

A.B.A.T.E. OF IL, INC. Executive-Board Meeting March 19, 2011

These minutes approved April 16, 2011

Secretary minutes

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Executive-Board meeting March 19, 2011

Meeting Location-Prairieland Bldg

1901 Railroad Ave.

Decatur, IL

EXECUTIVE BOARD PRESENT

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| 1. State Coord.-Mike Myers | 8. Activities-Carl Shamhart |
| 2. Assist. State Coord.-Roger Leach-late | 9. Office Manager-Pauli Ward |
| 3. Secretary-Kat Conner | 10. NE Region-Mike Ryan |
| 4. Treasurer-Julie Bacon | 11. NW Region- Scott Gerke |
| 5. Legislative-Bob Myers | 12. WC Region-Don Boland |
| 6. Safety & Ed.-Laura Mayer | 13. SE Region-Rick "Doc" Jones |
| 7. Products-Terrie VanHuss | 14. SW Region-Rich KinKade |

EXECUTIVE BOARD ABSENT

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| 1. Newsletter- Ronie "RJ" Scroggins | 4. WC Region- Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal- ABATE business |
| 2. Public Relations- Carleen Grant | |
| 3. Bike Raffle- Gus Miller | |

OTHERS PRESENT

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| 1. Renae Bauer- Kaskaskia Valley | 3. Troy Daugherty-Kaskaskia Valley |
| 2. Pam Boland- Central | 4. Barb Bailey- Lincoln Land |

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

Approval of the minutes:

Corrections to minutes: Northern Illinois sanction- motion should read "to recommend" to the BOD. . .

Motion made by Carl Shamhart to approve minutes as corrected, Laura Mayer 2nd, no discussion, motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Update on Southside Chicago website issue:

Roger Leach not present to give update. Mike Myers has been told that Terry "Aloha" Hopkins is working on it. He is disappointed that Legal Services has not given him any input.

Seminar Rooms: Roger not here to report.

Lobbyist Contract: The new contract with Todd Vandermyde's new business name has been signed and will be brought by Bob Myers to the April meeting.

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ABATE Legal Services review:

A question was raised as to when the review was to be held. It should be done at the April meeting. Pauli Ward is going to check, she should have the Legal Service plan from Jim "Legs" Korte's term of office.

Bylaw committee:

A phone conference was scheduled for March 16th, but a quorum was not reached. The committee will try again on the 21st. This is concerning the attendance bylaw.

Motion made by Terrie Van Huss to close Unfinished Business, Laura Mayer 2nd, no discussion, motion carried.

New Business:

Legal Services:

Motion by Laura Mayer, Mike Ryan 2nd to open Legal Services administration to all ABATE members in good standing who are lawyers, amended to state "qualified lawyers", discussion, motion postponed until the next meeting. Motion to postpone carried. EB2011-4

Discussion included who is on the administration committee, is now a good time for possible change, who files the Attorney of Record papers.

2011 MRF Donation:

Motion by Rick "Doc" Jones, Scott Gerke 2nd to recommend to the BOD that the 2011 MRF pledge be \$1.00 per member minus the \$3000.00 budgeted already for the MRF board members, discussion, motion failed. Opposed: Kat Conner, Pauli Ward, Roger Leach, Laura Mayer, Julie Bacon, Mike Ryan, Rich KinKade, Carl Shamhart, Don Boland, Stacey Rigsby.

Motion made by Scott Gerke to close New Business, Stacey Rigsby 2nd, no discussion, motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Motion by Carl Shamhart, Pauli Ward 2nd to reopen Unfinished Business, motion carried.

Southside Chicago website issue update:

Roger reports that it is almost impossible to find the actual person's name and physical address that is responsible for this. They have found information on the service provider, but Legal Services feels the provider can not be held responsible for a freedom of speech issue on a social network. Rick "Doc" Jones feels we need to find an "injured party"; someone who has not joined ABATE of IL, Inc. because of the website's negative influence.

Seminar Rooms:

Roger has met with the hotel and they have decided to have a one week cancellation policy put into effect. That would take care of the problem of being billed for rooms that were not canceled or were canceled at the last minute.

Seminar 2012: Date of the seminar is January 20-22, 2012 at the Northfield in Springfield. Roger is working on getting a motivational speaker for the guest speaker.

Specialty License Plates:

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The bill to get the year round plates is scheduled for its third reading, please call your senators and urge them to vote yes on this.

Motion by Carl Shamhart, Laura Mayer 2nd to close Unfinished Business, motion carried.

