

A.B.A.T.E. OF IL, INC.-Board of Directors Meeting October 15, 2011

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Secretary Notes

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Board of Directors meeting October 15, 2011

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. 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-Bob Myers | 13. WC Region-Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal |
| 6. Safety & Ed.-Laura Mayer | 14. WC Region-Don Boland |
| 7. Products-Terrie VanHuss | 15. SE Region-Rick "Doc" Jones |
| 8. Activities-Crystal Shamhart | 16. SW Region- Rich KinKade |

EXECUTIVE BOARD ABSENT

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| 1. Newsletter - Ronie "RJ" Scroggins | 4. Bike Raffle- Gus Miller |
| 2. Public Relations-Carleen Grant | 5. EC Region- Stacey Miller-ill |
| 3. Activities-Carl Shamhart-work | |

CHAPTERS PRESENT

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| 1. Apple Creek | 16. Franklin County | 32. Midstate |
| 2. Arrowhead Valley | 17. Freebird | 33. Northern Illinois |
| 3. Backroads | 18. Freedom By Choice | 34. Northwest Suburban |
| 4. Beaucoup Bottoms | 19. Freedom Riders | 35. Peo-Taz-left 4:30 |
| 5. Big River | 20. Freedom Valley | 36. Piasa-Gateway-left |
| 6. Black Diamond;-ate | 21. Freeport | 37. Salt Creek |
| 7. Blackhawk | 22. Fulton County | 38. Shoal Creek |
| 8. Central Illinois | 23. Great River | 39. Southern DuPage |
| 9. Chicago | 24. Heart of Illinois | 40. Southern Illinois 27 |
| 10. Children of the Corn | 25. Heartland | 41. St. Clair |
| 11. Crawford County | 26. Hubbard Trail | 42. Starved Rock |
| 12. Crooked Creek | 27. Kaskaskia Valley | 43. Thunder Rock |
| 13. Crossroads | 28. Kishwaukee Valley | 44. Twin Rivers |
| 14. Dukane-late | 29. Liberty | 45. Will County |
| 15. Eastern Illinois | 30. Lincolnland | 45. Windy City |
| | 31. Lost Creek | |

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| 1. Embarras Valley | |
| 2. Flatlanders | 10. Pathfinders |
| 3. Ford County | 11. Prairieland |
| 4. Heritage Trail | 12. Shawnee Hills |
| 5. Iron Riders | 13. South Suburban |
| 6. Jasper County | 14. Southern Freedom |
| 7. Lamoine Valley | 15. Tri County |
| 8. Old River | 16. Union Jack |
| 9. Open Roads | 17. Wabash Valley checked in, but then left |

OTHERS PRESENT:

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| 1. Mary Jo Havens | 8. Laural Stegall |
| 2. Nora Phelan | 9. Pat Wendolt |
| 3. Laura Anderson | 10. Laura Anderson |
| 4. Brian Enburg | 11. Ed Triplett |
| 5. Carla Enburg | 12. Juanita Triplett |
| 6. Pam Boland | 13. Chad Gillam |
| 7. Rich Stage | |

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. with the State Coordinator Mike Myers leading in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the minutes:

Motion made by Kaskaskia Valley to approve minutes with corrections, Freedom Riders 2nd, no discussion, motion passed. Correction: Activities nominee, Rich Fulk.

Unfinished Business:

Second Round of Nominations:

The State Coordinator went through each office and asked for additional people to be nominated, then closed each office. Changes/additions are:

East Central Region Coordinator – Dennis Turner nominated by Eastern; declined.

North East Region Co-coordinators- John Bloch nominated by Northwest Suburban, accepted. Jay Spivey nominated by Will County, accepted.

Bike Raffle- Bob Dodson again nominated by Shoal Creek; declined at first, then said would accept if as a co-coordinator. Marsha Mallette of Windy City volunteered to be a co-coordinator. Roger Leach has offered a place to store the bike in what would be a central location if needed.

Activities- Mike Sprecher nominated by Southern Dupage. He was not present, but others said he would decline the nomination.

Secretary- Pam Boland nominated by Freedom Valley. Paulette Korte withdrew due to new job.

State Coordinator- "Hunter" John Harris nominated by Fulton County, declined.

(Secretary Note: Steve "Rat" Surratt withdraws for **Assistant State Coordinator** later in the meeting.)

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Eastern Region Coordinator and Activities are still open positions. The positions will be filled according to the by-laws. Mike Myers will ask about the two open positions later in this meeting.

Motion by Southern Illinois, Crossroads 2nd, to open the tabled state party motion, motion carried. BOD2011-29

(Original motion BOD2011-26 Motion by Crossroads, Central Illinois 2nd, to get rid of the state party)

Discussion included a breakdown of costs for the party, many are concerned with the location, Heart of Illinois offered their grounds with primitive camping available, costs will be higher no matter where it is because of the change of officers. Question was raised on the Swap Meet as to who would run it with no officer. Mike Myers said the executive board would have to handle it.

