawk, Heart of Illinois, motion carried. BOD2010-10**

BREAK FROM 2:50-3:05

Tri-County & Salt Creek left

Motion made by NW Suburban, Blackhawk 2nd to reopen New Business. No discussion, Chapters opposed: Blackhawk, motion carried.

State Coordinator Mike Myers read the front page of Northern Illinois' newsletter which contained an advertisement from Hupy & Abrahams who are on the non preferred vendor list.

Motion made by Heart of Illinois to put Northern Illinois back on sanction for one year. During that time they must submit their newsletter for approval prior to publishing to the state office and state coordinator. Freeport 2nd, Northwest Suburban voted no, motion carried. BOD2010-11

(State Secretary will notify Northern Illinois of sanction)

Motion made by Southern Dupage to close New Business, Freeport 2nd, no discussion, motion carried, chapters opposed: none.

Safety & Education: Laura Mayer reported on the targeted counties in Illinois that will have increased safety checks. There is concern that the Cycle Rider Training instructors are no longer allowed to fail anyone based solely on their poor riding skills. Legal Services has been contacted and we will be pursuing a way to change this. HB162 moves control of the Cycle Rider Training to the SOS office. We are supporting this bill.

Products: Terrie Van Huss has new products; dew rags and black denim shirts. She also has year pins available again. She is still looking for an assistant.

Treasurer: Julie Bacon has submitted a by law change. She reported on the status of the chapter's 990's and the problems that result because they are not done.

Motion made by Kaskaskia Valley to impose a sanction to remove the charters of chapters that were not eligible to vote at the February meeting because of 990 non-compliance, and furthermore that they need to

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attend the next BOD meeting to show just cause, Fulton County 2nd, discussion, motion amended to require treasurers to attend next BOD meeting. Chapters opposed: Apple Creek, Blackhawk, Chicago, Children of the Corn, Crossroads, Embarras Valley, Ford County, Freedom Riders, Freeport, Heartland, Iron Riders, Jasper County, Kishwaukee Valley, Liberty, Lost Creek, Open Roads, Shawnee Hills, Shoal Creek, Southern Dupage, Southern Freedom, Twin Rivers. Motion failed . BOS2010-11

Motion by Southern Dupage to request chapter reps and treasurers to attend the next BOD meeting to tell why the 990's were late and request the chapter treasurer attend the next seminar.

Blackhawk 2nd, discussion, chapters opposed: Beaucoup Bottoms, Children of the Corn, Kaskaskia Valley, Kishwaukee Valley, Piasa-Gateway, South Suburban, St. Clair, motion carried.BOD2011-12

Julie Bacon explained that all chapters must keep all records for seven years. The state office does the day to day billing, Julie is the corporate treasurer which means she takes care of the budget and works with the CPA.

Assistant State Coordinator: Roger Leach reported on the feedback from the 2009 State Seminar. He explained that the banners from the seminar would be reused. They could be kept by the state or the chapters may keep them and return them to the seminar each year. Roger also discussed some problems that arose with the Northfield, his search for an alternative site and made a recommendation for 2010. **Motion made by Blackhawk to continue to use the Northfield Inn for the seminar in 2011 if it is guaranteed that only ABATE members are allowed rooms, NW Suburban 2nd, discussion, motion carried. Chapters opposed: Heart of Illinois. BOD2010-13**

Roger Leach also reports that Lincolnland is having a gathering Saturday May 1, 2010 at the VFW behind Halls in Springfield. It will be from noon-12. There will also be a pancake/sausage breakfast at the same location Sunday May 2, 8 am-11am.

Southern Dupage brought up the property for sale that had been discussed in the executive board meeting. Roger passed out some information, the executive board will be looking further into the possibilities. Bob Ganze of Starved Rock asked about year round license plates. Roger is going to investigate if further. Mike Ryan thinks Ed Domine has the petitions previously signed. Jim "Legs" Korte says that the plates have to go through the state legislative process.