Break: 11: 30-11:40 am

Officers Reports:

State Coordinator:

Mike reiterated his concern that information is not getting to chapter members. He restates that BOD reps need to come to all BOD meetings and take that information back to their chapter members. He urges all to sign up for ONDGO messages.

Assistant State Coordinator:

The Cycle Rider Training fund case will be heard in the Illinois Supreme Court between 8:30 am –noon on the 22nd of March.

Treasurer:

Julie explained to new officers they have 90 days to get their receipts turned in for reimbursement. She explained how the transportation expense is paid. Ford County still has not turned in their 990 form. This is a chapter that has always been on time in the past and she hopes that the matter will be resolved quickly. She reported on the year end finances and explained that the seminar report was not presented today because not all the bills have been paid.

Activities:

Carl reported on the February Swap Meet. It will be February 19th next year.

The Awareness Rally is being finalized. The IDOT parking lot will be the starting point. The side of the capitol building where the Firemen's Memorial is will be the finish. The representative he works with at the capitol building complimented ABATE of Il., Inc. for being easy to work with compared to some other organizations.

State party: Region coordinators will be in charge of security again. Carl needs to know what size golf cart is needed by each executive board member. He needs a list of names of those planning to come in on Thursday night along with their guest's name. **Motion by Julie Bacon, Scott Gerke 2nd to recommend that one guest per executive board member be allowed in on the Thursday night of the state party and their name should be provided at least one week in advance to the Assistant State Coordinator, motion carried. EB2011-5**

The chapter that cleans up on Sunday gets in on Thursday also. The High School now has outdoor cameras in their parking lot and we will not be parking there. There will be alternate locations for those who wish to be there before the gates open on Friday. Gus will be doing the field events after the parade this year. The Memorial Ride will probably be in the morning.

Public Relations:

Carleen Grant was absent, but sent a report. If you want a billboard, call 217-522-6224 and ask for Rose Trader. The proclamations for Motorcycle Awareness Month are on the website and can be downloaded. IDOT will be holding three press events (Chicago, Alton, Springfield) on March 30th. IDOT's theme will be "Gear Up".

Legislative:

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Bob Myers presented a handout on all the current legislation and went over it. It is attached at the end of the minutes. He is working on a position paper to give the legislators on HB2860. If the specialty license plates are approved, a certain number must be purchased within two years or they will be discontinued. The legislature is out of session the week of March 21st. We need to push for cosponsors on both Federal bills # HR412 and HR904. Legislative Day was a success, but Bob would like to see more members there and have more one on one with each member's congressmen. The Washington, D.C. trip is April 3-9; eight are going.

Products:

Awareness Rally and State Party shirt designs are done. The stocking caps that were to be here in December have finally arrived. If you want a youth or ladies shirt for the Awareness rally, please order them by April 15th. Different trailers are still being looked at and bids gathered.

Safety & Ed:

Laura is going to the Lifesaver's Conference. She asked the Regional Coordinators to talk to their chapters. They need to let the BOD reps know when their chapters are ordering supplies so they have room in whatever vehicle they are driving to carry them home.

State Office:

Pauli brought up the continuing problems with the AD&D insurance company. Mike reported that one agent has been fired because of his inappropriate actions. If anyone has a problem; get the agent's name and phone number. Send it to Mike Myers or Pauli Ward at the state office. If you have a claim; run it through the state office as Pauli is the liason.

Bike Raffle:

Members need to take the bike to events in order to sell more tickets. There was a question raised on the legality of our license; Roger will contact Legal Services.

May executive meeting:

Motion by Rick "Doc" Jones, Mike Ryan 2nd to have the May executive board meeting on May 21st at the Prairieland Building in Decatur, discussion, motion failed. Opposed: Roger Leach, Kat Conner, Julie Bacon, Bob Myers, Laura Mayer, Terrie Van Huss, Pauli Ward, Carl Shamhart, Scott Gerke, Stacey Rigsby, Don Boland, Rich KinKade.

Region Reports:

Northwest:

Scott congratulated Freeport on their 25th anniversary, there is a celebration tonight in Mt. Morris.

May 21st Thunder Rock is putting on Hawg Nuts in Polo.

September 24-25 is the Big River Rendevous.

If you'd like to be on the region's calendar list; give Scott your email address.

Treasurer's Note: If you win/buy anything from a raffle/fundraiser for more than \$600, you must now fill out a 1099 form. She will discuss this at the April BOD meeting.

Northeast:

April/May will start planning PACtoberfest.

There have been some meetings with clubs in the area about joining ABATE and hopefully there will be a new chapter approved at the next BOD meeting.

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West Central:

Adams County Fairgrounds will be the site for the next Region Party; Great River and Pathfinders will host this. More details will follow at a later date.

