

**A.B.A.T.E. OF IL, INC. Executive-Board Meeting March 20, 2010**

**These minutes approved with corrections April 17, 2010**

**Secretary Minutes**

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Executive-Board meeting March 20, 2010

Meeting Location-Prairieland Bldg.

1901 Railroad Ave.

Decatur, IL 62526

**EXECUTIVE BOARD PRESENT**

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| 1. State Coord.-Mike Myers          | 9. Office Manager-Pauli Ward      |
| 2. Assist. State Coord.-Roger Leach | 10. NE Region-Mike Ryan           |
| 3. Secretary-Kat Conner             | 11. NW Region-Scott Gerke         |
| 4. Treasurer-Julie Bacon            | 12. EC Region-Stacey Rigsby       |
| 5. Legislative-George Tinkham       | 13. WC Region-Steve "Rat" Surratt |
| 6. Safety & Ed.-Laura Mayer         | 14. SE Region-Rick "Doc" Jones    |
| 7. Activities-Crystal Shamhart      | 15. SW Region-Bob Myers           |
| 8. Activities-Carl Shamhart         |                                   |

**EXECUTIVE BOARD ABSENT**

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| 1. Products-Terrie VanHuss- Family event   | 4. Newsletter-Ronnie "RJ" Scroggins-no ride |
| 2. Public Relations-Carleen Grant- Working | 5. WC Region-Randy Hays                     |
| 3. Bike Raffle- Gus Miller- DuQuoin event  | 6.  |

**OTHERS PRESENT**

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Barb Bailey-LincolnLand    |                                |
| 2. Jim Cone-Freedom by Choice | 3. Leah Cone-Freedom by Choice |

The Executive-Board meeting was called to order at 10:30AM with the State Coordinator Mike Myers leading in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of the minutes:**

**Motion made by Stacey Rigsby to approve minutes as amended, Carl Shamhart 2nd, no discussion, motion carried.**

**Unfinished (Old) Business:**

State Coordinator Mike Myers checked with Pauli Ward as to the status of the inventory of officer equipment. It is complete. He stated he had also asked for goals from officers and he has not received them all yet. He also reminded officers they need to complete their bio and send a picture for the state website.

**BOG Property:** State Coordinator Mike Myers received and read a letter from Bob Dodson concerning the retrieval of the trailer from Brothers of Grundy. **Motion made by Roger Leach to recommend to the BOD we accept Bob**

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**Dobson's offer of \$125.00 for the trailer per his waiving transportation/title expenses, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Ryan, discussion, motion carried. Pauli Ward opposed.**

**E2010-07.** In discussion, Mike Myers will talk to Bob and get pictures of the trailer for all to see.

**Heartland Steam**

**Motion made by Roger Leach to donate \$100.00 of products and give Rick "Doc" Jones \$100.00 to buy an auction item for Heartland Steam, 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Gerke, discussion, none opposed, motion carried. E2010-08.**

Pauli Ward pointed out that Rick "Doc" Jones expenses should be paid from the Heartland Steam budget as he is representing Abate of Illinois. He is presenting his Officer's and Member's Responsibilities seminar.

**Archives of motions**

**Motion made by Rick "Doc" Jones to have the state secretary proceed with updating and organizing the archives of motions, 2<sup>nd</sup> Pauli Ward, discussion, none opposed, motion carried. E2010-09.**

**990's**

**Motion made by Rick "Doc" Jones to make a plan of action for the chapters that have not completed their 990 forms as of today, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stacey Rigsby, discussion, none opposed, motion carried. E2010-10**

State Coordinator Mike Myers would like the Region Coordinators to find a surrounding chapter that does their 990 forms well to help with the area's struggling chapter. Julie Bacon plans to put a letter in the state paper in December explaining the importance of getting them in on time. She will again have to file a tax extension this year.

**Motion made by Pauli Ward to close Unfinished (Old) Business and take a break, 2<sup>nd</sup> Laura Mayer, no discussion, motion carried.**

Break 11:50-noon

**New Business:**

**Legal Services Review**

**Motion made by Rick "Doc" Jones to postpone the Legal Service Review until the April meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stacey Rigsby. E2010-11**

Rick "Doc" Jones suggested Rod Taylor be present for both the E Board and BOD meeting.  
Roger Leach will contact Rod Taylor.

**Membership Recruitment Program**

**Motion by George Tinkham that the dealership enrollment program from South Suburban be submitted to the BOD as a statistical report in April without any recommendation from the E Board, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rick "Doc" Jones, discussion, 7-2, motion carried. E2010-12**

Concerns were: potential loss of income for state, no retention numbers listed, loss of future donations from dealerships.

**By-laws**

Rick "Doc" Jones reports two by-laws have been submitted to the committee for review.

**July E Board meeting**

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**Motion by Bob Myers to cancel the July E Board meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> Laura Mayer, discussion, Mike Ryan opposed, motion carried E2010-13**

**Motion made by Steve "Rat" Surratt to close New Business, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Ryan, no discussion, none opposed, motion carried.**

**Motion by Mike Ryan to open Unfinished Business, 2<sup>nd</sup> Laura Mayer, no discussion, none opposed, motion carried.**

**Motion by Steve "Rat" Surratt that any discussion on the Nazarne church property will be postponed until after the Meeting of the Minds (October), 2<sup>nd</sup> Carl Shamhart, discussion, none opposed, motion carried. E2010-14.**

Pauli Ward requested that the State Coordinator make an announcement at the BOD meeting that Executive Board business should not be brought up in a BOD meeting unless done so by the Executive Board.

