

A.B.A.T.E. OF ILLINOIS, INC.-Board of Directors Meeting, June 16, 2012
Minutes approved on August 18, 2012

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Board of Directors meeting June 16, 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 | 9. NW Region-Brian Enburg |
| 2. Asst. State Coord.-Scott Gerke | 10. EC Region-Jim Cone |
| 3. Treasurer- Julie Bacon | 11. WC Region-Don Boland |
| 4. Legislative- Bob Myers | 12. WC Region-Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal |
| 5. Products-Terrie VanHuss | 13. SE Region-Rick "Doc" Jones |
| 6. Bike Raffle-Bob Dodson | 14. SE Region-Mick Eddington |
| 7. Office Manager-Pauli Ward | 15. SW Region-Rich Kinkade |
| 8. NE Region-John Bloch | |

EXECUTIVE BOARD ABSENT

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| 1. Secretary-Laural Stegall (Lifesavers Conference) | 5. Activities-Barb Fitzpatrick (Marseilles) |
| 2. Safety & Education-Laura Mayer (family) | 6. NE Region-Jay Spivey |
| 3. Newsletter-RJ Scroggins | 7. EC Region-Stacey Rigsby |
| 4. Public Relations-Carleen Grant | |

CHAPTERS PRESENT

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

CHAPTERS ABSENT

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| 1. Crawford County | 8. Lamoine Valley |
| 2. Crooked Creek | 9. Lost Creek |
| 3. Embarras Valley | 10. Salt Creek |
| 4. Ford County | 11. Shawnee Hills |
| 5. Franklin County | 12. St. Clair |
| 6. Freedom Riders | 13. Union Jack |
| 7. Jasper County | 14. Windy City |

GUESTS PRESENT

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| 1. Tim Perry (Pathfinders) | 7. Bonnie Kendall (Great River) |
| 2. Brian Powell (Wabash Valley) | 8. Zelda Sears-PrairieLand |
| 3. Juanita Triplett (Kishwaukee Valley) | 9. Jim "Legs" Korte (Piasa-Gateway/MRF) |
| 4. Becky Brown (Crossroads) | 10. Pat Maher (Spoon River Riders) |
| 5. Lori Schaich (Richland County) | 11. Neil Schaffar (Spoon River Riders) |
| 6. John Schaich (Richland County) | 12. Cindy Lannom (St. Clair County) |

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order on June 16, 2012 at 1:00 pm. Mike Myers, State Coordinator, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the April 2012 minutes:

Piasa-Gateway moved to accept minutes, Thunder Rock second. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

1. Secretary Notes for BOD representatives can be sent by email when a new email list is compiled in August.
2. Liability Insurance-Explanation of coverage. Coverage only covers what ABATE is responsible for.
3. Storage Unit-Lincolnland will check on new facility or check into another unit at same place. Need something close to University.

Heart of Illinois moved to close unfinished business, Freeport second. Motion passed.

Officer Reports:

PRODUCTS (Terrie VanHuss)-Showed new tee shirts with "Since 1987". ABATE incorporated 1/1/87. "Start seeing motorcycles" on the back. Also showed the State Party shirts. Products trailer will be shown at break.

STATE COORDINATOR (Mike Myers)-Has been busy getting to many events, appreciates the welcome he has received. Great to see so many chapters working together for State Party.

ASSISTANT STATE COORDINATOR (Scott Gerke)- Getting many tee shirts for quilt, deadline for receiving shirts is October or November; would like to have one from each chapter. Heartland STEAM March 2013-need help finding place in central IL, possibly Peoria or Bloomington. Has quote from the Quad Cities.

SECRETARY (Laural Stegall)-Absent.

LEGISLATIVE (Bob Myers)-HB930 (stop motorcycle only checkpoints) passed, foresee no problem being signed.

HB1907 (RICO law)-passed and signed.

HB4860 (private property liability) support, looking for state owned properties to be used for safety courses.

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HB5479 (county amusement tax) opposed-dead for this year. Please don't tie Todd's and Bob's hands, leave us some wiggle room to negotiate.

SB2528 (120 second red light wait) Senator Bivens made mistake in voting.

SB3452 (wheelie law)-vertical license plates, brake lights that flash before turning steady red, and "ape hanger" hand grips may reach the top of the head when sitting in a normal position will become legal on 1/1/13 after the governor signs.

SB3616 (E20 & E30) Ethanol not mentioned in this bill now.

Federal HR4345 and S2264 (Ethanol bill) Watching and opposed. Expected to go nowhere.

Get bikers registered to vote. Strength lies in our participation and our numbers

August BOD meeting bring thoughts for 2013 Legislative Agenda and MRF Meeting of the Minds.

SAFETY & EDUCATION (Laura Mayer)-Absent. Terri VanHuss reported that she had found numerous packs of Red Light cards in the trash after Freedom Rally, if you don't want them, don't take them. Red Light cards are being accepted well in most areas.

