

A.B.A.T.E. OF IL, INC.-Board of Directors Meeting February 19, 2011

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Board of Directors meeting February 19, 2011

Meeting Location-Ruby Ballroom

Crowne Plaza, Holiday Inn, Springfield

Springfield, IL 62703

EXECUTIVE BOARD PRESENT

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| 1. State Coord.-Mike Myers | 9. Activities-Carl Shamhart |
| 2. Secretary-Kat Conner | 10. Bike Raffle-Gus Miller |
| 3. Treasurer-Julie Bacon | 11. Office Manager-Pauli Ward |
| 4. Legislative-Bob Myers | 12. NE Region-Mike Ryan |
| 5. Newsletter- Ronie "RJ" Scroggins | 13. NW Region-Scott Gerke |
| 6. Public Relations- Carleen Grant | 14. WC Region- Don Boland |
| 7. Safety & Ed.-Laura Mayer | 15. WC Region-Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal |
| 8. Products-Terrie VanHuss | 16. SE Region-Rick "Doc" Jones |
| | 17. SW Region-Rich KinKade |

EXECUTIVE BOARD ABSENT

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| 1. Assistant State Coor.- Roger Leach-vacation | 3. EC Region- Stacey Rigsby-ill |
| 2. Activities- Crystal Shamhart- family | |

CHAPTERS PRESENT

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| 1. Apple Creek | 16. Freebird | 33. Northwest Suburban |
| 2. Arrowhead Valley | 17. Freedom By Choice | 34. Open Roads |
| 3. Backroads | 18. Freedom Riders | 35. Pathfinders |
| 4. Big River | 19. Freedom Valley | 36. Peo-Taz |
| 5. Black Diamond* | 20. Freeport | 37. Piasa-Gateway |
| 6. Blackhawk | 21. Fulton County | 38. Prairieland |
| 7. Central Illinois | 22. Great River | 39. Shoal Creek |
| 8. Chicago | 23. Heart of Illinois | 40. South Suburban |
| 9. Children of the Corn | 24. Heartland | 41. Southern DuPage |
| 10. Crooked Creek | 25. Heritage Trail | 42. Southern Freedom |
| 11. Crossroads | 26. Iron Riders | 43. Southern Illinois 27 |
| 12. Dukane* | 27. Kaskaskia Valley | 44. St. Clair |
| 13. Eastern Illinois | 28. Kishwaukee Valley | 45. Starved Rock |
| 14. Flatlanders | 29. Lincolnland | 46. Thunder Rock* |
| 15. Franklin County | 30. Lost Creek | 47. Twin Rivers |
| | 31. Midstate | 48. Wabash Valley |
| | 32. Northern Illinois | 49. Will County |

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CHAPTERS ABSENT

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| 1. Beaucoup Bottoms | 7. Lamoine Valley |
| 2. Crawford County | 8. Liberty |
| 3. Embarras Valley | 9. Old River * |
| 4. Ford County * | 10. Salt Creek |
| 5. Hubbard Trail * | 11. Shawnee Hills |
| 6. Jasper County | 12. Tri County |
| | 13. Union Jack |

Chapters listed above with an asterisk were not eligible to vote today due to not fulfilling the 990 requirement.

GUESTS:

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| 1. Randy Scott | 10. Kim Huddleston |
| 2. Steve Hunt | 10. Jim "Legs" Korte |
| 3. Bonnie Kendall | 11. Pam Boland |
| 4. Todd Glover | 12. Tracey Eddington |
| 5. Laura Anderson | 13. Julie Thurman |
| 6. Robb Morecraft | 14. Tim Perry |
| 7. David Elligon | 15. Jill Perry |
| 8. Tom Mier | 16. Bert McElroy |
| 9. Mary Cornell | 17. Donna McElroy |

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 1:00pm with the State Coordinator Mike Myers leading in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mike explained that the chapters who were given the blue cards were allowed to speak, but could not vote because the 990 requirement had not been met.