Motion failed. Opposed: Apple Creek, Arrowhead Valley, Backroads, Beaucoup Bottoms, Chicago, Children of the Corn, Crawford County, Crooked Creek, Dukane, Eastern Illinois, Franklin County, Freedom by Choice, Freedom Valley, Freeport, Fulton County, Great River, Heart of Illinois, Heartland, Hubbard Trail, Kaskaskia Valley, Kishwaukee Valley, Liberty, Lincolnland, Lost Creek, Midstate, Northern Illinois, Peo-Taz, Piasa-Gateway, Salt Creek, Shoal Creek, Southern Illinois 27, St. Clair, Starved Rock, Thunder Rock, Twin Rivers, Will County, Windy City.

Motion made by Kaskaskia Valley, Heart of Illinois 2nd, to close Unfinished Business, no discussion, motion passed.

Officer's Reports:

State Coordinator: Mike discussed budget problems, feels it is complacency more than the economy that is causing some of our problems with funding.

Assistant State Coordinator:

Seminar is January 20-22, 2012. Roger went over some of the details and the registration fees. The sponsorship deadline is December 31st at the state office. He asked for input on the breakout sessions and needs times for those holding region meetings. Roger mentioned Rick "Doc" Jones has made a challenge to the other regions and chapters for funding the hospitality room. Blackhawk chapter would like to see a banner for the hospitality room with the donor's names on it.

Legislative:

Bob Myers explained his plan for HB2860. **Motion by Freeport, Crossroads 2nd to support Bob Myer's plan for HB2860, motion carried. BOD2011-30.**

Bob went over the federal agenda which is similar to the MRF's. There is a new bill, HR3199 which will require the EPA to have an independent analysis on the effect of E-15.

Motion by Freebird, Crawford County 2nd, to support this bill, motion carried. BOD2011-31

Bob would like the chapters to discuss the legislative agenda and have it approved at the December meeting. He also expressed his concern that those chapters that have utilized Facebook are presenting non-motorcycling issues. He would like to see 100% attendance at Legislative Day in March. He is looking into hotel costs for those who would like to spend the night. Funding will be needed for the Washington D.C. trip.

Break from 2:35 to 2:50.

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Awards:

Mike Myers went over plaques received at the Meeting of the Minds.

Safety & Ed:

Laura reports that there have been 433 classroom presentations with over 10,000 students involved. Bob Myers, Mike Myers, and Laura have set up a meeting with the Secretary of State and will work on adjusting the course for those who wish to get a "J" classification on the license. The 2010 statistics are on the website. She had supplies for several chapters and thanked chapters for their donations. She also has yard signs today for sale. Laura thanked Nancy Glover for attending a conference in August which helped her out a lot. She reported on NHTSA's planned course of action concerning motorcycling. The Safety & Ed video needs updating and the cost will be out of range of her budget. She is looking for a member from each region to help plan a new one. The cost could be partially covered by grants, but many chapters do not fill out the forms properly when they do classes and so we are not eligible for them. Freedom Valley has information on getting less expensive banners.

Bike Raffle

Certificates for sales of bike raffle tickets were given out to the following chapters: Piasa-Gateway, Crossroads, Blackhawk, Freeport, Peo-Taz, Freedom by Choice, Shoal Creek, Dukane, Northwest Region, Kishwaukee Valley, Southwest Region, Starved Rock.

Several chapters donated their checks back to various funds.

State Office:

Backroads owes for yard signs. We are holding steady at about 10,000 members.

The office will be setting up PayPal to pay for memberships online. A letter was sent out to the chapters about ordering rockers for 1985 & '86 with few requests. Let Pauli know if you want them as soon as possible.

Treasurer:

990's were sent to the chapter address for the treasurer's. Eastern Illinois donated \$1000.00 to the general fund.

Pac Reports:

ABATE-PAC: "Hunter" John Harris thanked the following chapters for their donations: Big River, Open Roads, Peo-Taz, Freebird, Freedom Valley, Freeport, Crooked Creek, Fulton County, Freedom by Choice, Kishwaukee Valley, Freedom Riders. December 6th is the deadline for filing for office, then the questionnaires will be sent out, they will be due the end of December and graded on January 7th so the results can go in the February paper. Both the Southeast and Southwest region are in need of trustees.

Crooked Creek donated money to Safety & Ed.

FED/PAC:

Cindy Lannom's chapter donated money to Safety & Ed for their video. Peo-Taz donated to FED-PAC. The Saturday night of the seminar will be the FED-PAC fundraiser.

New Business

Office Salaries: Motion by Freeport, Kaskaskia Valley 2nd to accept the recommendations of the executive board concerning the state office employees salaries and benefits. Opposed: Heart of Illinois, motion carried. BOD2011-32

Arrowhead Valley:

Motion by Will County, Crossroads 2nd, to accept the recommendation of the executive board to allow Arrowhead Valley to change their chapter name to River Valley, motion carried. BOD2011-33

Budget:

Motion by Freeport, Freebird 2nd to accept the proposed budget for 2012, discussion, opposed: Dukane, motion carried. BOD2011-34

Motorcycle Endorsement: A question was raised as to the propriety of being questioned at events as to whether or not you had the correct endorsement. Mike Myers explained the history behind this and it is not a practice condoned by A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc.

