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Board of Directors meeting April 21, 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 | 11. Office Manager-Pauli Ward |
| 2. Asst State Coord-Scott Gerke | 12. Activities-Barbara Fitzpatrick |
| 3. Secretary- Laural Stegall | 13. NE Region-Jay Spivey |
| 4. Treasurer-Julie Bacon | 14. NW Region-Brian Enburg |
| 5. Legislative- Bob Myers | 15. EC Region-Stacey Rigsby |
| 6. Safety & Ed-Laura Mayer | 16. EC Region-Jim Cone |
| 7. Products-Terrie VanHuss | 17. WC Region-Don Boland |
| 8. Newsletter-RJ Scroggins | 18. WC Region-Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal |
| 9. Public Relations-Carleen Grant | 19. SW Region-Rich Kinkade |
| 10. Bike Raffle-Bob Dodson | |

EXECUTIVE BOARD ABSENT

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| 1. NE Region-John Bloch | 2. SE Region-Rick "Doc" Jones |
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CHAPTERS PRESENT

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| 1. Apple Creek | 29. Iron Riders |
| 2. Backroads | 30. Kaskaskia Valley |
| 3. Beaucoup Bottoms (4 ²⁵ pm) | 31. Kishwaukee Valley |
| 4. Big River | 32. Liberty |
| 5. Blackhawk | 33. Lincolnland |
| 6. Central Illinois | 34. Lost Creek |
| 7. Chicago | 35. Midstate |
| 8. Children of the Corn | 36. Northern Illinois |
| 9. Crawford County | 37. Open Roads |
| 10. Crooked Creek | 38. Pathfinders |
| 11. Crossroads | 39. Piasa-Gateway |
| 12. Dukane | 40. Prairieland |
| 13. Eastern Illinois | 41. River Valley |
| 14. Embarras Valley | 42. Salt Creek |
| 15. Flatlanders | 43. Shawnee Hills |
| 16. Ford County | 44. Shoal Creek (2 ⁴⁵ pm) |
| 17. Franklin County | 45. South Suburban |
| 18. Freebird | 46. Southern Dupage |
| 19. Freedom by Choice | 47. Southern Freedom |
| 20. Freedom Riders (2 ⁴⁵ pm) | 48. Southern Illinois 27 |
| 21. Freedom Valley | 49. St. Clair |
| 22. Freeport | 50. Starved Rock |
| 23. Fulton County | 51. Thunder Rock |
| 24. Great River | 52. Tri County |
| 25. Heart of Illinois | 53. Twin Rivers |
| 26. Heartland | 54. Union Jack |
| 27. Heritage Trail | 55. Will County |
| 28. Hubbard Trail | 56. Windy City |

CHAPTERS ABSENT

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| 1. Black Diamond | 5. Old River |
| 2. Jasper County | 6. Peo-Taz |
| 3. Lamoine Valley | 7. Wabash Valley |
| 4. Northwest Suburban | |

GUESTS PRESENT

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| 1. Chad E Gillam | 13. Kevin Sager |
| 2. Jason Adams | 14. Pam Boland-Central Illinois |
| 3. Joel Wannemacher-Liberty | 15. Bonnie Kendall-Great River |
| 4. Larry Harrison-Kaskaskia Valley | 16. Lori Schaich |
| 5. Zelda Sears-Prairieland | 17. John Schaich |
| 6. Scott Sears-Prairieland | 18. Bruce Liebe-Lincolnland |
| 7. Nora Phelan-Starved Rock | 19. Tim Gosteli -Lincolnland |
| 8. Linda Jones-Salt Creek | 20. Juanita Triplett-Kishwaukee Valley |
| 9. Jeff Jones-Salt Creek | 21. Ed Triplett-Kishwaukee Valley |
| 10. Emily Gomez-Chicago | 22. David Rosenberg-River Valley |
| 11. Kevin Smith-Openroads | 23. Carol Wannemacher-Liberty |
| 12. Rusty Tomblinson | 24. Jason Collins |

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order on April 21, 2012 at 1:06 pm. Mike Myers, State Coordinator, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the February 2012 minutes:

Freebird moved to accept minutes, Crooked Creek second. Motion passed, opposed: Northern Illinois

Unfinished Business:

1)State Party Work Schedule-Get chapter work schedule requests in by midweek. Kaskaskia Valley is sponsoring entertainment, looking for additional sponsors to help defray cost, sponsorship-\$100.

