

A.B.A.T.E. OF IL, INC.-Board of Directors Meeting June 18, 2011

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Secretary Minutes

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Board of Directors meeting June 18, 2011

Meeting Location-Brookens Auditorium

University of Illinois at Springfield, One Plaza

Springfield, IL 62703

EXECUTIVE BOARD PRESENT

1. State Coord.-Mike Myers
2. Assist. State Coord.-Roger Leach
3. Secretary-Kat Conner
4. Treasurer-Julie Bacon
5. Products-Terrie VanHuss
6. Activities-Crystal Shamhart
7. Activities-Carl Shamhart
8. Bike Raffle-Gus Miller
9. Office Manager-Pauli Ward
10. NE Region-Mike Ryan
11. NW Region-Scott Gerke
12. EC Region-Stacey Rigsby
13. WC Region-Don Boland
14. WC Region-Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal
15. SE Region-Rick "Doc" Jones
16. SW Region-Rich KinKade

EXECUTIVE BOARD ABSENT

1. Newsletter- Ronie "RJ" Scroggins
2. Public Relations- Carleen Grant-work
3. Safety & Ed- Laura Mayer-conference
4. Activities- Crystal Shamhart-family
5. Bike Raffle-Gus Miller-event
6. Legislative- Bob Myers-vacation

CHAPTERS PRESENT

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

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CHAPTERS ABSENT

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| 1. Crawford County | 11. Peo-taz |
| 2. Crooked Creek | 12. Shawnee Hills |
| 3. Embarras Valley | 13. St. Clair |
| 4. Flatlanders | 14. Thunder Rock |
| 5. Franklin County | 15. Tri County |
| 6. Hubbard Trail | 16. Union Jack |
| 7. Jasper Count | 17. Wabash County |
| 8. Lost Creek | 18. Windy City???? |
| 9. Northern Illinois | |
| 10. Northwest Suburban | |

GUESTS PRESENT:

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1. Pam Boland | 4. Kevin Smith |
| 2. Glen Brunson | 5. Kim Huddleston |
| 3. Brad Stemmet | 6. Tim Perry |

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

Approval of the minutes:

Motion made by Dukane to approve minutes as written, Freeport 2nd, no discussion, motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Legal Services Review: Assistant Coordinator Roger Leach went over the Legal Services review process and recommended that while we annually renew the administrator of the plan, we could renew the plan itself for three years. He introduced Rod Taylor who spoke briefly. He gave us his personal cell phone if we need any assistance. It is: 317-727-4599. **Motion made by Dukane, Blackhawk 2nd to reappoint Rod Taylor as the administrator of the Legal Services plan. Opposed: none. BOD2011-19**

Motion by Dukane, Freedom by Choice 2nd, to accept the Legal Service Plan for three more years. Opposed: none. BOD2011-20

Chicago ARA website: Mike Myers reported that Rod Taylor has investigated the site and the executive board feels that there is no point in further pursuing the matter. The chapters themselves can best make sure they let people know we are not a racist group. The member who was named in this is no longer a member of ABATE of Illinois, Inc.

Membership Coordinator proposal: Kat Conner briefly reviewed the proposal which was included in the BOD packet. Ryan Hubbard, who wrote the proposal, explained his thoughts. **Motion by Blackhawk, Freeport 2nd to accept the bylaw review committee's recommendation to reject the membership coordinator bylaw change. Opposed: Beaucoup Bottoms, Big River, Freebird, Iron Riders, Kaskaskia Valley. Motion carried. BOD2011-21**

Annual Review of exemptions from taxes

Julie Bacon has not yet received the paperwork, so this will be postponed until the August BOD meeting.

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

Officer Reports:

State Coordinator: Mike thanked the BOD for letting him go to the Safety Conference in Washington, D.C. He discussed some of the innovations that will help make motorcycling safer. ABATE of Illinois, Inc. was the only SMRO that attended. He will put the website address in his next article.

Assistant State Coordinator: Roger Leach announced that Rod Taylor will be inducted into the Sturgis Freedom Fighters Hall of Fame on August 10th.

Legislative:

The red light bill is in limbo. Cullerton is sitting on it for the 30 days he has before it goes to the governor's desk to be signed or rejected.

All specialty license plates are dead.

After meeting with the state police, motorcycle only checkpoints are supposed to be done. If any are held, please let Mike know the details. A question was raised about cities/counties doing their own; the funding we are working against is through the state police.

Voter Registrars: Pauli has been updating the information which makes each chapter a bona fide civic organization so more people can become voter registrars. Call her if you are interested in becoming one for your chapter/county.

Safety and Education: Information from Laura is in the BOD packets. Rick "Doc" Jones attended the IHSCDEA (Drivers Ed conference) in Effingham. He has a list of schools who are interested in having our Safety & Ed presentation put on. He asked for people to talk to him after the meeting if any of the schools were in their area. He said he received thanks from several schools for our efforts.

Activities: Carl reminded all that there is no parking at the high school because of the cameras. You can park at the local businesses like last year and he has the okay to park on some side roads. He went over the open shifts and got some volunteers to fill in. Field events will be at 1 pm this year.

Bike Raffle: The bike is in Marseilles today at their Freedom Run.

State Office: Membership is up some. Pauli has tickets and yard signs for sale today. There will be a change in the design of the renewal envelopes when the next printing is done.

Public Relations: Information is in your BOD packet.

Break 2:05pm

Resumed from break at 2:25pm

Products: Terrie is working on getting either a chrome dogtag or keychain that will have your name and member # on it. She will not be at the state party and asked all to help.

