

A.B.A.T.E. OF ILLINOIS, INC.-Board of Directors Meeting, February 18, 2012
Minutes approved on April 21, 2012

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Board of Directors meeting February 18, 2012
Meeting Location- Brookens Auditorium
University of Illinois at Springfield, One Plaza
Springfield, IL 62703

EXECUTIVE BOARD PRESENT

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| 1. State Coord- Mike Myers | 10. Products-Terrie VanHuss |
| 2. Asst State Coord-Scott Gerke | 11. Newsletter-RJ Scroggins |
| 3. Secretary- Laural Stegall | 11. NE Region-John Bloch |
| 4. Treasurer-Julie Bacon | 12. NW Region- Brian Enburg |
| 5. Legislative- Bob Myers | 13. WC Region- Don Boland |
| 6. Office Manager-Pauli Ward | 14. WC Region- Kevin "Cap" Goudschall |
| 7. Safety & Ed-Laura Mayer | 15. EC Region-Jim Cone |
| 8. Activities- Barb Fitzpatrick | 16. Bike Raffle-Bob Dodson |
| 9. Public Relations-Carleen Grant | |

EXECUTIVE BOARD ABSENT

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| 1. NE Region-Jay Spivey | 3. SE Region-Rick "Doc" Jones |
| 2. EC Region-Stacy Rigsby | 4. SW Region-Rich Kinkade |

CHAPTERS PRESENT

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| 1. Apple Creek | 27. Kaskaskia Valley |
| 2. Backroads | 28. Kishwaukee Valley |
| 3. Beaucoup Bottoms (4 ²⁵ pm) | 29. Lamoine Valley (4 ⁴⁰ pm) |
| 4. Big River | 30. Lincolnland |
| 5. Black Diamond | 31. Lost Creek |
| 6. Blackhawk | 32. Midstate |
| 7. Central Illinois | 33. Northern Illinois |
| 8. Chicago | 34. Northwest Suburban |
| 9. Children of the Corn | 35. Old River |
| 10. Crawford County | 36. Open Roads |
| 11. Crooked Creek | 37. Pathfinders |
| 12. Crossroads (4 ²⁰ pm) | 38. Peo-Taz |
| 13. Dukane | 39. Piasa-Gateway (3 ⁵⁰ pm) |
| 14. Eastern Illinois | 40. Prairieland |
| 15. Embarras Valley (3 ³⁰ pm) | 41. River Valley |
| 16. Flatlanders | 42. Shoal Creek |
| 17. Freebird | 43. South Suburban |
| 18. Freedom by Choice | 44. Southern Dupage |
| 19. Freedom Riders | 45. Southern Illinois 27 |
| 20. Freeport | 46. St. Clair |
| 21. Fulton County | 47. Starved Rock |
| 22. Heart of Illinois | 48. Thunder Rock |
| 23. Heartland | 49. Twin Rivers (4 ⁵⁵ pm) |
| 24. Heritage Trail | 50. Wabash Valley |
| 25. Hubbard Trail (3 ³⁰ pm) | 51. Will County |
| 26. Jasper County (3 ³⁰ pm) | 52. Freedom Valley |

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CHAPTERS ABSENT

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| 1. Ford County | 6. Salt Creek | 11. Southern Freedom |
| 2. Franklin County | 7. Shawnee Hills | |
| 3. Great River | 8. Tri County | |
| 4. Iron Riders | 9. Union Jack | |
| 5. Liberty | 10. Windy City | |

GUESTS PRESENT

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| 1. Rose Vensel-Freedom Riders | 6. Emily Gomez-Chicago |
| 2. Tim Perry-Pathfinders | 7. Dave Winterfeldt-River Valley |
| 3. Kevin Smith-Open Roads | 8. Robert Connell-Freedom Riders |
| 4. Rosie Goudschaal-Pathfinders | 9. Pam Boland-Central Illinois |
| 5. Zenda Sears-PrairieLand | |

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order on February 18, 2012 at 1:00 pm. Mike Myers, state coordinator, led the Pledge of Allegiance and introduced all members of the 2012 Executive Board.