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

Officer Reports:

STATE COORDINATOR (Mike Myers)-Appreciates more communication using phone calls with less emails. Coalition of Clubs made a donation to General Fund.

ASSISTANT STATE COORDINATOR (Scott Gerke)-Attended Heartland STEAM, same as our seminar but attended by 7 (seven) states. Heartland STEAM 2013 will be March 22-24, 2013; location still to be determined. Seminar 2013 will be January 18-20 at the Northfield Inn, Springfield. Last day for cancellation of reservations will be January 16, 2013. Tee shirts are still needed for quilt raffle (give to Scott) Challenge: Each chapter sell 10 (ten) bike raffle ticket books and increase membership by 10%.

SECRETARY (Laural Stegall)-Remember all meetings are recorded for accuracy. The new digital recorder picks up more voices in the room.

LEGISLATIVE (Bob Myers)-Legislative Day-Suggestions for next year: packets for legislators was good idea; starting time to stay same as last year (2011); pictures with legislators big success, purchased printer; block of rooms reserved at State House {(217)528-5100} for 2013. HB930-motorcycle only checkpoints-amended to not allow federal money to support.

HB1986-protect off roaders-support.

HB486-abandoned state properties to be used for motorcycle safety-support.

SB2528-trailer bill-120 second red light bill.

SB3452-Illinois State Police bill-wheelie law-watching it.

5/6/12-Motorcycle Safety & Awareness Rally-invite your legislators, double marble stop.

Shawnee Hills moved to oppose HB5479, Southern Freedom second. (BOD2012-6)

Discussion: current form not acceptable; target counties under 35,000 population; motorcycle checkpoints allowed; hours of operation of event; alcohol; "may" deny an event; "may" be exempt from law.

Motion passed; vote 29 for, 22 against.

HB4700 and SB3616-ethanol bills-oppose.

All bills will be on website. Legislative maps to Neil Toepfer, maps with overlap.

Report of costs for Washington DC trip.

Chapter Legislative Coordinators-Call State Board of Elections, (217) 782-4141, to get map of your districts.

Break from 2⁴⁵ – 2⁵⁵.

SAFETY & EDUCATION (Laura Mayer)-Classes taught this year-258, students-5872. If you need yard signs, pick up today. Laura will be attending Lifesavers' Conference in June and will not be at BOD meeting. Franklin County owes \$24.00. The following chapters need to get Safety & Education contact names to Laura: Children of the Corn, Eastern Illinois, Flatlanders, Freedom by Choice, Heartland, Heritage Trail, Hubbard Trail, Iron Riders, Jasper County, Kaskaskia Valley, Lamoine Valley, Liberty, Northern Illinois, Piasa-Gateway, Prairieland, River Valley, Salt Creek, Shawnee Hills, Tri County, Union Jack, and Wabash Valley.

ACTIVITIES (Barbara Fitzpatrick) - Swap meet will have 58 vendors, everything is ready to go. Bike Raffle needs help selling tickets at Swap meet. State Party will have 5 (five) food vendors; karaoke; bands; games; wet tee shirt contest. The work schedule needs to be worked on. Flyers will be copied and/or emailed out. A vendor would like to sell raffle tickets at state party; will be paying vendor fee and giving us 20% of ticket sales from state party and advertising. Discussion: a TV will be raffled; drawing will be in July, not affiliated with us, not bylaw violation. Vendor approved to sell raffle tickets at state party.

BIKE RAFFLE (Bob Dodson)-20 (twenty) chapters have not sold any tickets. SELL, SELL, SELL!!! Get tickets and pictures from Pauli Ward at state office; will accept donations from chapters for gas money.

STATE OFFICE (Pauli Ward)-Membership is slowly increasing. A memo was sent to chapters notifying them of a new chapter benefit; chapter treasurer bonded. Crooked Creek thanked EBoard for providing the new chapter benefit. Tickets are available from office for bike raffle and state party.