Representation:

Motion by Will County, Arrowhead Valley(now River Valley) 2nd, that an executive board member of ABATE of Illinois, Inc. should not be an executive board member of any other motorcycle rights organization, discussion. Opposed: Apple Creek, Backroads, Beaucoup Bottoms, Big River, Black Diamond, Blackhawk, Central Illinois, Chicago, Children of the Corn, Crawford County, Crooked Creek, Crossroads, Dukane, Eastern Illinois, Franklin County, Freebird, Freedom by Choice, Freedom Riders, Freedom Valley, Freeport, Fulton County, Great River, Heart of Illinois, Heartland, Hubbard Trail, Kaskaskia Valley, Kishwaukee Valley, Liberty, Lincolnland, Lost Creek, Midstate, Northern Illinois, Northwest Suburban, Peo-Taz, Salt Creek, Shoal Creek, Southern Dupage, Southern Illinois 27, St. Clair, Starved Rock, Thunder Rock, Twin Rivers, Windy City. Motion failed.

Discussion: we have reps on other organizations, what is the purpose, is it a conflict of interest?

Meeting Date: Motion by Heart of Illinois, Southern Dupage 2nd to move the August BOD meeting to the week before the Grand Nationals (August 11, 2012), discussion, motion failed. Opposed: Apple Creek, Arrowhead Valley(River Valley), Backroads, Beaucoup Bottoms, Big River, Black Diamond, Blackhawk, Central Illinois, Chicago, Children of the Corn, Crawford County, Crooked Creek, Crossroads, Dukane, Eastern Illinois, Franklin County, Freebird, Freedom by Choice, Freedom Riders, Freedom Valley, Freeport, Great River, Hubbard Trail, Kaskaskia Valley, Kishwaukee Valley, Liberty, Lincolnland, Lost Creek, Midstate, Northern Illinois, Northwest Suburban, Salt Creek, Shoal Creek, Southern Illinois 27, St. Clair, Starved Rock, Thunder Rock, Twin Rivers, Will County, Windy City. Crossroads motion, Blackhawk 2nd to call the question. Motion carried.

Discussion included how many chapters help run the Nationals, conflicts with Sturgis and other events.

Freeport motion, Dukane 2nd to close New Business, motion carried.

Freeport motion, Dukane 2nd to re-open nominations, motion carried.

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As no one was nominated or volunteered, the next step will be to fill the positions by following the bylaw procedure. Mike asked those in the contested positions to give a short speech on their qualifications. Steve "Rat" Surratt withdrew his nomination for Assistant State Coordinator at this time.

Dukane motion, Freeport 2nd close nominations, opposed; Midstate, motion carried.

MRF Report: Upcoming events include: Beast of the East; 4/15, Best of the West; 6/15-17, MOTM; 9/19-23, Bikers in the Beltway; 5/17.

There will be an Aftermarket Assistant added to the MRF board. Jim "Legs" Korte announced the winner of the Young Activist Scholarship and urged others to take advantage of this award.

He went over the Legislative Agenda; it will be on the website in about a month.

NHTSA has a 30 page report on "Countermeasures that Work" and all should google it. It lists state motorcycle helmet use laws as the most effective.

HEARTLAND STEAM is in Nebraska March 23-25, the money raised here will go to the MRF.

Jim "Legs" Korte has a budget request. The allotted amount is \$3000.00 and he feels \$6000.00 will be needed. He asked for money to be donated to the MRF Board member associate account.

Panel Reports:

MAC: There may actually be some meetings again.

Region Reports:

NE: November 13th or 20th will be the region meeting to discuss the future of Octoberfest.

SW: Kaskaskia Valley will sponsor the River Rats PAC Run beginning Jan. 15th. Contact Bob Dodson for details. Dec. 3rd is Piasa-Gateway's Annual Party. October 22nd is Apple Creek's Kid's Carnival & November 5th is the Toy Drive, November 3rd is the region meeting at Trenton.

SE: Rick "Doc" Jones thanked his region for his nomination. He asked for locations for the Ride Illinois by the December meeting. There will be a region meeting at the break during the December BOD meeting.

NW: Scott Gerke accepted the challenge from Rick "Doc" Jones about donating to the Hospitality Room. February 11th is the Chili Shoot Out in Dixon.

WC: Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal said their region meeting was today. July 13-15 at the Adams County Fairgrounds will be the next region party. Peo-Taz Anniversary party is tonight. November 5th is Crooked Creek's one year anniversary party in Macomb. November 12th is Fulton County's Christmas party. December 3rd is Peo-Taz's adult Christmas party and the 11th is the kid's party. December 10th is Freebird's Christmas party.

Motion by Crossroads, Dukane 2nd, to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 p.m., motion carried.

**Submitted by,
Kat Conner
State Secretary**

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