Approval of the December, 2012 minutes:

Southern Illinois moved to accept minutes, Starved Rock seconded. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

1. 990s) Julie Bacon, treasurer, announced the following chapters did not get their 990 in on time and will not be allowed to vote at the February 2012 Board of Directors meeting: Ford County, Iron Riders, Old River, South Suburban, Windy City.
2. Swap Meet) The Swap Meet was changed from April 14 to April 21, 2012.
3. Change in April Board Meeting) Due to the swap meet change in date, the Board of Directors and EBoard meeting will change to April 21, 2012.
4. State Party Contract) Explanation by Mike Myers that the state contract was not presented for signing in a timely manner, so an alternate location was located. A special EBoard meeting was held January 2012 to discuss what to do. The EBoard recommendation (EB2012-1) was to bring before the Board the choice of Altamont or Marseilles. Barb Fitzpatrick, activities, explained about Marseilles, the alternate location. **Blackhawk made the motion to move the state party to the Marseilles/Starved Rock area, Starved Rock seconded. (BOD2012-1)**
Discussion: Altamont area is losing attendance and money; people have been there, done that. Marseilles area has good area to ride, easy to get to, better economy, has shower facilities available. Everything is in place for both locations. Barb Fitzpatrick presented a projected financial report for the Marseilles area, with different activities planned, website advertising, same vendors fees (previous vendors have priority), need map of local attractions. She recommended that the state party be moved about every 3 (three) years to shake things up, more chapter involvement, different vendors. **Peo-Taz called the question, Blackhawk seconded. The motion to move the state party to the Marseilles/Starved Rock area (BOD2012-1) was voted. Motion passed. (BOD2012-1)**
5. Illinois Road Trip) Road Trip booklets are now available, see Jim "Legs" Korte.

Dukane moved to close unfinished business, Thunder Rock seconded. Motion passed.

Officer Reports:

PRODUCTS (Terry VanHuss)-The cost of embroidered denim shirts is prohibitive; Freedom Rally shirts are being done at this time; Legislative Day shirts are finished and key rings are being engraved. A new vendor is needed for pins.

PUBLIC RELATIONS (Carleen Grant)-Chapters need to get motorcycle awareness supplies in April; the bottle bags with coupons have been ordered. Billboards will be \$375 each; a few chapters were dissatisfied with last years, let Carleen know so can be fixed in future. A.B.A.T.E. needs to start taking credit for its accomplishments in magazines.

ASST STATE COORD (Scott Gerke)-State Seminar ended in the black, certificates from seminar were handed out. Seminar 2013 will be January 18-20; donations will be needed for the hospitality room. Tee shirts from each chapter will be needed for a quilt to be made and sold at the PAC auction, give to Scott as soon as possible.
Challenge: Each chapter sells 10 (ten) bike raffle ticket books and boost membership 10%.

LEGISLATIVE (Bob Myers)-Reported on all current bills, both federal and state. A list of the bills was given to the Board. Primaries are coming up soon; chapters need to help our representatives and senators. Bob explained about Senate Bill 3452 (Trotter and IL state police sponsoring). convictions for reckless driving become a felony. Bob introduced Todd Valdemyde (our lobbyist) and he further explained SB3452 and asks what the BOD wanted him to support or not support. **Blackhawk moved to get the absolute best deal on this bill and still remain neutral, Thunder Rock seconded. (BOD2012-2)** Discussion: Do we single out a certain location; support a bill that singles out a type of motorcycle? **Motion failed. (BOD2012-2)** Bob said all information for Legislative Day is on website. Washington DC trip will be 6 (six) men and 2 (two) women, nice A.B.A.T.E. clothing to be worn. Certificates from seminar were handed out.

Break from 3:15 – 3:40

SECRETARY (Laural Stegall)-Chapter secretaries need to get new officer lists to state office.

SAFETY & EDUCATION (Laura Mayer)-New chapter safety officers need to get their contact information to her. Thank you for donations. Updated statistic for fatalities is 143; don't limit presentations to just schools, hand out literature anywhere; explain red light bill to students. Oregon State is now using our program. A committee has been organized to coordinate changes to the current DVD; chapters need to turn in video questionnaire. Handed out certificates.

ACTIVITIES (Barbara Fitzpatrick)-Preparations for the Swap meet and Awareness Rally are under way. During the break, a phone call was made and preparations are under way for the state party in Marseilles, Ernie Steele purchased the first 20 tickets. Call if any questions; 815 919-7870, answers 24/7. Will send letter to Altamont, with apologies for state party contract signing.

