

**A.B.A.T.E. OF IL, INC.-Board of Directors Meeting June 19, 2010**

**These minutes approved August 21, 2010**

**Secretary Minutes**

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Board of Directors meeting June 19, 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          | 9. Activities-Carl Shamhart       |
| 2. Assist. State Coord.-Roger Leach | 10. Bike Raffle-Gus Miller        |
| 3. Secretary-Kat Conner             | 11. Office Manager-Pauli Ward     |
| 4. Treasurer-Julie Bacon            | 12. NE Region-Mike Ryan           |
| 5. Legislative-George Tinkham       | 13. NW Region-Scott Gerke         |
| 6. Safety & Ed.-Laura Mayer         | 14. EC Region-Stacey Rigsby       |
| 7. Products-Terrie VanHuss          | 15. WC Region-Steve "Rat" Surratt |
| 8. Activities-Crystal Shamhart      | 16. WC Region-Randy Hays          |
|                                     | 17. SE Region-Rick "Doc" Jones    |

**EXECUTIVE BOARD ABSENT**

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| 1. Newsletter- Ronie "RJ" Scroggins      | 3. SW Region- Bob Myers- vacation |
| 2. Public Relations- Carleen Grant- work |                                   |

**CHAPTERS PRESENT**

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

**CHAPTERS ABSENT**

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|----------------|--------------------|
| 1. Apple Creek | 3. Black Diamond   |
| 2. Big River   | 4. Crawford County |

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| 5. Franklin County     | 12. Old River      |
| 6. Great River         | 13. Open Roads     |
| 7. Hubbard Trail       | 14. Pathfinders    |
| 8. Jasper County       | 15. South Suburban |
| 9. Lamoine Valley      | 16. Union Jack     |
| 10. Lost Creek         | 17. Wabash Valley  |
| 11. Northwest Suburban | 18. Westgate       |

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 Piasa-Gateway to approve minutes, Heart of Illinois 2<sup>nd</sup>, no discussion, motion passed. Opposed: Iron Riders.** Secretary Note: Talked to Iron Rider rep after the meeting was adjourned and will add some details as to Bob Dobson's purchasing the BOG trailer.

**Unfinished Business:**

**License Plates:** Assistant State Coordinator Roger Leach reported on the process ABATE needs to go through in order to get year round special license plates. Dukane suggested the process be included in the state paper so the entire membership understands the steps we need to follow.

**Motion made by Southern Dupage to close Unfinished Business, Freeport 2<sup>nd</sup>, no discussion, motion passed.**

**New Business:**

**Legal Services presentation:** Rod Taylor of ABATE Legal Services discussed the increasing number of motorcycle "safety checks" and discussed what we should/should not do when stopped. Business sized cards that have the information in a condensed form will soon be available to all members.

**By-Law Review Chair**

**Motion made by Freedom Valley to approve Paulette Korte as the new By-Law Review Chair. A Point of Order was made that this does not follow the by-laws,** At the break, the Executive Board will hold a short meeting and vote on Paulette Korte as a possible By-law Review committee chair.

**AD&D Insurance**

Southern Dupage expressed their concern that the insurance company was making cold calls to their members. Mike Myers will call the company.

**Non Preferred Vendors List**

**Motion made by Fulton County, Northern Illinois 2<sup>nd</sup>, to take Rodney Stage off the Non Preferred Vendors List, discussion, motion passed. Opposed: Backroads, Beaucoup Bottoms, Crossroads, Ford County, Heart of Illinois, Heritage Trail, Kaskaskia Valley, Prairieland, Shawnee Hills, Southern Freedom, St. Clair, Starved Rock. (Southern Illinois #27 called the question, Kaskaskia Valley 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.) BOD2010-25**

**Motion made by Southern Dupage to close New Business, Blackhawk 2<sup>nd</sup>, no discussion, motion passed.**

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**Break 2:10pm**

Resumed from break at 2:25pm

An executive board meeting was held during the break and Paulette Korte was appointed the new by-law review committee chair.

**Officer's Reports:** The agenda was changed to accommodate officer's schedules.

**AMA/DNR/EC REGION report**

Stacey Riggsby reported on the Off Road Motorcycle Safety Training grant.

Polo Hill Climb is June 20<sup>th</sup>.

Next month is Chiggerfest and probably a region meeting.

He introduced the president, his bride, and the treasurer of Prairieland chapter. They recently hosted the Region meeting with the Rally in the Valley and had a donation to present to the state.

**MRF/MOTM:**

Jim "Legs" Korte reported on grants that are available to increase the number of licensed motorcycles. Check IDOT's website under 2010 Highway Performance Plan. The MRF is concerned with a bill currently in California banning after market exhausts.

Sponsorship deadline for the Meeting of the Minds is August 1<sup>st</sup> as is the list of ABATE chapter members who wish to attend. If you want to go to the banquet, you will be charged \$40.00.