Approval of the minutes:

Changes were read by Kat Conner to correct the draft minutes. Included Guest list, change Beaucoup Bottoms from absent to present, page 6, Southwest Region report, chapter listed as Shawnee Hills should be Shoal Creek.

Motion made by Heart of Illinois to approve minutes as corrected, Freedom by Choice 2nd, no discussion, motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

Products Trailer: Terry & Mick are still in the process of finding the correct type of trailer needed.

Swap Meet: Motion by Southern Illinois, Heartland 2nd to not buy the Thunder Alley Swap Meet, discussion, Crossroads call the question, Freedom by Choice 2nd, Opposed to call the question: Midstate, motion to call the question carried. Motion to not buy carried. Opposed: Kaskaskia Valley, Midstate. BOD2011-1

Discussion points included the swap meet would be a lot of work for a few people, felt there were discrimination issues, not comfortable with the terms of non competition for only five years, not seeing the actual bookkeeping records.

Waiver form: Mike Myers made the following points: 1. The current waiver forms will stay the same until/unless the BOD wants to make a change. 2. ABATE does NOT check Driver's Licenses. He would like to encourage you to

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not let people sign into an event with a fictitious name such as Mickey Mouse. 3. ABATE does not check to see if you have an M classification.

Mike had asked Rod Taylor to attend today's meeting to discuss the waiver, but he had another commitment. He did tell the BOD that the E board recommended we keep the current waiver. **Motion by Blackhawk, Freepart 2nd that the BOD accept the E Board recommendation to keep the current waiver, motion carried. Opposed: Iron Riders, Midstate. BOD 2011-2**

Motion made by Southern Dupage to close Unfinished Business, LincolnLand 2nd, no discussion, motion passed.

Officer's Reports:

Legislative: Bob Myers reports that Todd Vandermyde, our paid lobbyist, has changed his business name so his contract will have to be changed to reflect that, then the BOD will have to approve it. ABATE is working with Judy Barr-Topinka and Dan Rutherford to protect our CRT funds. Since the lawsuit is still being decided, our current funds will probably be left alone.

Bob discussed the Flower's bills, HB285, 290 & 292 have currently been pulled, but will bear watching. He will send out Ondgo alerts when SB 55 & 57 come up. He urges members to come to the capitol when hearings are set. He would like us to support SB1291- ABATE year round license plates when the time comes. He would like the BOD to look over the MRF Legislative Agenda and consider changing ours to include more of the MRF's. He discussed other state government's who have raided or done away with their CRT funds. At the Federal level, HR412 needs more co-signers for the Kids Just Want to Ride. The Washington, D.C. trip is set for April 3-9. Going are: Ray Heck, Rick "RO" Olson, Cindy Lannom, Deb King, Pauli Ward, Jackie Spivey, Denny Lange, and John "Hunter John" Harris. He would like to have two more people.

Legislative Day is March 2, 9 am at the Statehouse Inn/Governor's Ballroom. Bob asked that Regional Coordinators make sure to get updated legislative rep's information to him. Some elected officials have changed, please send those who supported us a thank you. He encourages all members to visit their US Congressmen when they are home.

Motion by Blackhawk, Heart of Illinois 2nd, have the BOD allow Bob Myers and Ernie Steele (webmaster) to compile a publishable legislative agenda, motion carried. Opposed: Midstate. BOD2011-3

Freedom by Choice recognized Pauli Ward. She states all chapters are certified as bona fide civic organizations so members can be voter registrars and she encourages at least one per county do so.

Safety & Education:

Thirty three chapters were represented at the Safety & Ed workshop at the state seminar. Laura reported on fatalities, ages involved, registration of motorcycles, and other factors. The CRT program seems to be standing on its own at last.

Activities:

The Springfield Swap meet is Feb. 20th at 10 am. The Awareness Rally can use the IDOT facilities. Bands are booked for the State party, other work is progressing on it.

Bike Raffle:

Gus reiterated that he will not be taking the bike to many events.

