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Board of Directors meeting December 15, 2012  
Meeting Location- Brookens Auditorium  
University of Illinois at Springfield, One Plaza  
Springfield, IL 62703

**EXECUTIVE BOARD PRESENT**

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| 1. State Coordinator- Mike Myers  | 10. Bike Raffle-Bob Dodson           |
| 2. Asst. State Coord.-Scott Gerke | 11. Office Manager-Pauli Ward        |
| 3. Secretary- Laural Stegall      | 12. Activities-Barb Fitzpatrick      |
| 4. Treasurer-Julie Bacon          | 13. NE Region-John Bloch             |
| 5. Legislative- Bob Myers         | 14. WC Region-Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal |
| 6. Safety & Ed-Laura Mayer        | 15. SE Region- Mick Eddington        |
| 7. Products-Terrie VanHuss        | 16. SE Region- Rick "Doc" Jones      |
| 8. Newsletter-RJ Scroggins        | 17. SW Region-Rich Kinkade           |
| 9. Public Relations-Carleen Grant |                                      |

**EXECUTIVE BOARD ABSENT**

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. NE Region-Jay Spivey   | 3. EC Region-Stacey Rigsby |
| 2. NW Region-Brian Enburg | 4. EC Region-Jim Cone      |
| 3. WC Region-Don Boland   |                            |

**CHAPTERS PRESENT**

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|---|---|
| 1. Apple Creek                                | 27. Kishwaukee Valley                     |
| 2. Backroads                                  | 28. Liberty                               |
| 3. Beaucoup Bottoms (left 4 <sup>15</sup> pm) | 29. Lincolnland (left 2 <sup>58</sup> pm) |
| 4. Black Diamond                              | 30. Midstate                              |
| 5. Blackhawk                                  | 31. Northern IL                           |
| 6. Central Illinois                           | 32. Old River                             |
| 7. Chicago                                    | 33. Open Roads                            |
| 8. Children of the Corn                       | 34. Pathfinders                           |
| 9. Crooked Creek                              | 35. Peo-Taz                               |
| 10. Crossroads                                | 36. Piasa-Gateway                         |
| 11. Dukane                                    | 37. Prairieland                           |
| 12. Eastern Illinois                          | 38. River Valley                          |
| 13. Embarras Valley                           | 39. Salt Creek                            |
| 14. Flatlanders                               | 40. Shawnee Hills                         |
| 15. Franklin County                           | 41. Shoal Creek                           |
| 16. Freebird                                  | 42. South Suburban                        |
| 17. Freedom by Choice                         | 43. Southern Dupage                       |
| 18. Freedom Valley                            | 44. Southern Illinois 27                  |
| 19. Freeport                                  | 45. St. Clair                             |
| 20. Fulton County                             | 46. Starved Rock                          |
| 21. Heart of Illinois                         | 47. Thunder Rock                          |
| 22. Heartland                                 | 48. Tri County (left 3 <sup>05</sup> pm)  |
| 23. Heritage Trail                            | 49. Twin Rivers                           |
| 24. Iron Riders                               | 50. Union Jack (left 4 <sup>15</sup> pm)  |
| 25. Jasper County                             | 51. Will County                           |
| 26. Kaskaskia Valley                          |   |

**CHAPTERS ABSENT**

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| 1. Big River       |                        |
| 2. Crawford County | 9. Northwest Suburban  |
| 3. Ford County     | 10. Richland County    |
| 4. Freedom Riders  | 11. Southern Freedom   |
| 5. Great River     | 12. Spoon River Riders |
| 6. Hubbard Trail   | 13. Wabash Valley      |
| 7. Lamoine Valley  | 14. Windy City         |
| 8. Lost Creek      |                        |

**GUESTS PRESENT**

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| 1. Juanita Triplett-Kishwaukee Valley | 7. Carol Wannemacher-Liberty |
| 2. Kurt Husen-Kishwaukee Valley       | 8. Brent Rassi-Peo-Taz       |
| 3. Nora Phelan-Starved Rock           | 9. Tim Perry-Pathfinders     |
| 4. Misty Parrish-Flatlanders          | 10. Chris Zimmerman-Freeport |
| 5. Norm Woods-Lincolnland             | 11. Dennis Yeager-Freeport   |
| 6. Mike Hahn-Dukane                   | 12. Barb Amling-Midstate     |

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order on December 15, 2012 at 1:00 pm. Mike Myers, State Coordinator, led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence for our lost brothers and sisters this year and the Newtown, CT tragedy.