The hotel has been sold, but will still be available for the MOTM. A donation was accepted from Beaucoup Bottoms.

**Nominations:** Mike Myers reminded the BOD that nominations for officers will open at the August 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. He also asked for letters of intent for the PAC.

**Legislative:** George Tinkham reports that there is a new Implementation Plan Bill. It will sweep funds up to one billion dollars including from our CRT fund.

A sympathy card will be passed around for Senator Willie Delgado's son for all to sign.

The Washington, D.C. trip was very productive. George was disappointed with Strickland's outlook that the core component of any motorcycle safety program is helmet use.

He met with several members from the Brady/Quinn campaign. They have a website called Who is Bill Brady.com. which ties Brady in with Quinn's helmet view.

Finally, he brought up the Cycle Rider Training appeal and told us that Tom Appleton of the 4<sup>th</sup> District, Illinois Appellate Court had voted with us rather than the majority. He and Rod Taylor are working on the documents that will be sent to the Illinois Supreme Court.

A donation was made by Southern Illinois #27 to the Legislative Fund.

**By-law Review** Newly appointed chair, Paulette Korte read the proposed by-law change that deals with executive board terms of office. The idea is to rotate officers and give them longer terms.

**Pac Reports:**

**ABATE-PAC:** The Voter's Guides are just about done. A reminder; the bold names are those who are endorsed. A discussion ensued on having politicians speak at meetings. FED-PAC will be sending out guidelines for that. Southern Dupage asked if it would be possible to return to the trifold Voter's Guide which was simpler to take into the voting booth. There are some

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problems doing that.

**Dukane motion to postpone any decision on returning to the old style of Voter's Guides, Blackhawk 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. Opposed: Blackhawk, Freedom Valley, Great River, Liberty, Southern Freedom. BOD2010-26**

**FED/PAC:** Not all candidates have responded to the Voter's Guide questionnaires; if they do, the guide will be updated. HB1587 will exempt used motorcycles and ATV's from the lead ban currently in place. George Tinkham and ABATE Legal Services presented a knife for FED/PAC to donate at the MOTM in September.

**Safety & Education:** The Illinois High School and College Drivers Education organization presented ABATE of Illinois, Inc with a certificate of appreciation at their convention. Laura reported that 374 presentations have been made with a total of 8750 students so far this year. She reports that IDOT has had a lot of requests for the yard signs. She had several items for chapters to pick up. The bumper stickers are not from IDOT, they are not making any more at this time, so she had them made with funds from her budget.

The Cycle Rider Training/IDOT bill is dead. Laura was disappointed that there had been some good meetings and she had felt the issues had been resolved, but now they have reappeared.

**Motion made Lincolnland , Great River 2<sup>nd</sup> to redraft/reintroduce moving the CRT from IDOT to the Illinois SOS. Passed unanimously. BOD2010-27**

**Products:** Terrie will need people to work Friday at the Products booth.

**State Office:** Pauli asks that chapters please use the official applications.

**Activities:** There are several shifts still open. Remember there will be no pre-registration this year or parking at the school. Carl listed several businesses that will let you park in their lots. There will be a shuttle bus provided to us from local businesses. There is concern from the town that because of the parking problems, we may move the state party. This is not true.

**Bike Raffle:** Gus Miller is not going to do the weekend events anymore. He will do the state events. Please consider taking over the position.

**Region Reports:**

**NE:** August 1<sup>st</sup> will be the Spoke Run for ABATE-PAC. October 23<sup>rd</sup> is the FED-PAC Fundraiser.

**NW:** Freeport will be doing the karaoke contest at the State Party again as an ABATE-PAC fundraiser this year. There will be a traveling trophy given. October 9<sup>th</sup> is the Turkey Testicle Festival which Scott feels the NW region should take over as a fundraiser. He will be talking to the chapters about it.

**WC:** There will be a Tri-County party at Jacksonville, Region meeting at Beardstown on the 25<sup>th</sup>. The end of August will be the Region Rendezvous which Central is hosting. They are asking for 15 Brown Bag items from each region chapter for this.

**SE:** Rick "Doc" Jones volunteered to help with some of the open shifts and made a challenge to get others to also help.

**SW:** Bob Myers was on vacation, but sends word the Marble Run is doing well and "Slider" Gilmore will be doing a presentation later this year.

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**Panel Reports:**

**MAC:** A letter of recommendation for Laura Mayer was sent by Bob “Korg” Ward.

**Motion by Freeport, Blackhawk 2<sup>nd</sup>, to accept Laura Mayer as ABATE of Illinois, Inc. MAC representative. Passed.**

**Opposed: Blackhawk. BOD2010-28**

**Motion by Crossroads, Lincolnland 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn the meeting.**

**Submitted by:**

**Kat Conner**

**State Secretary**