State Office:

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Black Diamond and Peo-Taz need to pay their seminar fees. She needs officer updates ASAP. Seminar Awards were handed out to chapters not at the seminar. A question was raised on how long to keep records; 7 years was the consensus. Big Rivers donated to the general fund.

Advance state party tickets are available today.

Public Relations:

The billboard company is working on the design, it will cost \$375.00 for 30 days through Outdoor Advertising of Illinois.

Products:

Awareness Rally and State party shirts will be available.

Treasurer:

Julie Bacon reports that the chapters did much better this year with the 990 forms! We had \$50,000 left in our budget at the end of the year, so officers held expenses down well in 2010. She suggested that Public Relations do the promotional work to gain members rather than create a new position which would be costly. She noted that Rich Meyers, one of our friendly legislative members, had passed away leaving a memorial at his local university.

Motion by Midstate, Pathfinders 2nd to give \$100.00 to Rich Meyer's memorial fund, no discussion, motion carried. BOD2011-4

Break from 3:00-3:20 p.m.

ABATE-PAC:

John "Hunter John" Harris thanked Thunder Rock, Freedom Riders, Open Roads, Pathfinders, Piasa-Gateway, Shoal Creek, St. Clair, Tri County, Will County, and the Northwest Region for their donations. At the seminar, donations were received from Freebird, Liberty, Northern Illinois, Freedom Riders, Freedom Valley, LincolnLand, Peo-Taz, Heart of Illinois, and Midstate. They will start rotating the fundraising nights at the State Seminar in the future. There will be PAC shirts at the Awareness Rally. He reminded members that if a candidate is endorsed, only that candidate should be allowed to speak at a meeting. If you do let an opponent speak, make it clear that ABATE is not endorsing him/her. Big River gave two donations.

FED-PAC:

Ray Heck thanked all who donated/bought at the state seminar fundraisers. Barb Fitzpatrick of Will County was thanked for spearheading the NE Region PACtoberfest. He also discussed redistricting/elections so money will be needed to be raised through events.

ByLaw Review Committee:

Kat Conner, Twin Rivers member presented a proposed bylaw change to the Bylaw Review Committee.

Legislative: Freedom Valley recognized Bob Myers, Legislative Coordinator to speak on distracted driving at the Federal level. He feels ABATE should not take a position on this subject.

Motion by Crossroads, Piasa-Gateway 2nd to close Officer Reports, motion carried. Opposed: Midstate.

New Business:

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State Paper Articles:

Mike Myers encourages all chapters and officers to put articles in the State Paper. Blackhawk would like Ernie Steele to take highlights of articles and put them on the website. Neal Toepfer offered to put chapter events and Ondgo messages on ABATE's Facebook page "RJ" reminded people that in order to put events in the state paper you need to give specific dates and times.

New York Roadside "Safety Checks":

This was the first state to start having motorcycle only roadside safety checks. Mike Myers discussed what some of the other states are doing about them.

Non Preferred Vendors List:

Motion by Freeport, Heart of Illinois 2nd to let the Non Preferred Vendor List stand as written; amended to correct the term "Freedom Rally" to "Awareness Rally", discussion. Opposed: LincolnLand, Northern Illinois, South Suburban, Will County, Arrowhead Valley. Motion carried. BOD2011-5

Motion by Freeport, Freedom Riders 2nd, to change title from Non Preferred Vendors List to Non Preferred Participants List, discussion, motion failed. Opposed: Apple Creek, Arrowhead Valley, Big River, Blackhawk, Central Illinois, Children of the Corn, Crossroads, Flatlanders, Freebird, Freedom by Choice, Fulton County, Great River, Heart of Illinois, Heartland, Heritage Trail, Iron Riders, Kaskaskia Valley, Kishwaukee Valley, Northern Illinois, Northwest Suburban, Peo-Taz, Piasa-Gateway, PrairieLand, Shoal Creek, South Suburban, Southern Illinois 27, St. Clair, Starved Rock, Will County.

