

**A.B.A.T.E. OF ILLINOIS, INC.-Board of Directors Meeting, December 10, 2011
Minutes approved February 18, 2012.**

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Board of Directors meeting December 10, 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. Activities- Carl Shamhart |
| 2. Assist. State Coord.-Roger Leach | 10. Office Manager-Pauli Ward |
| 3. Secretary- Kat Conner | 11. NE Region- Mike Ryan |
| 4. Treasurer-Julie Bacon | 12. NW Region- Scott Gerke |
| 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 | 3. Bike Raffle –Gus Miller |
| 2. Public Relations- Carleen Grant | 4. EC Region- Stacey Rigsby- meeting |

CHAPTERS PRESENT

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| 1. Arrowhead Valley | 24. Heritage Trail |
| 2. Apple Creek | 25. Hubbard Trail |
| 3. Backroads (3pm) | 26. Iron Riders |
| 4. Beaucoup Bottoms | 27. Kaskaskia Valley |
| 5. Black Diamond | 28. Kishwaukee Valley |
| 6. Blackhawk | 29. Liberty |
| 7. Central Illinois | 30. Lincolnland |
| 8. Chicago | 31. Northern Illinois |
| 9. Children of the Corn | 32. Old River |
| 10. Crawford County | 33. Open Roads |
| 11. Crooked Creek | 34. Pathfinders |
| 12. Crossroads | 35. PeoTaz |
| 13. Dukane | 36. Piasa-Gateway |
| 14. Embarras Valley | 37. Prairieland |
| 15. Flatlanders | 38. Shawnee Hills |
| 16. Freebird | 39. Shoal Creek |
| 17. Freedom by Choice | 40. Southern Dupage |
| 18. Freedom Riders | 41. Southern Illinois 27 |
| 19. Freedom Valley | 42. St. Clair |
| 20. Freeport | 43. Starved Rock |
| 21. Fulton County | 44. Thunder Rock |
| 22. Heart of Illinois | 45. Twin Rivers |
| 23. Heartland | 46. Will County |

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| 1. Big River | 10. Northwest Suburban |
| 2. Eastern Illinois | 11. Salt Creek |
| 3. Ford County | 12. South Suburban |
| 4. Franklin County | 13. Southern Freedom |
| 5. Great River | 14. Tri County |
| 6. Jasper County | 15. Union Jack |
| 7. Lamoine Valley | 16. Wabash Valley |
| 8. Lost Creek | 17. Windy City |
| 9. Midstate | |

GUESTS PRESENT

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| 1. Laura Anderson | 12. Laura Anderson |
| 2. Jack Swan | 13. Robb Morecraft |
| 3. Bob Vensel | 14. Jim 'Legs' Korte |
| 4. Melissa Parrish | 15. Laural Stegall |
| 5. Nora Pheland | 16. Mary Jo Howens |
| 6. Bruce Iden | 17. Pam Boland |
| 7. Jim Cone | 18. Dennis Belford |
| 8. Kim Goodbrake | 19. Timothy J. Perry |
| 9. Brian Enburg | 20. Paulette Korte |
| 10. Carla Enburg | 21. Tracey Eddington |
| 11. Emily Gomez | |

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 by Freebird, Freedom Riders 2nd to accept minutes as corrected, motion carried. Correction on page 3 -Motion # 29 was made by Blackhawk.

Unfinished Business:

Southern Illinois 27 had a question on a motion which was answered by Mike Myers.

Southern Dupage motion, Freedom Riders 2nd to close Unfinished Business.

Change of agenda:

Mike Myers requested a change in the agenda format.

Motion by Heart of Illinois, Thunder Rock 2nd, to go forward with the elections allowing write-ins. Opposed: Blackhawk, motion carried.

BOD2011-35.

Kat read Letters of Intent from Barbara Fitzpatrick and Stacey Rigsby and Jim Cone. Jim was present and introduced himself.

Mike Myers went over the ballot and explained the changes that have occurred.

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ABATE-PAC:

There is no need to vote today for ABATE-PAC as their term does not expire this year.

FED-PAC:

Letters of intent from Rick "RO" Olson and Mike Fisher. Craig Ashbaugh is not going to run again according to Ray Heck. **Motion by Heart of Illinois, Freeport 2nd to accept the candidates who submitted Letters of Intent, no discussion, motion carried. BOD2011-36.**

Motion by Peo-Taz, Freeport 2nd to reinstate Jim "Legs" Korte and Ray Heck as trustees, no discussion, motion carried. BOD2011-37.

ByLaw Review Committee:

It was reported that Terry Hopkins will not be running as NE Region member.

Motion by Southern Dupage, Embarras Valley 2nd to nominate Ray Heck as NE Region bylaw review committee member. Discussion. Motion amended by Southern Dupage, Embarras Valley 2nd to nominate Ray Heck as NE Region bylaw review committee member and to reseal the current bylaw review committee with Ray added, no discussion, motion carried. BOD2011-38.