**Motion by Carl Shamhart, 2<sup>nd</sup> Laura Mayer to close Unfinished Business, no discussion, none opposed, motion carried.**

**Officers Reports:**

**Legislative Coordinator-**

George Tinkham gave an update on the status of the bills we are watching in the legislature. He would like everyone to send Thank You's to those who supported us in the recent vote on SB2535. George personally thanked Bob Myers for his dedication this past week. George also stated that he has now been allowed to register as a lobbyist although the fee has not yet been set. Ray Heck is helping him organize the Washington, D.C. trip at the end of April.

Stacey Rigsby asked about HB162; it is waiting to be called and the deadline may be extended.

George asked about making press statements, discussion included the importance of having the PR person, state coordinator, and PAC's involved on this.

Break for Lunch from 1:10-1:40 pm

**Safety & Education**

Laura Mayer gave us all complimentary lip balm and sunscreen from IDOT with our motorcycle slogan on them. These will be handed out at the Freedom Rally.

DUI Prevention handouts will be given at the Grand Nationals in August.

She reports the Gathering of the Guard and the Patriot Guard are having a Safety Day and will have an interactive demonstration with a semi and motorcycles about blind spots.

There is a meeting in April with IDOT to discuss Cycle Rider Training program pros and cons.

Rick "Doc" Jones would like to address issues with CRT at the next BOD meeting.

He also asked about restarting the poster contest at the yearly seminar.

Roger Larson had questions about the Take It Easy posters. Laura is working on new ones.

There are still a lot of yard signs for sale.

**Assistant State Coordinator**

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Year Round License Plates: Roger is looking for the signed petitions, then he will work with Todd Vandermyde to get sponsors for the bill.

Property: Roger would welcome any questions the e board can give him to ask about the Nazarene Church camp property he is investigating.

**Secretary**

Discussion on mailing costs of minutes. It was the consensus that a policy change will be made; that "Secretary Notes" will go to 2 Board Reps per chapter, with approved minutes to go only to the designated person from the chapter. Board Reps are to be encouraged to give their email addresses to the secretary to help with further cost cutting.

**Treasurer**

Julie Bacon will again have to file for an extension on tax reporting as there are still 3 chapters that have not filed their 990 forms. If chapters want to file on their own, it is very expensive.

Julie also went over the part of the budget concerning the MRF funds; there are several. She clarified that the money we had discussed donating would come from last year's excess balance.

**Motion by Stacey Rigsby to rescind the recommendation to the BOD concerning the MRF donation of \$5000.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> Julie Bacon, discussion, motion carried 7-4.Opposed: Bob Myers, Rick "Doc" Jones, Scott Gerke, Terrie Van Huss. EB2010-15**

Julie Bacon also brought up her concern over who receives credit for bike raffle sales at certain events. State Coordinator Mike Myers will talk to Gus about it.

**Activities**

Carl Shamhart reports that the recent swap meet profit was \$13,000.

As it now stands, people will not be allowed to stage at the school parking lot before the state party. That may change. Carl has also had another place offered in case it is needed. There will be a Region Coordinator meeting today about the state party. There were 3 chapters who had asked for the same shift, Piasa –Gateway's name was drawn to take it. Executive board members may have a guest attend for free IF and only if that executive board member works at the party.

**Public Relations**

Carleen "Redbird" Grant could not be here due to work, but sent a written report. Legislative Day was a success with good attendance by members. Contact mayors about Motorcycle Awareness Month and get your proclamations signed. There will be emery boards given out at the April BOD meeting for those doing the Windshield Wash. For Motorcycle Awareness month there will be Responsibility Matters posters for chapters at a cost of \$20.00. Placemats and coasters will be distributed on a first come, first served basis.

**Newsletter**

State Coordinator Mike Myers thanked Ronie "RJ" Scroggins for the fine job she is doing. Pauli Ward has had two businesses contact her wanting to bid on producing our state paper, she will talk to RJ about it.

**Products**

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Terrie VanHuss was absent; taking her daughter for a college visit. She will miss the April E board meeting due to work, but hopes to be at the April BOD meeting.

**Bike Raffle**

Gus Miller stopped by on his way to DuQuoin. No report.

**State Office**

Membership is up; 10,800, but many due to renew in February. Pauli was asked by a member that chapter flags not be put up at state events; just state flags. Roger Leach explained why Lincoln Land's flag was recently used. Rick "Doc" Jones feels this is a BOD matter.

Pauli has reserved ten poolside rooms for the MOTM. Let her know if you want one.

**Regional Reports:**

**NE :** Mike Ryan reports that an August event for Abate PAC is being planned.

**NW:** Scott Gerke has been selling the Motorcycle Awareness signs at chapter meetings and doing well. He has also worked on an e mail list of events for the region that is available to all.

**EC:** Prairieland is hosting the May 21/22 Rally in the Valley.

**WC:** West Central region meeting is 3/21 at Beardstown, the last weekend of August is the WC party. There is a 4 chapter Chili Shootout tonight with the proceeds going to FedPAC.

**SE:** April 17<sup>th</sup> is the SE Region meeting

**SW:** **Motion made by Pauli Ward, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rick "Doc" Jones to approve Beaucoup Bottom's patch as is, discussion, none opposed, motion carried, E2010-16.** Bob Myers presented several Southwest Region patch ideas, he will bring them to the next meeting. Alton's police dept is putting the IDOT bumper stickers "Start Seeing Motorcycles" on their vehicles, there are still concerns with Grafton's relationship with motorcyclists.

**Adjourn. 3:10 p.m.**

**Submitted by:**

**Kat Conner**

**State Secretary**