**Approval of the October 20, 2012 minutes:**

**Freeport moved to accept minutes, seconded by Thunder Rock. Motion passed.**

**Unfinished Business:**

1. Proposed Legislative Agenda for 2013-**Thunder Rock moved to accept proposed legislative agenda for 2013, seconded by Southern Dupage. (BOD2012-29) No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.**
2. SB1566 2nd amendment (Open off road lands to motorcycles, fund DNR from off road vehicle stickers)-For the record, Midstate chapter has questions about this bill since it has already been passed. If DNR stops a farmer with an unstickered dirt bike/atv in back of truck, will the truck and dirt bike/atv be impounded; if a business owner has unstickered atv used in business, i.e. land fill, in back of truck, will the equipment be impounded? What are the rules for law enforcement? Will there be somebody on the committee to make these rules? Bob Myer responded to Midstate's questions: "This bill is bad." This is the bill that Jay Hall and Todd Vandermyde came to a Board of Directors meeting to explain and express their concerns. The way it was passed, DNR will be funded by off road motorcycles. Bob was asked why we weren't notified of the passing of this bill. His answer was that there was already "an inferno" about this bill and he didn't want it to be worse. Bob Myer and Todd Vandermyde met with the DNR Director Mark Miller to discuss our concerns. "Todd wanted it kept quiet so the *greenies* didn't get wind of it and squash it to keep you off state lands." DNR Director Mark Miller wants to meet with ABATE in January 2013. Bob has asked John "Hunter John" Harris, Stacey Rigsby, and Jay Hall (racer, off roader, business owner) to represent ABATE on the committee. Discussion of AMA involvement; recruiting new members, if there had been more discussion of bill possibly brought in new, younger, off road riders. Members have lost credibility because of lack of information. **There will be a meeting with the DNR Director Mark Miller in January 2013 with ABATE representatives: Bob Myers, Todd Vandermyde, John "Hunter John" Harris, Stacey Rigsby, and Jay Hall.** Bob Myers stated that the lack of information will not happen again and he accepts responsibility for this. We are trying to rectify this situation. **Members can call DNR Director Mark Miller re: SB1566 2<sup>nd</sup> House amendment with complaints at (217) 782-6302 or (217) 785-9236 or**

**(217) 785-0075. Talking points: sustaining DNR with off road motorcycles/atvs, why not bicycles, or horses; we support our committee.**

