

A.B.A.T.E. OF IL, INC.-Board of Directors Meeting August 21, 2010

These minutes approved October 16, 2010

Secretary Minutes

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Board of Directors meeting August 21, 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. Public Relation- Carleen Grant |
| 2. Assist. State Coord.-Roger Leach | 9. Activities-Carl Shamhart |
| 3. Secretary-Kat Conner | 10. Office Manager-Pauli Ward |
| 4. Treasurer-Julie Bacon | 11. NE Region-Mike Ryan |
| 5. Legislative-George Tinkham | 12. NW Region-Scott Gerke |
| 6. Safety & Ed.-Laura Mayer | 13. SE Region-Rick "Doc" Jones |
| 7. Products-Terrie VanHuss | 14. SW Region-Bob Myers |
| | 15. WC Region- Randy Hays |

EXECUTIVE BOARD ABSENT

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| 1. Newsletter-Ronie "RJ" Scroggins | 4. EC Region Stacey Rigsby |
| 2. Activities- Crystal Shamhart | 5. WC Region- Steve "Rat" Surratt |
| 3. Bike Raffle-Gus Miller | |

CHAPTERS PRESENT

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| 1. Apple Creek | 16. Ford County | 32. Open Roads |
| 2. Arrowhead Valley | 17. Franklin County | 33. Pathfinders |
| 3. Beaucoup Bottoms | 18. Freebird | 34. Piasa-Gateway |
| 4. Big River | 19. Freedom By Choice | 35. Shoal Creek |
| 5. Black Diamond | 20. Freedom Riders | 36. South Suburban |
| 6. Blackhawk | 21. Freedom Valley | 37. Southern DuPage |
| 7. Central Illinois | 22. Freeport | 38. Southern Illinois 27 |
| 8. Chicago | 23. Heartland | 39. St. Clair |
| 9. Children of the Corn | 24. Iron Riders | 40. Starved Rock |
| 10. Crawford County | 25. Kaskaskia Valley | 41. Thunder Rock |
| 11. Crossroads | 26. Kishwaukee Valley | 42. Tri County |
| 12. Dukane | 27. Lamoine Valley | 43. Twin Rivers |
| 13. Eastern Illinois | 28. Lincolnland | 44. Westgate |
| 14. Embarras Valley | 29. Midstate | 45. Will County |
| 15. Flatlanders | 30. Northwest Suburban | |
| | 31. Old River | |

CHAPTERS ABSENT

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| 1. Backroads | 2. Fulton County |
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| 3. Great River | 11. Peo-Taz |
| 4. Heart of Illinois | 12. Prairieland |
| 5. Heritage Trail | 13. Salt Creek |
| 6. Hubbard Trail | 14. Shawnee Hills |
| 7. Jasper County | 15. Southern Freedom |
| 8. Liberty | 16. Union Jack |
| 9. Lost Creek | 17. Wabash Valley |
| 10. Northern Illinois | |

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm with the State Coordinator Mike Myers leading in the Pledge of Allegiance. He then read a letter that he has sent concerning an incident at the State Party.

Approval of the minutes:

Motion made by Crossroads to approve minutes as written, Southern Illinois #27 2nd, no discussion, motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

MOTM: Jim "Legs" Korte discussed some new sessions that will be held at the MOTM in order to facilitate discussion between executive officers, legislative issues, and club members. He brought us up to date on funding for the MOTM and thanked the chapters who have donated. September 1st is the deadline to register and pay for the banquet.

Facebook: Motion by Kaskaskia Valley, Freedom Riders 2nd to have Neal Toepfer be in charge of setting up and maintaining the ABATE of Il, Inc Facebook page. Opposed: none. Motion carried. BOD2010-29

Motion by Southern Dupage, Crossroads 2nd to close Unfinished Business, no discussion, motion carried.

New Business:

Rich Neb Award: Mike Myers explained what the Rich Neb Award is about and explained that nominations need to be in by the December meeting. This information will also be posted in the state newspaper.

Letters of intent: Letters of intent to be on panels should be sent to the state office.

MRF Pledge: Motion by Dukane, Open Roads 2nd, to table discussion of the MRF pledge until December. Opposed: none. Motion carried. BOD2010-30

Nominations for officers:

SW Region Kaskaskia Valley nominated Rich Kincaid, accepted

SE Region Southern Illinois nominated Rick "Doc" Jones, accepted

WC Region no nomination

EC Region Eastern nominated Stacey Rigsby, absent

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NW Region Big River nominated Scott Gerke, declined

NE Region Northwest Suburban nominated Mike Ryan, accepted. Dukane nominated Jay Spivey and Mike Ryan to be Co-coordinators, Jay - maybe, Mike accepted.

