

A.B.A.T.E. OF IL, INC. Executive Board Meeting September 17, 2011  
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Executive Board meeting September 17, 2011  
Meeting Location- Prairieland Building  
Decatur, IL 62703

### **EXECUTIVE BOARD PRESENT**

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

### **EXECUTIVE BOARD ABSENT**

1. Asst. Coordinator- Roger Leach
2. Bike Raffle- Gus Miller
3. Safety & Ed – Laura Mayer- auto accident
4. Newsletter- Ronie "RJ" Scroggins
5. Public Relations- Carleen Grant

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

1. Rose Goudschaal- Pathfinders
2. Jim "Legs" Korte- MRF Rep
3. Renie KinKade- St. Clair
4. Pam Boland- Central
5. Spencer Gire –Heart of Illinois

The Executive Board meeting was called to order at 10:31 am with the State Coordinator Mike Myers leading in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Approval of the minutes: Motion by Bob Myers to approve the minutes with corrections, Rich KinKade 2<sup>nd</sup>, no discussion, motion carried.**

Corrections included, Roger Leach, not Larson, missed the second under Assistant State Coordinator- Rick "Doc" Jones, under MRF – added "or to an Illinois MRF Rep" in place of "to the MRF" in the next to the last sentence, added Secretary Note to Anonymous Donation that explains it will be on the next agenda.

### **Unfinished Business:**

**Raffle Permit:** Roger Leach was absent and left no answer on this.

**Motion by Mike Ryan to close Unfinished Business, Scott Gerke 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.**

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**New Business:**

**Budget: Motion by Julie Bacon, Bob Myers 2<sup>nd</sup> to move this item to the end of the agenda, motion carried.**

**Went into Executive Session at 10:37 to discuss the annual employee review.  
Out of Executive Session at 10:44**

**Motion by Julie Bacon, Terrie VanHuss 2<sup>nd</sup>, to not give the state office manager a raise this year and look into (health) insurance at a later date(2013), motion carried. EB2011-13**

**Motion by Pauli Ward, Rick "Doc" Jones 2<sup>nd</sup>, to not raise the part time employee salary at this time, motion carried. EB2011-14**

**Heartland STEAM:**

We will be hosting this event in March of 2013. **Motion by Bob Myers, Julie Bacon 2<sup>nd</sup>, to have the Assistant State Coordinator start looking for a place to host Heartland STEAM in 2013, discussion, motion carried. EB2011-15**

Discussion included a request to have the hotel be on the western edge of the state, the Quad Cities was mentioned as a possible location, we need to get the criteria before we go further. Rick "Doc" Jones feels we might want to drop the conference after we host it as Illinois does not usually participate in it unless it is held in our state. This year's STEAM will be held March 23-25 at the Marriott in Omaha, NE.

**Motion to close New Business by Roger Leach, Mike Ryan 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.**

**Officer Reports:**

**State Coordinator:** Mike reminded the e-board members that they really need to have an article in each month's state paper, it does not have to be long.

**Secretary:** Kat discussed the tentative dates for 2012. It was decided to schedule the May meeting time for 1:00 pm. **Motion by Rick "Doc" Jones, Terrie VanHuss 2<sup>nd</sup>, to schedule a July 2012 executive board meeting, which could be canceled if not needed, motion carried. EB2011-16**

**Public Relations:** Carleen was not here, but sent a report which was given to all.

**Activities:** Carl discussed his chapter's motion concerning the state party and his concern with members holding activities at the party in competition with the scheduled events. It was reiterated that Illinois is not a party state, but geared toward passing legislation and would like to remain so.

**Legislative:** The 2012 Legislative Agendas have been sent out, Bob asked if there were any needed changes and discussed some he made. This will be presented at the Meeting of

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the Minds. Bob also asked for updated lists of legislative reps from region coordinators. Legislative Day is March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012. October 25-27 & November 8-10 are Veto Sessions in the General Assembly.

**Products:** Terrie is still working on putting in the shelves in her new trailer.

**Safety & Ed:** Laura was in an auto accident and is home recovering.

**State Office:** Pauli expressed her concerns that applications are not being mailed in to the office in a timely manner. Backroads and Freedom by Choice still owe for tickets from the state party. Black Diamond, Hubbard Trail, and Heart of Illinois have state bike tickets yet. A short discussion was held concerning the leftover plaques that are in the state office. Mike Ryan had a question on event insurance for one of his chapters.

**Break for lunch: 11:55-12:30**

**Bike Raffle:** Discussion was held on whether or not we should continue to have 8 prizes; used to have only 5. Sales were down this year. Mike reiterated that it is the bike co-ordinator's job to see the bike gets out there and they are responsible for storing it. Membership is not participating as they have in the past. The 2012 bike has been purchased and is ready to be shown. Funding was in this year's budget to do this. There is still the problem of the raffle permit question that is a huge concern to some chapters.

**Motion by Carl Shamhart, Stacey Rigsby 2<sup>nd</sup>, to have the State Coordinator contact A.B.A.T.E. Legal Services about the state bike raffle permit and get the information out to the chapters in a timely manner, motion carried. EB2011-17**

**Region reports:**

**Northwest:** Turkey Testicle Festival will be held in Byron October 8<sup>th</sup>, the region does not have to do security this year, but should still get part of the proceeds.

**Northeast:** February 2012 is scheduled for the Bike Expo. Mike Ryan has offered to run it even though his term will have expired. All Northeast region chapters were at the BOD, which is a first in quite some time.

**West Central:** October 1<sup>st</sup> is "Cap's" birthday, all are invited to his party. Freedom Valley and Peo-taz are having anniversary parties this month. He has been in contact with the people who run the helicopter hospital evacuation service in his area and would like them to come to a BOD meeting to make a presentation.

**East Central:** The region is planning a meeting. No details yet.

**Southwest:** The party for the end of the Marble Run is October 1<sup>st</sup>. September 25 is the Belleville Swap meet, the new bike will be on display there.

**Southeast:** There is some interest in starting a new chapter.

**Motion by Carl Shamhart, Mike Ryan 2<sup>nd</sup>, to reopen New Business, motion carried.**

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**Budget:** Julie gave everyone a copy of the proposed budget and discussed some of her major concerns. The executive board then went over the budget line by line discussing changes that could be made. Jim "Legs" Korte was recognized and asked to explain the MRF costs.

Secretary had to leave at 2 pm. The following is from the tape recording and notes taken by Pam Boland.

**Motion by Terrie VanHuss, Carl Shamhart 2<sup>nd</sup> to give \$2301.00 to legislative, taking \$30,000 out of savings, discussion. Opposed: Rick "Doc" Jones. Motion carried. EB2011-18**

Discussion included concerns with taking money out of savings, balancing the budget, being realistic, legislative, safety & ed, and public relations are the three biggest line items and are also what this organization is about, there may be more income next year, charity begins at home and this may be a wake up call for chapters who donate more to other charities than to their own organization.

Break called by State Coordinator around 2:20, returned from break at 2:35.

**Motion by Carl Shamhart, Terrie VanHuss 2<sup>nd</sup>, to close New Business. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Terrie Van Huss, Carl Shamhart 2<sup>nd</sup>, to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 p.m.**

**Submitted by,  
Kat Conner  
State Secretary**