**Freedom Valley moved to close unfinished business, seconded by Freedom by Choice. Motion passed. Nays: Midstate.**

**New Business:**

1. Election of A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois' Executive Board-**Piasa-Gateway moved to accept the EBoard officer nominees since all are unopposed, seconded by Thunder Rock. (BOD2012-30)** No discussion. **Motion passed. Nays: Blackhawk, Heart of IL, Kaskaskia Valley, Midstate.** Heart of IL thanked the outgoing officers. Mike Meyers thanked them and listed them: Laura Mayer, Safety & Ed; RJ Scroggins, Newsletter; Carleen Grant, Public Relations; Jay Spivey, NE Region; Brian Enburg, NW Region; Jim Cone, EC Region; Stacey Rigsby, EC Region; and Rick "Doc" Jones, SE Region. Thank you.
2. Lobbyist Contract-ABATE of IL & DTV Consultants (Todd Vandermyde) No changes from last year. **Freedom Valley moved to sign the Lobbyist contract for 2013, seconded by Shawnee Hills. (BOD2012-31)** Discussion: Done a good job; has gotten a lot of praise from legislators; lobbyists are expensive, our contract is affordable; other alternatives but are more expensive. **Motion passed unanimously.**
3. Webmaster Contract-**Freedom by Choice moved to sign the Webmaster contract for 2013, seconded by Southern Dupage. (BOD2012-32)** Discussion: New website guidelines are being written, Ernie Steele (webmaster) is part of the process; this does not change the job description. **Motion passed. Nays: Liberty, Midstate.**
4. A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois Life Membership-No recommendation from EBoard. **Open Roads moved that a Life Membership for ABATE of IL is not wanted at this time, seconded by Freeport. (BOD2012-33)** Discussion: yearly cost of maintaining membership; cost of insurance, newsletter; not cost effective in other organizations due to age of members. **Blackhawk called the question, seconded by Freeport. Motion passed. Nays: Northern IL. Motion (BOD2012-33) passed. Nays: Northern IL.**
5. Donation received-Mike Meyers received a donation from Bruce Rainer of the Rainer Family Foundation at the Chicago Toys for Tots Parade. Mike Meyers talked to him about ABATE, he was not a member, and sent him a Thank You for his generous donation. EBoard recommendation (EB2012-48) that the Rainer Family Foundation donation be put in deferred account with the title "Ride Smart." The "Ride Smart" program is the project Mike Meyers has been working on with IDOT Fatality Board to discover the actual root cause of motorcycle accidents that result in a fatality. The numbers are complete for 2011 and Mike did the first presentation at the IDOT Winter Conference the previous week. The accidents were listed into ten categories. The top root cause was "operator error." "We are killing ourselves faster than the cages." The presentation is called "Ride Smart: A Biker's Perspective." This program focuses on being proactive to eliminate crashes, not make safer crashes. The presentation will be presented on Saturday morning at Seminar. IDOT wants to work with us. **Kaskaskia Valley moved to accept the EBoard recommendation (EB2012-48) that the Rainer Family Foundation donation be put in deferred account with the title "Ride Smart", seconded by Freedom by Choice. (BOD2012-34)** Discussion: expenses for Mike Meyer staying in Springfield, no budget for it; IDOT will pay for PSAs; will be doing several presentations; will be in Springfield about three to six months to do numbers for all 2011 crashes; Safety & Ed bumper stickers, etc.; concern of law enforcement using this, State Police are not involved; Freeport chapter will be taping at Seminar; Q & A is important part of presentation. **Shawnee Hills called the question, seconded by Blackhawk. Motion passed. Motion (BOD2012-34) passed. Nays: Freebird, Heart of IL**
6. Select Panels/Committee Members and Representatives-ABATEPAC-WC Region/John "Hunter John" Harris, NE Region/K.D. "Mad Maxx" Meyer, EC Region/Denny "Spam"

Turner, EC Region/Jeff Marsh, NE Region/Enrique Silva, NE Region/Judy Kaenel, SE Region/Lester Tupper.

**Eastern IL moved to seat all the proposed ABATEPAC trustees, seconded by Open Roads. (BOD2012-35)** No discussion. **Motion passed. Nays: Kaskaskia Valley. Would still like at least two more trustees from the NE Region.**

FEDPAC-NW Region/Dennis Yeager, WC Region/Ryan Hubbard, NE Region/Rick "RO" Olson, SW Region/Jim "Legs" Korte, SW Region/Cindy Lannom. **Thunder Rock moved to seat all the proposed FEDPAC trustees, seconded by Freeport. (BOD2012-36)** No discussion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Bylaw Review Committee-WC Region/Steve "Rat" Surratt, EC Region/Denny "Spam" Turner, EC Region/Jeff Marsh (alternate), SW Region/Jim "Legs" Korte, SE Region/Mick Eddington, NE Region/K.D. "Mad Maxx" Meyer, SE Region/Rick "Doc" Jones (Chair). **Open Roads moved to seat all the proposed Bylaw Review Committee, seconded by Starved Rock. (BOD2012-37)** No discussion. **Motion passed. Nays: Heart of IL. MRF Representative-Jim Conley. Freeport moved to seat Jim Conley as MRF Representative, seconded by Thunder Rock. (BOD2012-38)** Discussion: any other letters of intent? No. **Motion passed unanimously.**

AMA District 17-**Open Roads moved to seat Stacey Rigsby as AMA District 17 Representative, seconded by Embarras Valley. (BOD2012-38)** Discussion: willing to serve? Yes **Motion passed unanimously.**

DNR Representative-Stacey Rigsby does not want to be seated. **Freeport moved to seat John "Hunter John" Harris as DNR Representative, seconded by Thunder Rock. (BOD2012-39)** Discussion: He accepted. **Motion passed unanimously.**