DNR Rep:

Motion by Kaskaskia Valley, Will County 2nd, appoint "Hunter" John Harris as the DNR rep for a term of two years, no discussion, motion carried. BOD2011-39.

AMA Rep:

Motion by Kaskaskia Valley, Old River 2nd to appoint Stacey Rigsby as AMA Rep for a term of one year, no discussion, motion carried. BOD2011-40.

MRF Rep:

Motion by Freeport, Thunder Rock 2nd to accept the executive board's recommendation that Mike Myers be accepted as MRF state rep, discussion, motion carried. BOD2011-41.

Discussion as to past practice when State Coordinator held this position.

MAC Panel:

Motion by Heart of Illinois, Freeport 2nd to keep Laura Mayer as rep for the MAC panel. BOD2011-42

Motion by Blackhawk, Will County 2nd to have the DNR rep take care of any Conservation Congress business, discussion, motion carried. BOD2011-43

2012 Calendar:

Motion by Kaskaskia Valley, Freeport 2nd to accept next year's calendar of BOD and E board meetings as scheduled. BOD2011-44

Motion by Kaskaskia Valley, Thunder Rock 2nd to close New Business.

Officer Reports:

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State Coordinator: Mike thanked all who have come today and all year. He is glad to see some new faces.

Assistant State Coordinator: Roger reports that the BOD reps should have the seminar agenda in their packets today, if you have any questions, please ask him. He thanked everyone for all their support this year.

Secretary: Also thanked the BOD for all their help during her tenure.

Legislative: Bob went over the status of bills at the state and federal level. He reports they are still working on ways to protect the CRT and off road funds.

Motion by Peo-Taz, Freebird 2nd to accept the Legislative Agenda for 2012, no discussion, motion carried. BOD2011-45

Bob stressed that it is going to be election time soon and we need to help our friends, especially since legislators of both parties worked to override the governor's veto.

The Washington D.C. trip will be April 15-21 and they will be staying at the Holiday Inn which is closer to the capitol than last year's hotel. "Hunter" John, Dan Harper, Ray Heck, Cindy Lannom, Bob Myers will be going. He would like at least three more women to go also. Please send him recommendations ASAP. Pauli Ward said she would like to go.

Bob is talking with the Illinois State Police to work on motorcycling issues of concern. He introduced Todd Vandermyde, who is our lobbyist, and he spoke about current issues and gave some of the history of our lobbying.

Motion by Kaskaskia Valley, Peo-Taz 2nd to approve Todd Vandermyde's lobbyist contract for 2012, motion carried. BOD2011-46

Break from 2:20-2:45 p.m.

Motion by Fulton Valley, Freeport 2nd to reopen New Business, motion carried.

Motion by Kaskaskia Valley, Old River 2nd to accept the webmaster contract for Ernie Steele. Opposed: Heart of Illinois, motion carried. BOD2011-47

American Income Life: Dawn Trudden was introduced. She reports that our AD&D insurance is going to increase the benefit from \$2500 to \$3000. She was thanked for her company's donation of \$500.00 for our Christmas party.

Motion by Kaskaskia Valley, Heart of Illinois 2nd to recommend to renew the contract with American Income Life, no discussion, motion carried. BOD2011-48

Motion by Dukane, Iron Riders 2nd to reconsider the motion to have Mike Myers be the MRF state rep, discussion. Motion by Freeport to call the question, Kaskaskia Valley 2nd, motion carried. Motion to reconsider carried. Opposed to reconsider: Crawford County, Crooked Creek, Crossroads. BOD2011-49

Discussion: Is the reps rep position elected by other states? If Mike was elected would he have to campaign the other states for the seat? It is a two year term. Past practice has included this position with the State Coordinator's.

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Freeport withdrew the previous motion due to lack of information and apologizes to Jim "Legs" Korte.

Motion by Freeport, Piasa-Gateway 2nd to appoint Jim "Legs" Korte as our MRF rep. Motion amended by Freeport, Piasa-Gateway 2nd to have election by card count. Secretary's Note: It was pointed out that if anyone wanted a secret ballot, one would have to be held. The motion was voted on and carried, but a secret ballot was then set up.

Motion by Heart of Illinois, Thunder Rock 2nd to nominate Mike Myers for position of MRF state rep, motion carried. Opposed: Beaucoup Bottoms, Freebird, Fulton County, Heritage Trail, Iron Riders, Kaskaskia Valley, Old River, Piasa-Gateway, St. Clair. BOD2011-50

Motion by Dukane, Southern Dupage 2nd to nominate Jim "Legs" Korte for position of MRF state rep, motion carried. BOD2011-51

Ballots were counted, Jim "Legs" Korte will be the MRF rep for a one year term.

Motion by Lincolnland, Freeport 2nd to close New Business.

Officers Reports continued:

Safety and Education: Laura asked the BOD reps to please tell their Safety & Ed people to bring their binders and DVD's to the state seminar session. Laura will be going to an IDOT seminar Weds and Thurs. She thanked Todd Vandermyde for his help at meetings. She has supplies today for chapters to pick up. Starved Rock presented a \$500.00 check from a Randy Day in memory of his wife.

