

A.B.A.T.E. OF IL. INC Executive Board Meeting November 17, 2012
Minutes approved as amended on December 15, 2012

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Executive Board meeting November 17, 2012
Meeting Location: Prairieland Chapter Bldg.
Decatur, IL

EXECUTIVE BOARD PRESENT

1. State Coordinator- Mike Myers
2. Asst. State Coord.-Scott Gerke
3. Secretary-Laural Stegall
4. Treasurer- Julie Bacon
5. Legislative- Bob Myers
6. Bike Raffle-Bob Dodson
7. Office Manager-Pauli Ward
8. Activities-Barbara Fitzpatrick
9. NE Region-John Bloch
10. SE Region-Mick Eddington
11. WC Region-Don Boland
12. WC Region-Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal
13. SW Region-Rich Kinkade

EXECUTIVE BOARD ABSENT

1. Safety & Education-Laura Mayer
2. Products-Terrie VanHuss (work)
3. Newsletter-RJ Scroggins
4. Public Relations-Carleen Grant
5. NE Region-Jay Spivey (work)
6. NW Region-Brian Enburg (work)
7. EC Region-Jim Cone
8. EC Region-Stacy Rigsby (D-17 meeting)
9. SE Region-Rick "Doc" Jones (health)

GUESTS PRESENT

1. Pam Boland (Central IL)
2. Violet "Shy Vi" Lekic-Roberts (Will County)
3. Gus Miller (Heart of IL)

The Executive Board meeting was called to order on November 17, 2012 at 10:35 am. Mike Myers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the October, 2012 minutes:

Barb Fitzpatrick moved to approve minutes, Bob Dodson seconded. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

- 1) Website-Purchase of server is 25% of cost; administration is 75%. Server cost would be about \$1000, software about \$3000, special phone lines about \$1200 and installed in a climate controlled environment. Cost prohibitive and need a full time administrator. Pay Pal is now working on website. **Need to pull this item off agenda because it has been resolved.** Chapter website guidelines are out of date per webmaster, Ernie Steele. **Rich Kinkade will take care of updating website guidelines.**

Bob Dodson moved to close unfinished business, Julie Bacon seconded. Motion passed.

New Business:

- 1) Inventory) A few small items have been purchased this year.
- 2) Christmas Party) Christmas Party will be following the December BOD meeting at Crows Mill. American Income Life will be donating for the refreshments.

- 3) Emails) Got out of control again, for the second time from the same region, NE Region. Mike Myers visited the region the first time and the matter was resolved to the satisfaction and cooperation of all. This time there was a miscommunication regarding the funding of the Chicago Expo. The EBoard discussed the profitability of ABATE of IL funding this event for recommendation of the 2013 budget to the BOD. The discussion was that if the NE Region wanted to fund this event but they were not required. There were emails exchanged with incorrect information that created hard feelings and had nothing to do with motorcycle rights. Just a few chapters should not be able to dictate what the rest of the chapters do. **It is extremely important to talk and cooperate with each other. Emails and texting do not foster good communication or cooperation.** Mike Myers article for the newsletter needs to be put on our website and Facebook page as soon as possible.

The Raffle Bike truck and trailer are expensive; the Bike Raffle is a business.

- 4) Paragon Promotions) **Bob Dodson moved, Bob Myer seconded to recommend to the Board of Directors that Paragon Promotions and Terry King be placed on Non-Preferred Vendor List (EB2012-43)** Discussion: Owe money for ads and owe Bob Dodson money for expenses; Terry King is an employee of the company. Terry King has promised to pay monies owed. Dukane chapter has no authority for negotiating monies owed. Paragon Promotions owe \$270 for two newspaper ads and \$500 for Bob Dodson's expenses of taking the Raffle Bike to Tinley Park and being sent home. Terry King is trying to go around the system, knows monies are owed. **Motion passed.** Motion needs to be amended to include the owner's name. **Amended motion: Recommend to the Board of Directors that Paragon Promotions/Terry King/ Ifran Gill be placed on Non-Preferred Vendor List (EB2012-44).** Motion passed unanimously.
- 5) Scanner for Office) **Bob Dodson moved, Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal seconded to buy a copier/scanner/fax (all-in-one) for office. (EB2012-45)** Discussion: need a scanner for the office; cheaper to buy an all-in-one. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- 6) Insurance) Get name and number of insurance agent contacting; can't do anything without.
- 7) Safety & Ed Video) update; define focus; discuss with Laura Mayer for next EBoard meeting.

Pauli Ward moved to close new business, Bob Myer seconded. Motion passed; Bob Dodson opposed.

Break

Officer Reports:

Assistant State Coordinator (Scott Gerke)-Seminar schedule is full; speaker is confirmed. Cancellation Policy-no refund for cancellation after 1/16/13. Regional Coordinators talk to chapters about donations for Hospitality room and sponsorship banners/stars. Seminar flyer and sign up are on website. Heartland STEAM-under control; sign up will be on website.

Secretary (Laural Stegall)-Nothing.

Treasurer (Julie Bacon)-Mail 990s to chapters on December 1, due back by January 31, 2013.

Safety & Education-Report by Violet "Shy Vi" Lekic-Roberts-IDOT Winter Conference 12/12/12 and 12/13/12. ABATE was invited back on 12/14/12 to discuss working with us in classrooms to promote our agenda.

Activities (Barb Fitzpatrick)-Vendor letters have been sent out for Swap Meet on 2/17/13. Have two food vendors for Safety and Awareness Rally and will need help for cleanup so not charged a fee. State Party will try to get a bigger name for entertainment. Possible for 30th Anniversary State Party have a big name band if we start planning now.

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Public Relations (Carleen Grant)-No report (absent).

Newsletter (RJ Scroggins)-No report (absent).

Legislative (Bob Myers)-Elections over. Fulton County noise ordinance-nothing happening at this time, John Harris appointed to keep track and report to Bob Myers.

Copy of Todd Vandermyde's contract was passed around, same as before, no changes.

Will be going over Legislative budget line item.

Products (Terrie VanHuss)-No report (absent).

State Office (Pauli Ward)-Yearly insurance is due to renew. Policy renewal cost will drop \$1000.

Bike Raffle (Bob Dodson)-Listed December 2012 events. Need 2013 events. Trailer advertising ends at December BOD meeting.

Regional Reports:

SE Region (Mick Eddington)-Three chapters struggling, but Richland County, a new chapter, is going strong.

SW Region (Rich Kinkade)-A chapter is struggling. Challenge to chapters for Hospitality Room at Seminar.

EC Region (Stacy Rigsby)-No report (absent).

WC Region (Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal)-Looking forward to a new year.

NE Region (John Bloch)-Four chapters are struggling to stay viable.

NW Region (Brian Enburg)-No report (absent).

Bob Dodson moved to adjourn, Bob Myers seconded. Motion passed.

**Submitted by,
Laural Stegall
State Secretary**