PUBLIC RELATIONS (Carleen Grant)-A press statement about Motorcycle Awareness Month will be released on 5/2/12 at 10:00 am. Six (6) billboards have been ordered; if a chapter would like to order the cost is \$375 each. Need to spread the word about Motorcycle Safety & Awareness Rally on 5/6/12. The bags that were ordered with coupons printed on pick up after BOD meeting; give to grocers, farmers' markets, liquor stores. Windshield Wash supplies are available for pickup after BOD meeting. Starved Rock told BOD about Steve Burns, (309) 657-9211, a supplier of banners; 10 foot banner-\$30, 20 foot banner-\$60, 30 foot banner-\$90.

NEWSLETTER (RJ Scroggins)-No report.

PRODUCTS (Terrie VanHuss)-Shirts are ready for the Motorcycle Safety & Awareness Rally. Need ideas for State Party shirts.

TREASURER (Julie Bacon)-990s are in, taxes are filed.

FEDPAC-Need to get our members in front of legislators. Received a donation.

ABATEPAC-Received donations.

BYLAW REVIEW COMMITTEE (Kat Connor)- Recommend to reject proposed bylaw change (email required for all EBoard members), not a fundamental change. **Freeport moved to reject new bylaw proposal, Southern Freedom second. (BOD2012-7) Motion passed, opposed: Northern Illinois.**

New Business:

1) Review Legal Service Report – **Piasa-Gateway moved to approve Rod Taylor as administrator of our legal service plan, Ford County second. (BOD2012-8) No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.**

2) SE Co-Coordinator-**Dukane moved to accommodate Rick “Doc” Jones request to allow a vote for a regional co-coordinator in SE Region, Thunder Rock second. (BOD2012-9) No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.**

Franklin County moved to appoint Mick Eddington as SE Region Co-Coordinator, Crossroads second. (BOD2012-10) No discussion. Motion passed unanimously, only SE Region voting.

3) New Chapters-Rusty Tomblinson requested recognition for a new chapter with 66 new members and service area to be Richland County. Mike Myers stated that the proposed chapter had met all the criteria outlined by the bylaws and the EBoard recommends approval, logo still to be approved. **Crossroads moved to recognize Richland County, ABATE of IL, Inc. as a new chapter, Thunder Rock second. (BOD2012-11) No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.**

Chad Gillam requested recognition for a new chapter with 45 new members and service area to be Stark County. Mike Myers stated that the proposed chapter had met all the criteria outlined by the bylaws and the EBoard recommends approval, logo approved pending acceptance as chapter.

Freedom Valley moved to recognize Spoon River Riders, ABATE of IL, Inc. as a new chapter, Dukane second. (BOD2012-12) Discussion: Central Illinois (neighboring chapter) stated that the proposed chapter had not visited a general membership meeting but would not object to recognition. Motion passed unanimously.

Kaskaskia Valley moved to close new business, Twin Rivers second. Motion passed.

Panel Reports:

MRF REP (Jim “Legs” Korte)-Members: 377 active, 570 inactive. Corporate office has moved to Room 204, same building. Michigan has become an adult choice state for helmets, but insurance is required. A proposal has been made to request reciprocity regarding helmets from other states. Home Rule Law, profiling and discrimination against motorcyclists was discussed.

D-17/AMA Rep (Stacey Rigsby)-No report.

Region Reports:

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SW REGION (Rich Kinkade)-List of activities in region.

NE Region (Jay Spivey)-5/11-South Suburban White Sox ride; 7/27-Regional Spoke Run;
Chapters list events in state paper, use website addresses to check events.

SE REGION (Mick Eddington)-Union Jack met 10% challenge of membership increase.

NW REGION (Brian Enburg) - Convergence Run; 5/5-Quad City Awareness Run.

WC REGION (Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal)-4/28-Central Illinois Awareness Parade; several chapters
having events.

EC REGION (Jim Cone)-Need chapter Legislative contacts. A good PowerPoint presentation on
alcohol use is available from Tiffany at MRF.

Membership drawing.

Crossroads moved to adjourn, Peo-Taz second. Motion passed.

**Submitted by,
Laural Stegall
State Secretary**