Bike Raffle Coordinator Northwest Suburban nominated Gus Miller, not present to accept/decline

Products Coordinator no nomination

Activities Coordinator Crossroads nominated Carl & Crystal Shamhart, maybe- need to talk it over

Public Relations Coordinator Eastern nominated Carleen Grant, accepted

Newsletter Coordinator Southern Dupage nominated Ronie "RJ" Scroggins, accepted

Safety & Education Coordinator Southern Illinois nominated Laura Mayer, accepted

Legislative Coordinator Southern Dupage nominated Bob Myer, accepted

Secretary Starved Rock nominated Kat Conner, accepted

Treasurer Central Illinois nominated Julie Bacon, accepted

Assistant State Coordinator Lincolnland nominated Roger Leach, accepted

State Coordinator Kiswaukee Valley nominated Mike Myers, accepted

Nominations will continue in October with elections in December.

Vendor Trailer Motion by Southern Illinois 27, Southern Dupage 2nd, to buy a vendor's trailer for products, discussion. Open Roads motion to table until nominations placed, Dukane 2nd.

Motion to table passed with none opposed. BOD2010-31

Pens Eastern Illinois expressed a concern that ABATE pens are substandard. Conclusion- the pens were old.

MOTM Chapters are encouraged to donate T shirts for prizes at the MOTM. State Products is also donating some.

Bike Raffle Advertising Discussion was held by Iron Riders as to the possibility of advertising the state bike raffle in car magazines and perhaps have online ticket sales. Concerns were raised about the possibility of counterfeit tickets. The bike's picture should be on the state website.

Motion by Crossroads to close New Business, Freedom Riders 2nd, no discussion, motion carried.

Break 1:45pm

Resumed from break at 2:05pm

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Officers Reports:

Activities: Carl Shamhart reported on the state party, he will have next year's activities dates at the next meeting.

Assistant State Coordinator Year round specialty plates will be discussed in the fall veto session. He did find the old lists of people asking for the plates. The State Seminar is January 21-22 at the Northfield Inn in Springfield.

Legislative George Tinkham will be meeting with the state police concerning safety checks. H Res1498 deals with closing the healthcare loophole for motorcyclists. No ruling yet on our CRT lawsuit. Todd Vandermyde, our paid lobbyist was here and spoke about elections and ABATE's role in them.

Safety & Education Laura reminded everyone she needs to be informed by the Thursday before our meetings if you want her to bring supplies. 9913 students have been taught so far this year. Some chapters are not doing their paperwork.

Southwest Region The Marble Run is going on now, Slider Gilmore presentation will be Nov 6 at Black Diamond HD in Marion.

Bike Raffle Gus Miller was at an event with the bike, Pauli Ward filled in. A Wide Glide HD has been chosen for next year's bike. Tickets are due September 1st or arrangements must be made with Gus.

State Office: Please check your Downed Rider cards and send Pauli any updates. The following chapters have not paid for their advance tickets to the State Party: Liberty, Heritage Trail, St. Clair, Chicago, Heart of Illinois, Black Diamond.

Public Relations Carleen received many proclamations this year, Fulton County turned in 100%! She would like copies of flyers from chapters. You should not list terms like poker run in order to stay out of trouble with the Illinois Gaming Commission. She would like place mat ideas for Awareness Month next year; 2 colors, 2 sides. A question was raised about Road Hazard cards being available.

Newsletter: Ronie "RJ" Scroggins was not here, get your articles in on time. There will be a 10% monthly surcharge fee on bills overdue 30 days or more for state newspaper advertising

Treasurer Five officers need to turn in their budgets that are due today. Donations were accepted from Eastern and Iron Rider chapters.

Pac Reports

ABATE- PAC The Voter's Guide has been corrected. Freedom Riders and Iron Riders donations accepted.

FED-PAC Pactoberfest is Oct 23 in Romeoville. Endorsements will be published in October.

By-Law Proposal A new by-law proposal was read by the state secretary which, if accepted, would change Article 4, Section 6, Sub Section E concerning E Board terms of office.

Panel Reports:

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MRF Rep: Illinois membership is down. Thank you to Shawnee Hills for sponsoring their entire chapter to be members. NHSTA is giving grants to propose ways to check motorcycle licensing. There is a Toward Zero Death conference going on in Washington, D.C. this week.

Region Reports:

NE Smoke Run for ABATE PAC September 10th. February 11-13 Bike Show- volunteers are needed

NW All 8 Northwest chapters are present today. Scott has region flags available. Turkey Testicle Festival is Oct. 9th, ABATE-PAC will get part of the proceeds. A traveling trophy for the state party karaoke contest winner Gary Williams was presented to the Freedom by Choice chapter.

WC Region Party is next weekend in Knoxville.

SE Biker Farm party is September 10-12.

Membership drawing & Adjourn. Motion to adjourn at 4 pm by Kishwaukee Valley, Thunder Rock 2nd. None opposed, motion carried.

Submitted by:

Kat Conner

State Secretary