7. Non-Preferred Vendor List-EBoard recommendation (EB2012-44) that Paragon Promotions/Terry King/Ifran Gill be placed on the Non-Preferred Vendor List. Bob Dodson, Bike Raffle Coordinator, explained that in the spring the state raffle bike was taken to an event at Tinley Park and he was asked to leave because ABATE was considered to be wearing colors. Terry King said we would be reimbursed for our expenses (\$500) and to date that has not happened. In addition, Paragon Promotions owed the state for a newspaper ad for over a year, was paid three weeks ago when they were told this would be brought to the Board for them to be put on the Non-Preferred Vendor List. At this time, there has not been a reimbursement for the expenses from the event at Tinley Park. (Terry King is an employee of Paragon Promotions; Ifran Gill is the owner of Paragon Promotions.) **Franklin County moved to accept the EBoard recommendation (EB2012-44) that Paragon Promotions/Terry King/Ifran Gill be placed on the Non-Preferred Vendor List, seconded by Freedom Valley. (BOD2012-40)** Discussion: Dukane chapter was contacted by Terry King and Mr. Gill about participating in the Chicago Swap Meet. Reimbursement was made for booth fee. The \$500 was to reimburse for gasoline and hotel, Bob Dodson was told on four occasions that we would be reimbursed for his expenses, Terry King requested an email from Bob Dodson about the reimbursement and Terry King promised to have a check cut. Others have had trouble collecting monies from Paragon Promotions. The issue is: we asked them to pay the bill, and they promised but did not pay. We have not lost any ticket sales because we have gone other places. He does not pay his bills, restricts chapters from participating with that vendor. **Open Roads called the question, seconded by Kishwaukee Valley. Motion passed. Nays: Blackhawk, Crossroads, Dukane, Northern IL, River Valley, South Suburban, Will County. Motion (BOD2012-40) passed. Ayes: Apple Creek, Backroads, Beaucoup Bottoms, Black Diamond, Central IL, Chicago, Children of the Corn, Crooked Creek, Eastern IL, Embarras Valley, Flatlanders, Franklin County, Freebird, Freeport, Heart of IL, Heartland, Iron Riders, Jasper County, Kaskaskia Valley, Kishwaukee Valley, Liberty, Midstate, Old River, Open Roads, Pathfinders, Peo-Taz, Piasa-Gateway, Salt Creek, Shoal Creek, Southern IL 27, Starved Rock, Tri County, Twin Rivers, Union Jack. Nays: Blackhawk, Crossroads,**

**Northern IL, River Valley, South Suburban, Southern Dupage, St. Clair, Will County.**

Break 3<sup>05</sup> - 3<sup>20</sup>

8. Midstate Chapter Representative stated that he has noticed a problem when chapters have been getting donations from bars. The bar owners he spoke to wanted more information about ABATE, didn't know if they were getting promised "Poker Runs", and in one case the bar owner wanted to be a member of ABATE but not a specific chapter. **The Midstate Chapter Representative would like to address this issue at the next Board meeting.**
9. **Backroads moved to have Mike Myers present the "Ride Smart: A Biker's Perspective" after the February 2013 BOD meeting, seconded by Piasa-Gateway. (BOD2012-41)** Discussion: after the meeting; questions are welcome; any ABATE member in good standing can attend the BOD meeting and the presentation; even though presentation will be presented at Seminar, will be available to those who don't attend Seminar. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**Thunder Rock moved to close New Business, seconded by River Valley. Motion passed.**  
**Nays: Freedom by Choice, Heart of IL**

**Officer Reports:**

**STATE COORDINATOR** (Mike Meyers)-Changing image with "Ride Smart"; good feedback from at IDOT Winter Conference. Thank you for election to a fourth term as State Coordinator.

**ASSISTANT STATE COORDINATOR** (Scott Gerke)-*Seminar*- Planning is finished; information and registration forms will be in newsletter or can sign up on website. Remember the cancellation policy. Register early. Kaskaskia Valley made donations for Hospitality Room and banner. Remind chapters about contributions for banners and Hospitality Room. Quilt is finished and will be auctioned at the ABATEPAC auction on Saturday night after the banquet.

*Heartland STEAM*-Can reserve rooms at the Grand Hotel on Brandywine Drive in Peoria now. Registration is on the state website and in newsletter.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS** (Carleen Grant)-Contact information was given for media spots, billboards, IDOT Window Wash and Motorcycle Awareness Month. Been an honor to serve you.

**NEWSLETTER** (RJ Scroggins)-Email will remain the same for the newsletter. Thanks for opportunity.

**SECRETARY** (Laural Stegall)-No report.

**LEGISLATIVE** (Bob Myers)-For Chapter Legislative reps use [bobkat63@frontier.net](mailto:bobkat63@frontier.net) as Bob's email. **Have Chapter Legislative Reps send contact information to your Regional Coordinator, Regional Coordinator send contact information as a group to Bob.** If any chapter is being hassled by Gaming Commission let Bob know; he will need bar name, owner, phone number and commissioner's name.