Officer's Reports:

Secretary: Kat had some computer problems and changed emails. She found out later that she can still use the original email, so you can reach her at either: connerkat@yahoo.com or kc8847@ gmail.com

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Treasurer: All the 990's are in and were filed on time. Freedom by Choice donated \$4500.00 to the general fund. We are NOT a tax exempt organization. The number the chapters have is a Federal ID#. All checks need to be made out to ABATE of Illinois, Inc, not to departments such as safety and ed or legislative. The PR budget has been exceeded, it will be covered by using some of the newspaper's budgeted money. Cindy Lannom donated a check for \$200.00 from Backroads Chapter that had been given to her to use on the Washington, D.C. trip.

PAC Reports:

FEDPAC: Cindy Lannom gave the fund balance. FEDPAC sent ten members to J. Costello's fundraiser. The trustees have received an anonymous donation of \$600.00 which they do not think they can take because of the funding rules. She will check with Washington D.C. about what is needed to do to show a good faith effort to find who sent it.

ABATEPAC: They also can not take anonymous donations. The fund balance was given. Donations have been received from Dukane, Freeport, S. Dupage, and Freedom by Choice. Please talk to the trustees about events, not Neal. Because of redistricting, all seats will be open in 2012 and there will probably be friends running against friends. There are new shirts, hats, Koozies, and patches for sale. Let your region trustee know if your chapter is having an event where they could sell these. Trustees are listed by region in the state paper each month.

New Business:

American Income Life Insurance: Dawn Trudden was here to explain how the program works. We have been with them since 2009. If you have questions, her # is 309-339-1114. She explained that when you send a reply card, an agent will call you. You don't have to meet with them. The company paid out \$15,000 in 2010 and has had one payout in 2011. If you have a complaint, please get the name and/or number of the agent who contacted you. There is no paperwork to be done, once you are a current member in good standing, you are covered.

MRF Donation: Crossroads recognized Rick "Doc" Jones who explained that Shawnee Hills had donated \$2500.00 to the MRF and asked the BOD to add to it. We already have \$3000.00 budgeted for Jim "Legs" Korte and Paulette Korte. He would like to see us add \$4500.00 out of our savings to make the total \$10,000 or about \$1.00 per member. He also said we should be looking ahead to 2012, and put money into the deferred MRF account. Julie Bacon asked Doc to clarify when we would do the 2012 donation. He said it would be later after we worked on our budget for 2012. **Motion by Kaskaskia Valley, Freedom Riders 2nd to send \$4500.00 to the MRF in addition to the Shawnee Hills donation of \$2500.00. Opposed: none. BOD2011-22**

Membership dues: Motion by Dukane, S. Dupage 2nd to return the chapters' share of the membership dues paid by the members of ABATE of Illinois to \$5.00 from the present \$3.00, discussion. **Opposed: Apple Creek, Backroads, Beaucoup Bottoms, Big River, Black Diamond, Blackhawk, Central Illinois, Chicago, Children of the Corn, Crossroads, Eastern Illinois, Ford County, Freebird, Freedom by Choice, Freedom Riders, Freedom Valley, Freeport, Fulton County, Heart of Illinois, Heartland, Heritage Trail, Iron Riders, Kaskaskia Valley, Kishwaukee Valley, Lamoine Valley, Liberty, Lincolnland, Midstate, Old River, Open Roads, Pathfinders, Piasa-Gateway, Prairieland, Salt Creek, Shoal Creek, Southern Freedom, Southern Illinois 27, Starved Rock. Motion failed.** Discussion included several very small chapters who said the amount of money would not make or break them.

Motion made by Dukane, Freeport 2nd to close New Business. Opposed: Heart of Illinois, Midstate.

MRF: Jim "Legs" Korte reports that Bikers in the Beltway was very successful.

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There is a new "Fact or Fiction" sheet available on the MRF website. The Young Activists scholarship competition is due July 1st and information is available on the website. You can now donate to the MRF through the website. Co-sponsors are still needed for the Right to Repair bill. He also discussed the Scenic ByWays Run for next year. It will be a fundraiser for both the MRF and ABATE. He would like members to let him know names of towns that they think would make good stops and for biker friendly businesses that would buy advertisements to raise funds for the books. He has papers with instructions on how to solicit businesses for ads.

AMA: The senator from Wisconsin is trying to get funding of motorcycle only "safety checks" at the Federal level stopped. You can check out the rights issues on the AMA website. Work is underway to put the lead ban bill in the appropriations bill.

Off Road: Grant monies are held up. The Governor has enacted "funds liquidity" legislation to cancel all funds and sweep the monies in them. People who wrote grants in 2012 can rewrite them in 2013, but there is no guarantee any monies will be given out then.

Region Reports:

EC: Heart of Illinois' 25th Anniversary Party is tonight. Stacey thanked chapters for their successful events. He sadly reported the passing of Darrell "Preacher" Statzer, Prairieland president and asked for a moment of silence.

NE: There will be a region meeting today.

July 30- Spoke Run, Mike has tickets.

October 1st- PACtoberfest

WC: West Central Region party will have bands, bike show and laser light show.

Lincolnland- July 17 Biker Blues Fest

July 31- Downed Rider event

August 20- Grand National Races in Peoria

August 5-7 Fulton County Rodeo

July 13- Central's Night Flight

SW: Marble Run is going on now

July 7- Region meeting in Trenton

July 10- Belleville Swap Meet

NW: Blackhawk chapter is up 22 members!

SE: Asked for help with Saturday's 6-12 shift

Motion by Old River, Lincolnland 2nd to adjourn the meeting at 3:55 pm

**Submitted by,
Kat Conner
State Secretary**