IDOT gave us many brochures (Share the Road and Motorcycle Safety Course) that chapters can hand out at parades. Southern Freedom thinks ABATE should be mentioned on the pamphlets.

ACTIVITIES (Barbara Fitzpatrick) – Absent. She is working in Marseilles today for State Party and promoting ABATE with Freedom Run. Still need help for 9-midnight shift Friday. Need about 11 (eleven) more people to help. Get ticket money in ASAP.

BIKE RAFFLE (Bob Dodson)-Needs help at events, especially DuQuoin State Fair, 5 (five) days. First time at a State Fair. We are needing a new raffle trailer, checking around to get the best deal. 2013 bike has been reserved.

STATE OFFICE (Pauli Ward)-Heart of IL is selling membership for \$22.00, giving a discount until September, chapter waiving their portion of membership.

PUBLIC RELATIONS (Carleen Grant)-Absent. Discussion on the bags: no coupon, poorly designed, size. A few have been turned into State Office. Some chapters didn't get any.

NEWSLETTER (RJ Scroggins)-Absent.

TREASURER (Julie Bacon)-Budget papers will be coming out in August.

FEDPAC (Ryan Hubbard)-Working on article to tell chapters how they can donate to SSF. "Hunter John" Harris resigned. Jim Conley submitted a letter of intent. Meeting today, accepted Conley. **Heart of Illinois moved to accept Jim Conley, Children of the Corn second.** No discussion. **Motion passed unanimously. (BOD2012-13)** Surveys to go out this week for general election.

ABATEPAC (Mike Straker)-Mike Straker is the new chairman. "Hunter John" Harris resigned as chairman. Donations received from chapters. One hundred seventy-seven (177) members of House and Senate need help for campaigns. "Hunter John" Harris, Dan Harper and Stacey Rigsby are Assistant Legislative Coordinators.

Break 2²⁰ – 2³⁵.

New Business:

Crossroads chapter reported on the Roast for Doc. Rick "Doc" Jones requested that all monies raised be donated and distributed to MRF BOD, MRF 2012 donation, and Safety and Education.

1. Annual Review of 990's- Prairieland has 990 in. Central IL has filed extension.

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2. Legislative Posters-With all bills on it will be on website for chapters to download, cost to order is \$75.00 per set. Bob Myers thinks maybe we should wait to print more until later in the year.
3. Advertising on Products trailer-Bob Dodson presented idea of advertising on products trailer and new raffle trailer to help with upkeep on trailers. **Heart of IL moved to open advertising to chapters on trailers for \$100 per trailer, Freeport second.**
Discussion: chapter name, size of name, mailing address of city, map on trailer like in state paper. **Motion passed, opposed: Mid-State. (BOD2012-14)**

Southern Illinois moved to close new business, Flatlanders second. Motion passed.

Panel Reports:

MRF REP (Jim "Legs" Korte)-Members: 377 active, 572 inactive. Jim "Legs" and Paulette Korte went to Bikers in the Beltway, had a good turnout. Congressman Dold (10th) and Kinzinger (11th) from IL were there.

Steve Zimmer (Director) resigned MRFPAC, Jim "Legs" Korte is filling in.

Asked BOD to consider pledge to MRF.

New MRF position-Sustaining member motorcycle club position.

Discussion on bogus information in articles from AMA. CDC pushing information about helmet laws. This information falls under Bob Myers and Laura Meyer's venue.

Rick "Doc" Jones challenged chapters to match his donation of \$400 to MRF.

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

Region Reports:

SW REGION (Rich Kinkade)-Need help at DuQuoin State Fair. Marble Run doing well, first Saturday in October is the end.

NE Region (John Bloch)-Activities for region. Spoke Run for PACs-July 28.

John Bloch (Coordinator Expense) had expenses over 90 (ninety) days and is asking for approval to be paid. **Northwest Suburban moved to pay expenses, Northern IL second.** No discussion.

NE Region only voting. Motion passed, for: Northern IL, Chicago, South Suburban, Southern Dupage, River Valley, Northwest Suburban. No opposed. (BOD2012-15)

SE REGION (Mick Eddington)-All elections are contested, help them out. Freedom Riders PAC run-July 21 and 22.

NW REGION (Brian Enburg) -All 8 (eight) chapters helping at State Party. Activities for region.

WC REGION (Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal)-Regional Party will be July 13-15; bands, bike games, ATV & trike games, bike blessing, political candidates have been invited. Activities for region.

EC REGION (Jim Cone)-Thank you to chapters he has visited for your hospitality. On run two weeks ago a non-member riding with them used downed rider card for help-got three new members. Might have Regional Party in 2013.

Membership drawing.

Freedom Valley moved to adjourn, Freeport second. Motion passed at 3:30 pm.

Submitted by,

Laural Stegall, State Secretary

(From notes taken by Pauli Ward and recording of meeting)