Fulton County left 4:16 pm George Tinkham left 4:20 pm

Public Relations: Carleen Grant reminded members the Swap Meet is 2/28. She was pleased with the radio spots. Motorcycle Awareness proclamations are available online, don't forget to return them after they are signed. There are emery boards available for the Windshield Wash, yard signs for \$5.00 each. The Peo-Taz billboards will be freshened up for Motorcycle Awareness month, hopefully more billboards will be done in the future. Carleen updated the profiling in Alton and what was being done there and how it had been successful in Grafton.

State Office: There are advance tickets for the state party available today. Pauli Ward sent out 2500 mailings to try to get people to reactivate their membership. Only 50 have replied. She still needs new officer lists. Plaques from the state seminar were handed out to chapters who missed the seminar. Mike Seymour signed up 57 new members-congratulations!

Newsletter: R.J. Scroggins reminds us the articles are due on the 15th.

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Activities: Carl Shamhart reported that there were only three vendor spots still open for the Swap Meet. It opens at 10 am. There is a sign up sheet for the state party shift in the reps packets. It can not be postmarked before 3/1. Numbers have been trimmed down for the shifts. Carl would like to meet with the region coordinator before the next BOD. State party parking on Thursday night at the school is still up in the air. There is a school board meeting in April and hopefully a decision will be made then.

Bike Raffle: Gus Miller reports more tickets are being sold this year compared to last.

Region Reports:

NE: The International Bike Show in February resulted in 32 new memberships and 21 renewals. Some of them were multiple year renewals.

Lamoine Valley left

NW: Scott Gerke reported the Chili Shootout was a success with 127 people attending. The amount of money raised was \$1727.00 which beat the former NW Coordinator's record.

EC: April 3rd will be the Region Meeting in Farmer City. The region is going to do a Regional PAC fundraiser.

WC: March 21st, Beardstown, Mile 88 Pub will be the site of the West Central Bash the last week in August. A Marble Run is planned, time TBA.

SE: Rick "Doc" Jones reports that his region has 100% attendance today. An alternate is needed for Bill Bennett. Southern Illinois said that Mick Eddington has volunteered. **Motion made by Southern Illinois to have Mick Eddington be the new SE region alternate, Shawnee Hills 2nd, motion carried, chapters opposed: none. BOD2010-14.** It was decided to postpone discussion on the SE Region party till the April BOD meeting break.

SW: Bob Myers reports that all 8 chapters of the region are here today. He welcomed back Black Diamond to the region. March 4th will be the region meeting, he has Marble Run books. On April 11th the Bellville Swap Meet will be held at the Fairgrounds. The raffle bike will be there also. Mike Seymour was congratulated again on his remarkable 57 memberships and he is continuing to add to that number.

Panel Reports:

MRF Rep: Jim "Legs" Korte discussed Bikers in the Beltway will be mid May. 79% of Abate of Illinois chapters are Sustaining Members of the MRF. The MRF only comes in to help if requested by a state organization. In the "Race to the Chase" membership drive, Illinois has been #1 in the last three years. An assistant state rep is needed for the central part of Illinois.

He also gave an update on the MOTM. If you'd like to volunteer to help, let him know. August 1st is the deadline for turning in names of Illinois Abate attendees so that supplies can be ordered. Sponsor forms are available today and again August 1st is the deadline. Will County donated \$3000.00 to the fund. Legs also told us that the proceeds from Heartland Steam go to the MRF.

Backroads, Union Jack left. 5:12 pm

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D-17 Rep & Off Road: Stacey Rigsby discussed the District 17 Awards meeting and banquet. Directors are being encouraged to become off road safety instructors. There is grant funding for off road safety training although the amount is unknown at this time.

Bylaw: Two by law changes were submitted, they will be published in the April state paper. The first is from Julie Bacon and concerns the 990's. The second is from Ray Heck and concerns Fed Pac positions.

Membership drawing & Adjourn. Robert Pixley won the membership drawing.

Motion to adjourn by Crossroads, NW Suburban 2nd, no discussion, chapters opposed: none, motion carried. 5:16 pm