Activities: Carl thanked everyone for electing Crystal and he for the last ten, eleven years. The Swap Meet date has been changed by the Prairieland Capitol Convention Center. The new dates proposed were Feb 5 or March 18. Neither is good. Daytona is in March. He will try to get a date in April. The Center will not charge us rent due to the change.

State party: There has been talk of moving the location. The contract for 2012 needs to be signed in two weeks, it is not fair to the new Activities person to change at this late date. This will be a one year contract.

Motion by Kaskaskia Valley, Will County 2nd to sign the contract and lock in this year's state party, discussion, motion carried. BOD2011-52.

Bike Raffle: No report, Gus Miller absent.

State Office: Pauli Ward has tickets for the bike today, she will have pictures at the state seminar. Lost Creek owes for four-five months of membership dues, Dukane has had fliers in the newsletters and they need to be paid. Dukane said they had been paid and they will send her the documentation. Pauli will be taking her vacation days soon.

Public Relations: Kat read a report from Carleen who was at work.

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Motion by Iron Riders, Thunder Rock 2nd to approve Carleen's idea of using coupons for new membership discounts, discussion. Opposed: Heart of Illinois, Blackhawk, Flatlanders. Motion carried. BOD2011-53

Newsletter: No report.

Products: Terrie said the art work has been sent for the seminar.

Treasurer: The 990's letters were sent out to the treasurer's. All chapters should have two signatures required on checks and they should not be members of the same household. It is a good idea to have at least the positions that deal with money bonded. Call Chuck Hays Insurance at 309-344-3646. It doesn't cost very much.

STATE-PAC: If an "A" candidate asks for help, yes, help them. If less than an "A" do not. Wait until the voter's guide is done in January. There are questionnaires available for local candidates if you need them. If you have questions- call your trustee! The SE Region needs a trustee. Mike Ryan presented a check from Windy City for \$100. and Starved Rock presented a check from Randy Day in memory of his wife Marcia for \$500. Checks were also presented from Kishwaukee Valley and Salt Creek.

FED-PAC: Ray thanked all who have helped this year. He doesn't know which candidates have filed for which district as the deadline has not occurred yet. If you know of any Congressional names in your district, give him the contact information.

MRF: "Legs" thanked all for their support. Sept. 20-23 is the MOTM next year in Durham, N.C. Illinois has 35 chapters and 6 clubs who are sustaining members of the MRF and the most members who are sustaining members. Michigan is looking for letters to their governor to bring some pressure on him. The Illinois River Run advertising deadline was today and little advertising has been brought in. The deadline was extended to January 15th.

AMA/DIST 17 and DNR: No report as Stacey was at a meeting.

Election results:

State Coordinator: Mike Myers
Assistant State Coordinator: Scott Gerke
Secretary: Laural Stegall
Treasurer: Julie Bacon
Legislative: Bob Myers
Bike Raffle: Bob Dodson
Office Manger: Pauli Ward
Newsletter: Ronie "RJ" Scroggins
Safety & Education: Laura Mayer
Product: Terrie VanHuss
Public Relations: Carleen Grant
Activities: Barbara Fitzpatrick
SE Region: Rick "Doc" Jones
SW Region: Rich KinKade
NE Region: Jay Spivey and John Bloch

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Region Reports:

NE: Windy City also donated a motorcycle lift for the FED-PAC auction at the seminar.
Mike Ryan thanked the region chapters for their help over the years.

NW: There is a \$150.00 challenge for the state seminar to pay for the Hospitality Room. Feb. 11 is the Region's Chili Shootout at the VFW in Dixon. Scott thanked the chapters of the region for being here today. He passed the region flag to Brian Enburg and thanked all the BOD reps for their vote today.

EC: No report.

WC: Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal wished all a "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year" although he is a Halloween man himself. He reports that Pathfinders chapter has a member in Afghanistan. His chapter has paid for Staff Sgt. James Lincoln's dues and sent care packages to him and his fellow soldiers. The chapter has received a flag that was flown at a base in Afghanistan on September 3, 2011.

He had donations of \$250 from his region and may have \$100 more for the Hospitality Room.

July 13-15 is the West Central Region party.

January 28- Great River Kickoff Party in Quincy at the Phoenix Club at 6 p.m.

SE: \$176.00 was donated to the Hospitality room from Doc Jones' region.

SW: Rich's region has matched the \$150.00 challenge for the Hospitality Room.
The Marble Run will begin in February.

Swap Meet in Bellville on January 8th as is Piasa-Gateway's Snow Run.

January 1st is the Polar Bear Run put on by Beaucoup Bottoms.

December 20 St. Clair is having ABATE-PAC and membership drives.

February 12 is the Chili cookoff.

Motion to adjourn by Thunder Rock, Crossroads 2nd.

Meeting adjourned 5: 15 p.m.

Submitted by:

Kat Conner