East Central:

April 3- Region meeting in Farmer City

May 19-20- Rally in the Valley

Former Prairieland chapter president Darrell Statzer is in a neuro-clinic and making progress from his accident. Stacey urged people to take the time to visit.

South West:

The Marble Run is going well. Three chapters have held meet and greets to get the word of ABATE out to people. Alton will have an Awareness Ride May 14th.

South East:

Shawnee Hills gave \$2500 at the seminar to be added to the 2011 MRF pledge. There may be two chapters reinstating in the future.

Legislative addition:

Bob Myers discussed HB1979 concerning the proposed E-15 type fuel.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Julie Bacon, Laura Mayer 2nd, no discussion, motion carried.

Time: 2 pm

Submitted by Kat Conner

State Secretary

Legislative Report

Bills we Oppose

HB0285 Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that every operator and passenger on a motorcycle, motor driven cycle, or motorized pedalcycle who is age 26 or younger must wear a helmet that meets federal safety standards.

In Vehicles & Safety committee-Re-referred to Rules- - -DEAD

HB0290-Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code to require every operator and passenger on a motorcycle, motor driven cycle, or motorized pedalcycle to wear a helmet that meets federal safety standards.

In Vehicles & Safety committee-Re-referred to Rules-----DEAD

HB0292-Would ban everyone from under 16 from riding an ATV or dirt bike. Would require a valid driver's license to operate and mandates training in schools from K-12.

Put in sub committee on mandates- Re-referred to Rules----DEAD

SB0055- Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Makes it unlawful: for a person under the age of 16 to operate or be a passenger on a bicycle unless he or she wears a protective bicycle helmet; for a person who weighs less than 40

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pounds or is less than 40 inches in height to be a passenger on a bicycle unless the person can be and is properly seated in and adequately secured to a bicycle safety seat; and for a parent or legal guardian of a person below the age of 12 to permit the person to operate or be a passenger on a bicycle in violation of the foregoing provisions. Provides for a civil penalty, and that moneys collected under this Act shall be deposited into the Share the Road Fund.

In Public Health committee-Re-referred to Assignments-----DEAD

SB0057-Creates the Ski Slope Safety Act. Provides that every ski area operator shall ensure that skiers and snowboarders are not permitted to enter ski areas without protective helmets and requires all skiers and snowboarders to wear protective helmets while in a ski area. Sets forth penalties for violations of the Act. Provides that the Director of Public Health shall adopt reasonable rules to enforce compliance with the Act. Makes other changes.

HELD- in Public Health Committee---DEAD----Re-referred to Assignments.

BILLS WE SUPPORT

HB1914- Amends the State Finance Act. Provides that no special fund shall be subject to sweeps, administrative charge-backs, or any other fiscal or budgetary maneuver that would in any way transfer any amount from a special fund into any other fund of the State. Effective immediately.

WATCHING- on House Floor- on the calendar for 2nd reading

HB2860-Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that the driver of a motorcycle, facing any steady red signal which fails to change to a green signal within a reasonable period of time because of a signal malfunction or because the signal has failed to detect the arrival of the motorcycle due to the motorcycle's size or weight, has the right to proceed subject to the rules applicable after making a stop at a stop sign.

SB1291-Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides for the issuance of ABATE special license plates for passenger vehicles of the first division, motor vehicles of the second division weighing not more than 8,000 pounds, and motorcycles. Provides that, in addition to the appropriate registration fees, an applicant for the special plates shall be charged a fee of \$15 at original issuance and \$2 at each renewal. Provides that the additional fees shall be deposited into the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund. Effective January 1, 2012.

WATCHING- Passed committee- on Senate Floor- on the calendar for 3rd reading.

SB1380- Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that the Department of State Police may not require a State Police officer to issue a specific number of citations, complaints, or warning notices during any specified time period for violations of traffic regulations governing the movement of vehicles. Effective immediately.

HELD UP BY SPONSOR

Looking into legislation on no mc only check points- MAY have to revert to a court case as other states.

March 22nd - oral arguments on our Illinois Supreme Court case.

Hope to meet with Rutherford and staff after court case on South Fork riding park, Leroy Harris owner, and the \$400,000 grant. It was awarded, but never paid.

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Legal Service to write a position paper to Comptroller concerning the Cycle Rider Training and asked for meeting the week of the 28th w/Todd, George, Rod(if in town) and myself

FEDERAL LEVEL-

HR412-Lead Ban- youth ATV's only has 4 Illinois co-sponsors: Kinzinger, Schock, Costello, Shimkus.

HR904- No DOT money for funding mc only road blocks, ONLY 2 Illinois co-sponsors: Schock, Costello