

A.B.A.T.E. OF IL, INC.-Board of Directors Meeting April 17, 2010

These minutes approved June 19, 2010

Secretary Minutes

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Board of Directors meeting April 17, 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 | 8. Office Manager-Pauli Ward |
| 2. Secretary-Kat Conner | 9. NE Region-Mike Ryan |
| 3. Treasurer-Julie Bacon | 10. NW Region-Scott Gerke |
| 4. Safety & Ed.-Laura Mayer | 11. EC Region-Stacey Rigsby |
| 5. Products-Terrie VanHuss | 12. WC Region-Steve "Rat" Surratt |
| 6. Newsletter- Ronie "RJ" Scroggins | 13. SE Region-Rick "Doc" Jones |
| 7. Public Relation- Carleen Grant | 14. SW Region-Bob Myers |

EXECUTIVE BOARD ABSENT

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| 1. Assistant State Coord.-Roger Leach | 4. Activities-Carl Shamhart |
| 2. Legislature- George Tinkham | 5. Bike Raffle-Gus Miller |
| 3. Activities-Crystal Shamhart | 6. WC Region- Randy Hays- car trouble |

CHAPTERS PRESENT

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

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| 1. Apple Creek | 8. Lost Creek |
| 2. Arrowhead Valley | 9. Northwest Suburban |
| 3. Children of the Corn | 10. Open Roads |
| 4. Ford County | 11. Shawnee Hills |
| 5. Great River | 12. Southern Freedom |
| 6. Jasper County | 13. Tri County |
| 7. LaMoine Valley | 14. Union Jack |

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 Heart of Illinois to approve minutes as written, Freeport 2nd, no discussion, motion passed.

Chapters opposed: none.

Unfinished (Old) Business:

BOG Property

State Coordinator Mike Myers read a letter from Bob Dobson concerning the BOG trailer. He is willing to waive his time and expenses of \$110.00 and apply it to the purchase of the trailer. He would be willing to pay an additional \$125.00 to purchase the trailer.

Motion by Iron Riders to accept the offer of \$125.00 for the trailer, Freeport 2nd, discussion, motion carried.

Chapters opposed: Southern Dupage, Freedom Riders, Heart of Illinois. BOD2010-15

Review Legal Services Plan

Motion made by Blackhawk to allow Rod Taylor to administer the Legal Services plan which the committee will review, then report to the BOD, Freeport 2nd, discussion, motion carried. Chapters opposed: Northern Illinois. BOD 2010-16

Motion made by Kaskaskia Valley to send a letter requesting Rod Taylor's presence at the June BOD meeting, Blackhawk Valley 2nd, discussion, motion carried. Chapter opposed: none.

BOD 2010-17

990's

Motion made by Kaskaskia Valley to have the two non compliant chapters file on their own and proceed with filing our corporation taxes, Embarras Valley 2nd, discussion, motion failed. Chapters opposed: Beaucoup Bottoms, Big River, Black Diamond, Blackhawk, Central Illinois, Chicago, Crawford County, Crossroads, Dukane, Flatlanders, Franklin County, Freebird, Freedom by Choice, Freedom Riders, Freedom Valley, Freeport, Fulton County, Heart of Illinois, Heartland, Hubbard Trail, Iron Riders, Kishwaukee Valley, Liberty, Lincolnland, Midstate, Northern Illinois, Old River, Pathfinders, Peo-Taz, Piasa-Gateway, Prairieland, Salt Creek, Shoal Creek, South Suburban, Southern Dupage, Southern Illinois 27, St. Clair, Starved Rock, Thunder Rock, Twin Rivers, Wabash Valley, Westgate, Will County. BOD2010-18

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Motion made by Freedom Riders to have the non compliant chapters get the necessary tax information to Julie Bacon by May 8th (three weeks from today), then if still not compliant, to let the two chapters file on their own, Fulton County 2nd, discussion, motion carried, 22-14.

Chapters opposed: Backroads, Black Diamond, Blackhawk, Freeport, Heart of Illinois, Kishwaukee Valley, Lincolnland, Pathfinders, Peo-Taz, Prairieland, Southern Dupage, Starved Rock, Thunder Rock, Twin Rivers. BOD2010-19

By-laws

Motion by Heart of Illinois to accept the proposed tax form by-law (Article 5 Section 7) with the correct punctuation/grammar, Kaskaskia Valley 2nd, discussion, motion carried. Chapters opposed; Chicago, Crawford County, Iron Riders, Southern Dupage. BOD2010-20

Motion made by Kaskaskia Valley to accept the by-law review committee's recommendation to accept the PAC by-law (Article 6 Section 5), Will County 2nd, discussion, motion carried. Chapters opposed: Heart of Illinois, Blackhawk. BOD2010-21

Rick "Doc" Jones explained to the BOD that in their packets was a copy of the preferred guideline format for submitting by-laws.