Northern Illinois Sanction: Motion by Southern Dupage, Freedom by Choice 2nd, to rescind the sanction that Northern Illinois was under as they have fulfilled the sanction requirements. BOD2011-6

August BOD meeting date: Motion by Heart of Illinois, Freedom by Choice 2nd, to change the August state board meetings to the weekend before or the weekend after August 20, 2011 as originally set by the executive board, discussion, motion failed. Opposed: Apple Creek, Arrowhead Valley, Big River, Blackhawk, Central Illinois, Chicago, Children of the Corn, Crossroads, Flatlanders, Franklin County, Freebird, Freedom Riders, Freedom Valley, Freeport, Great River, Heartland, Iron Riders, Kaskaskia Valley, Kishwaukee Valley, LincolnLand, Lost Creek, Midstate, Northern Illinois, Northwest Suburban, Open Roads, Pathfinders, Peo-taz, Piasa-Gateway, PrairieLand, Shoal Creek, South Suburban, Southern Dupage, Southern Freedom, Southern Illinois 27, St. Clair, Starved Rock, Twin Rivers, Will County.

Membership Coordinator: Peo-taz brought up the possibility of having a membership coordinator. Mike explained it would require a bylaw change.

Membership Award: Mike Seymoure of Apple Creek will be awarded a free seminar weekend (hotel, registration) as he was the winner of the 2010 membership drive.

Motion to close New Business by Piasa-Gateway, Southern Dupage 2nd, no discussion, motion carried. Opposed: Midstate. BOD2011-7

Panel Reports:

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MRF: Jim "Legs" Korte conveyed Paulette Korte's (MRF corporate secretary) thanks to the executive board and board of directors for their financial support. **Motion by Midstate, Blackhawk 2nd, to donate leftover materials from the MOTM to Michigan for their use. Motion carried. BOD2011-8**

HR412 needs 218 co-sponsors, only has 42 currently. The MRF has a new seat "Club Rep". Legs would like to see all Illinois ABATE chapters be sustaining members. He had handouts for Heartland Steam, MOTM, Beast of the East, and Bikers in the Beltway events. He discussed the Scenic ByWays Run fundraiser for the MRF and ABATE of IL, Inc. Kaskaskia Valley, Freebird, and Heritage Trail volunteered to help. **Motion by Blackhawk, Freebird 2nd to work on setting up the Scenic ByWays MRF/ABATE of Illinois, Inc run for 2012, discussion, motion carried. Opposed: Midstate, Southern Illinois 27. BOD2011-9**

DNR: Stacey Rigsby reported via Mike Myers that there is no grant money going out at this time.

AMA: ATV ban is still a law as of February 1st, but there is no enforcement of it yet.

Motion by Crossroads, South Suburban 2nd, to close Panel Reports, motion carried.

Region Reports:

NE: The International Motorcycle Show in Rosemont sold \$5,000 in bike raffle tickets and there were 27 new or renewed memberships. April 2nd will be an "ABATE" night at the Ladies Roller Derby featuring "Rockford Rage". They will donate part of the gate to the chapter that has the most members there.

NW: All eight chapters are in attendance today. The Chili Shootout raised over \$1800. The next one will be held February 11th, 2012 at the Dixon VFW. Freeport's chapter is now 25 years old and will have a celebration on March 19th in Mt. Morris.

WC: Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal reports there will be a West Central party July 8-10th and he hopes for all members to support it. There will be an AC/DC tribute band there.

EC: Updated officer information is needed, a region calendar is being compiled.

SE: Regional meeting will be held in April, same date as BOD meeting.

SW: Piasa-Gateway has an event tonight, St. Clair is putting on a FedPAC Chili Supper, Black Diamond is doing a Soup & Chili event, the Marble Run will be held again this year. March 3rd is the next Region meeting.

Motion by Crossroads, Piasa-Gateway to close Region Reports, no discussion, motion carried.

Opposed: Midstate.

Motion by Freeport, Southern Dupage 2nd, to adjourn the meeting at 4:53 pm. Opposed: Midstate, motion carried.

**Submitted by,
Kat Conner
State Secretary**