

A.B.A.T.E. OF IL, INC. Executive Board Meeting November 19, 2011
These minutes approved with corrections December 10, 2011
Secretary Minutes

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Executive Board meeting November 19, 2011
Meeting Location-1901 Railroad Avenue, Prairieland Building
Decatur, IL 62703

EXECUTIVE BOARD PRESENT

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| 1. State Coordinator- Mike Myers | 10. Activities- Crystal Shamhart |
| 2. Asst. Coordinator- Roger Leach | 11. Activities- Carl Shamhart |
| 3. Secretary- Kat Conner | 12. SE Region- Rick "Doc" Jones |
| 4. Treasurer- Julie Bacon | 13. SW Region- Rich KinKade |
| 5. Legislative- Bob Myers | 14. NE Region- Mike "Alobe" Ryan |
| 6. Bike Raffle-Gus Miller | 15. NE Region- Jay Spivey |
| 7. Office Manager-Pauli Ward | 16. EC Region- Stacey Rigsby |
| 8. Newsletter- Ronie "RJ" Scroggins | 17. WC Region- Don Boland |
| 9. Public Relations- Carleen Grant | 18. WC Region- Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal |
| | 19. NW Region- Scott Gerke |

EXECUTIVE BOARD ABSENT

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| 1. Safety & Education- Laura Mayer | 2. Products- Terrie VanHuss |
| (both ill) | |

OTHERS PRESENT

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| 1. Pam Boland- Central | 3. Jackie Spivey- Will County |
| 2. Jim Cone- Freedom by Choice | |

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

Approval of the minutes: Motion by Carl Shamhart to approve the October minutes as written, Scott Gerke 2nd, no discussion, motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Nominations: Pam Boland; Secretary and Marsha Mallette; Bike Raffle, have withdrawn their names from the ballot. Jim Cone and Stacey Rigsby submitted a letter of intent to be East Central Co-Coordination, Barbara Fitzpatrick sent a letter of intent to run for Activities. **Motion by Pauli Ward, Roger Leach 2nd to have the executive board recommend that when the BOD votes in December, that write in votes be allowed. EB2011-20**

Swap Meet: Carl reports that the Prairie Capitol Convention Center canceled our contract for the Swap Meet. They have offered us another date and will not charge us the customary rent of \$5,000.00. Carl is going to discuss other dates with the manager as he feels the Feb. 5th date won't give us good results.

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Rich Neb Award: Nominations are due December 1st.

Motion by Carl Shamhart, Mike Ryan 2nd, to close Unfinished Business.

Online Membership Renewal: Ernie is still working on this.

Springfield Storage: Roger Leach offered to dispose of any unwanted items from the storage shed. There are old VHS tapes and some other items that could also be removed.

Yearly Inventory: There has been no new equipment purchased this year.

Motion by Julie Bacon, Carl Shamhart to close New Business.

Kat Conner read Stacey and Jim's Letter of Intent for East Central Co-coordinators. Mike Myer read Barbara Fitzpatrick's Letter of Intent for Activities.

Officer Reports:

Legislative Report: Bob is working on the Washington D.C. trip which will be the last two weeks in April. He is working with the legislators in Springfield on next year's issues. He stressed that members will really need to help out next year. We lost our appeal with the Supreme Court, but will still work on ways to protect the Cycle Rider Training fund. Stacey reported that on the Federal level we need to work on passing an exemption bill in order to keep the EPA from having the power to stop any OHV vehicle use and/or motorcycle racing on dirt tracks because of what the EPA terms 'nuisance dust'.

State Coordinator: Mike would like the executive board to do better next year on finding people to run for office. We need to really concentrate on the bike raffle and retaining members. He would like to see a letter of appreciation for joining or renewing included in the membership packets.

Assistant State Coordinator: Roger went over the program for the seminar and got ideas for the open sessions. He asked that the chapters who are donating for the hospitality room send the money to the state office.

Break from noon to 12:30 p.m.

Secretary: Kat passed out dates for next year's meetings.

State Office: Pauli has talked to the AIG rep, she will be at the December meeting and her company is going to make a donation for the Christmas party.

Treasurer: Julie is sending a letter to the chapter treasurer's about how to donate to the state when she sends out the 990 letter on December first.

Activities: The contract for the 2012 state party location will be sent soon. Carl will give the new activities officer his contact list on suppliers.

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Motion by Carl Shamhart, Roger Leach 2nd, to keep the state party location in Altamont for the year 2012, discussion. Opposed:

Scott Gerke, motion carried. EB2011-21. Discussion included the fact that the contracts are usually for two years and have already been set up. The local chapter will continue to help as they have in the past. The city of Altamont really wants us to stay. There just isn't enough time to change.

Products: Terrie is working on the seminar shirt designs.

State Office: Pauli checked with people about rooms for the seminar and for the Christmas party.

Bike Raffle: Gus has offered to help the new officer learn the job. Bob Dobson has agreed to remain on the ballot without a co-coordinator.

Region Coordinators:

NW: Scott Gerke says his region has met the hospitality room challenge of donating \$150.00. The Chili Shootout is Feb. 11 at the VFW in Dixon from 4-7 pm. The chapters of his region have their elected positions filled for the most part.

NE: Mike Ryan says the space is reserved at the Rosemont for Feb. 10-12 and if anyone voluntarily works, they will get free admission.
Feb. 12 is Chicago's Chili Cookoff.

WC: Dec. 3 is the Peo-Taz Christmas party and also Central's Appreciation dinner. Dec. 10 is Freedom Valley's Christmas party. The Pathfinder chapter is receiving a flag flown on 9/11 over a military base in Afghanistan from one of their members. The chapter has also sent care packages to this unit.

SE: Rick "Doc" Jones is happy to report that both new members and returning Members have been stepping into officer positions.

Motion by Pauli Ward, Roger Leach 2nd, to adjourn the meeting at 1:07 pm.

**Submitted by,
Kat Conner
State Secretary**