Motion made by Freeport, 2nd Blackhawk to allow a member of the by-law review committee to work with the author of a by-law amendment/proposal to get it in a 'ready-to-insert' format, without changing the intent/meaning of it, just before the by-law review committee actually meets on reviewing it, motion carried. Opposing chapters- none. BOD2101-22

Motion made by Piasa-Gateway to close Unfinished (Old) Business, Freedom Riders 2nd, no discussion, motion passed. Chapters opposed- Blackhawk, Heart of Illinois

New Business:

Dealership Enrollment Program

Motion made by Heart of Illinois to not accept the Dealership Enrollment Program, Freeport 2nd, discussion, Piasa-Gateway called the question, 2nd Kaskaskia Valley, motion carried. Chapters opposed-Flatlanders, Freeport, Iron Riders, Northern Illinois, Old River, Pathfinders, Twin Rivers, Westgate. Motion carried. BOD2010-23

Facebook

Volunteers are still investigating this.

Motion made by Kaskaskia Valley to close New Business, Heart of Illinois 2nd, no discussion, motion passed, chapters opposed: Heart of Illinois, Midstate, Blackhawk.

Break 2:15pm

Resumed from break at 2:35pm

Officers Reports:

Legislative:

John "Hunter John" Harris filled in for George Tinkham. He thanked those who attended Legislative Day in Springfield. The bicycle bill is still being amended and getting weaker and weaker. Amendments include police only

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allowed to write warnings, having to carry a scale to measure the weight and a tape for height. An extension has been filed for this bill.

The Washington, D.C. trip is set for the end of the month.

The Freedom Rally is being organized.

The lead ban on ATV's and small cycles is being looked at for an exemption.

Bob Myers was given a round of applause for his excellent job at the Capitol this spring.

Members are encouraged to still make calls on SB2627.

Mike Myers talked on Profiling by Cops and the handout he received from Legal Services.

Pac Reports:

ABATE-PAC: Questionnaires have been sent out and will be graded. Donations were received from Piasa-Gateway, Starved Rock, Freedom Riders, Big River, and Freedom by Choice.

FED/PAC: Ray Heck asked people to let him know about upcoming fundraisers, received a donation from Freedom Riders, discussed the lead ban issue and the DC trip. We need to keep an eye on Frank Lautenberg (NJ-D) who wants a federal helmet bill for all.

Safety & Education: Laura reported that 36 chapters had made 197 presentations to 4480 students. Safety & Ed has received a grant from the AMA. Laura also discussed the safety check/profiling issue. She is working on the Cycle Rider Training issue.

Products: Terrie VanHuss has new shirts for the Freedom Rally.

Treasurer: Julie Bacon read a letter she sent to the chapters still struggling with their 990 forms offering assistance.

State Office: Pauli Ward stressed that only official applications should be used by the chapters. She has advanced state party tickets and bike raffle tickets for sale today. She also has display stands for people to take today.

Assistant State Coordinator: absent

Public Relations: Carleen Grant has May is Motorcycle Awareness month supplies. She gave us an update on Grafton and Alton's situation.

Newsletter: Heart of Illinois made the motion to have the State Coordinator publish the pie chart that the treasurer provided today in the next state paper using only percentages and make a challenge to each chapter to turn the numbers around, 2nd Southern Dupage, motion carried. Chapters opposed: Kaskaskia Valley. BOD2010-24

Secretary:

Let Kat know if you want minutes by email.

Activities:

The question was raised about pre-registering for the Freedom Rally. It was thought it isn't done anymore is because it makes the total count difficult.

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Bike Raffle:

Gus was at an event; sell, sell, sell.

Region Reports:

NE: Mike Ryan- There is a region meeting May 8th in Joliet.

NW: Scott Gerke-May 1st is the Region Ride/Poker Run.

EC: Stacey Rigsby-May 21/22 Prairieland is hosting Rally in the Valley.

WC: Steve "Rat" Surratt-Region meeting April 18th, Beardstown. Lincolnland is having a Pre Freedom Rally party and breakfast.

SE: Rick "Doc" Jones- Possible Region party in September, next meeting is also during the June BOD meeting.

Talked to Shamhart's and you can pre-register for the Freedom Rally.

SW: Bob Myers-Region is having a Marble Run.

Panel Reports:

MRF Rep: Jim "Legs" Korte reports that May 20 is the Bikers in the Beltway run. April 23-25 is Heartland Steam and encouraged people from Illinois to attend.

There are 471 Illinois MRF members, would like to see more ABATE of IL members join.

Shoal Creek and Starved Rock had donations for the MOTM and the SW Region is a Platinum sponsor.

D-17 Rep: Stacey Rigsby says the District 17 website is up, an off road safety training program is being written and will be piloted in Ottawa.

DNR Rep: There is a meeting May 4th.

Membership drawing & Adjourn.

Motion made by Crossroads, 2nd Kaskaskia Valley to adjourn. Motion carried. None opposed.

Kat Conner

State Secretary ABATE of Illinois