BIKE RAFFLE (Bob Dodson)-SELL, SELL, SELL!!! 39 (thirty-nine) chapters have not picked up raffle tickets; only fundraiser; get tickets and pictures from Pauli Ward at state office; will accept donations from chapters for gas money

STATE OFFICE (Pauli Ward)-Need new chapter contact lists; membership numbers holding steady; chapters need to send renewals. Backroads request to be read into minutes "Chapters need to mail applications with checks, fax if credit card." Thank you for donation to General Fund.

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TREASURER (Julie Bacon)-Need 990s in a timelier manner; if chapter treasurer needs help, can't read the budget; ask Julie, don't wait for seminar. Thank you for donations.

STATE COORDINATOR (Mike Myers)-COMMUNICATE in person, use positive language, use less electronic media. If it is vital to communicate with Mike, call him; he will be checking email once a day.

ABATEPAC-Donations from seminar were good; pay attention to grading; all endorsements of candidates by chapters must go through PAC; chapter Legislative Reps need to go to local candidate meet and greet/fundraisers, wear A.B.A.T.E. clothing; chapter Legislative Reps need to fill out questionnaire from PAC, send to PAC regarding local elections for support of candidates. **Crossroads to accept Lester Tupper and Mick Eddington as trustees for SE Region, Dukane seconded. (BOD2012-3)** No discussion. **Motion passed.** DNR wants to add \$1.00 to each motorcycle plate, no other plates.

FEDPAC-Ryan Hubbard was elected new chairman; surveys for candidate grading are complete, the results will be available before the 3/20/12 primary. Thank you for all donations and merchandise for auction at seminar.

BYLAW REVIEW COMMITTEE-Reading of a bylaw change was received at the BOD meeting on 2/18/12, Mike Myers read it for BOD review. Rick Olson, Southern DuPage chapter, submitted an addition to Article 4, Section 1 Executive Board, and "c) Each Executive Board member shall maintain a published e-mail address for the duration of their term."

New Business:

1. Heartland Steam 2013) Scott Gerke to chair event; Peoria possible location.
2. Review Non-Preferred Vendors List) **Dukane moved to accept the Non-Preferred Vendor list as is, Heart of Illinois seconded. (BOD2012-4)** Discussion: Any additions? **Motion passed.**
3. New Truck) Bob Dodson presented information about needing a new truck for pulling the Bike Raffle trailer. Our present truck is too small, not fuel efficient, and has many miles on it. Bob presented pricing information from dealerships. **Southern Illinois moved to accept Bob Dodson's recommendation that a new truck is needed for pulling the bike raffle trailer, Blackhawk seconded.** Discussion: Bob presented information about a Ford truck and a Chevrolet truck; pros and cons of each; prices; accessories; afford it; usually trade every 5 (five) years. **Southern Illinois amended the motion to purchase the Ford truck, Blackhawk seconded.** No discussion. **Blackhawk moved to accept Bob Dodson's recommendation to purchase the Ford truck needed for pulling the bike raffle trailer, seconded by Southern Illinois (BOD2012-5).** Motion passed.

Southern Illinois moved to close new business, Thunder Rock seconded. Motion passed.

Panel Reports:

MRF REP (Jim "Legs" Korte)-Thank you for donations; update on legislative bills; MRF office is moving on 3/5/12 to room 204 in same building; 378 active members in IL, working inactive list for members; 315 road trip books checked out; need ideas for possible fundraisers.

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Region Reports:

NERegion (John Bloch) If you need a ride for Legislative Day, let him know.

NW REGION (Brian Enburg) Open Roads having a poker run; on 3/24/12 a Trauma Class will be held in Davenport, Iowa for personnel dealing with motorcycle, ATV, or snowmobile accidents; see Brian for more information.

EC REGION (Jim Cone) Regional meeting in Farmer City on 3/25/12; putting regional calendar together; need new chapter officer contact list.

WC REGION (Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal) Working on Regional party; bands signed up; having bike, trike & ATV games; date of party 7/13/12-7/15/12; memorial ride planned with a bike blessing. Don Boland is working on regional calendar. Freedom Valley and Central Illinois having Broomstick Pool Tournaments; 3/17/12 Crooked Creek is having Shamrock & Shiver ride.

SE REGION (Mick Eddington) Rick "Doc" Jones is ill. Mick delivered message from Doc to thank BOD members from region for taking time to attend meeting.

SW REGION (from email) Talking to people interested in starting new chapters, Marble Run has commenced; portion of proceeds will be given to state.

Membership drawing.

Freedom Valley moved to adjourn, Southern Dupage seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.

**Submitted by,
Laural Stegall
State Secretary**