Elections are over; we won some, lost some. Thank our outgoing friends and meet the incoming legislators.

Ethanol Bill will probably be back in January. Be prepared to call your legislators if it comes back. General Assembly website has changed; has become very user friendly; only have to sign up once. Issues on the Legislative Agenda for 2013: protect property owners that have CRSTP classes from frivolous law suits stemming from the CRSTP; remove CRSTP Fund from any sweeps list; legalize non-police traffic guides for legal, permitted events such as Safety & Awareness Rally, Springfield Miles, our State Party and other legal motorcycle events where needed; and HB6239 roadside memorials.

*Legislative Day* will be 3/6/13. For reservations at the State House in Springfield call (217)528-5100 starting 2/1/13.

Remember you can use your credit card for purchases at the PAC auctions at Seminar.

**SAFETY & EDUCATION** (Laura Mayer)-Cycle rider safety training is desperate for a site in Dupage County; area needs to be 200 feet by 300 feet, doesn't need a building.

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Minutes approved as amended on February 16, 2012

Laura Mayer needs to be reimbursed for expenses beyond 90 days. **River Valley moved to reimburse Laura Mayer for expenses beyond 90 days, seconded by Will County. (BOD2012-42)** No discussion. **Motion passed unanimously.** 701 classes taught, 16145 students taught with only 40 chapters teaching. IDOT will be issuing a "certificate of appreciation" for all of the classroom work done. Thank you for everyone's support and help over the years. Donation accepted.

**ACTIVITIES** (Barb Fitzpatrick)-*Swap Meet* will be on 2/17/13. Everything is ready.

*Safety & Awareness Rally* will be on 5/5/13. **The chapter with the most members at the Safety & Awareness Rally, Barb will be a "slave" for one chapter event.**

*State Party*-The gate will open on Thursday at 3<sup>00</sup> pm with an additional charge of \$5 for Thursday night. There will be a Dinner Ride that evening.

**BIKE RAFFLE** (Bob Dodson)-Each chapter Board Rep is responsible for picking up their tickets for the State Raffle Bike. This was the last day for money to be paid for advertising on the trailers. Bob needs events like county fairs to take the raffle bike, **call him, don't email.** Accepted donation.

**PRODUCTS** (Terrie VanHuss)-Doing end of year inventory, won't be answering emails.

**STATE OFFICE** (Pauli Ward)-Membership numbers holding at about 9800. American Income Life gave money for our Christmas Party. Accepted donations.

**TREASURER** (Julie Bacon)-**Encourage Chapter Treasurer to attend Seminar and Julie's Breakout Session; will be completing 990s.** Chapter checks from bike raffle sales need to be cashed by 1/15/13.

**ABATEPAC** (Neil Toepfer)-Treasurer Report. Thank you for chapter donations. Auction Saturday night at Seminar.

**FEDPAC** (Ryan Hubbard)-Treasurer Report. Thank you for chapter donations. Auction Friday night at Seminar. *DC Trip* will be 4/23/13-4/26/13 or 4/9/13-4/12/13. At this time there are four women and six men interested in attending with overlap, prefer from different districts.

#### **Panel Reports:**

**MRF REP**-Jim "Legs" Korte-There are 340 active members, 629 inactive members. MRF budget is slowly improving; consider making a personal or chapter donation. Report on IL Road Trip, prizes will be given at Seminar. **Piasa-Gateway moved to donate ABATE's portion of proceeds from IL Road Trip to MRF BOD deferred account, seconded by Midstate. (BOD2012-43)** Discussion: donate all, no split; would like in MRF BOD travel. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**D-17/AMA Rep**-No report.

#### **Region Reports:**

**SW REGION** (Rich Kinkade)-Activities in region.

**NE Region** (John Bloch)-Activities in region.

**SE REGION** (Mick Eddington)-Lost several members from accidents.

**NW REGION**-Activities in region.

**WC REGION** (Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal)-Regional Party will be 7/12/13-7/15/13. Three chapters and Region donated to MRF.

**EC REGION** (Larry Ackerman)-New Regional Coordinator. Region meeting at Seminar. Try in 2014 to have Regional Party.

Drawings.

**Starved Rock moved to adjourn, seconded by Thunder Rock. Motion passed.**

**Submitted by,  
Laural Stegall, State Secretary**

Amended 2/16/13: Chapter Present Northern IL; Call the question Nay vote Northern IL; Motion numbers corrected