

A.B.A.T.E. OF IL. INC Executive Board Meeting March 17, 2012
Minutes approved on April 21, 2012

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Executive Board meeting March 17, 2012
Meeting Location: Sunfield Restaurant
Ottawa, IL

EXECUTIVE BOARD PRESENT

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| 1. State Coordinator- Mike Myers | 10. Newsletter-RJ Scroggins |
| 2. Asst. State Coord.-Scott Gerke | 11. Bike Raffle-Bob Dodson |
| 3. Secretary- Laural Stegall | 12. NE Region- John Bloch |
| 4. Treasurer- Julie Bacon | 13. NW Region- Brian Enburg |
| 5. Legislative- Bob Myers | 14. WC Region- Don Boland |
| 6. Office Manager- Pauli Ward | 15. WC Region- Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal |
| 7. Safety & Ed- Laura Mayer | 16. EC Region- Stacey Rigsby |
| 8. Activities: Barbara Fitzpatrick | 17. NE Region-Jay Spivey |
| 9. Products-Terrie VanHuss | 18. SE Region-Rick "Doc" Jones |
| | 19. SW Region-Rich Kinkade |

EXECUTIVE BOARD ABSENT

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| 1. Public Relations-Carleen Grant | 2. EC Region-Jim Cone |
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GUESTS PRESENT

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| 1. Russ Crider (Southern DuPage) | 10. Rosie Goudschaal (Pathfinders) |
| 2. Rick Olson (Southern DuPage) | 11. Ted Zackro (Crossroads) |
| 3. Mick Eddington (Southern IL 27) | 12. Renie Kinkade (St. Clair) |
| 4. Bob White (Southern IL 27) | 13. Bob Ganze (Starved Rock) |
| 5. Randy Scott (Will/Starved Rock) | 14. Robert Scroggins |
| 6. Dan Kleckner (Starved Rock) | 15. Carla Enburg (Blackhawk) |
| 7. Nora Phelan (Starved Rock) | 16. Pam Boland (Central) |
| 8. John Pakenham (Starved Rock) | 17. Ed Triplett (Kishwaukee) After second Recess |
| 9. Gus Miller | 18. Larry Ackerman (Freedom by Choice) After second Recess |

The Executive Board meeting was called to order on March 17, 2012 at 10:30 am. Mike Myers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the February, 2012 minutes:

Bob Meyers moved to approve minutes as corrected, seconded by Laura Mayer. Motion passed.

Corrections: Addition to Guests Present Mick Eddington, assistant to Rick "Doc" Jones; additional guest present Bill Cook, Freeport; addition to Office Manager report Dukane still owes \$52.50 "for newspaper advertising".

Unfinished Business:

1. State Party)Need Chapter donation for banner by 6/1/12; fee for police has been waived; EBoard members need golf carts in order to fill in where needed; Public Relations involved with advertising for state party but she has no budget for this.
2. Bonding for Chapter Officers)As a chapter benefit the cost to bond eighty-three (83) people to include EBoard and each chapter's treasurer will be \$1300. Each position will be bonded for \$25,000. If a chapter wants to bond additional officers, the cost will be about

\$126/position. If a chapter has a question it should be directed to Pauli Ward or Chuck Hays Insurance (Nate or Lora at (309) 344-3646). State Secretary to send out information to chapters about bonding.

Scott Gerke moved to bond all EBoard and Chapter Treasurers, Barb Fitzpatrick seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (EB2012-5).

3. 990)The following chapters have not turned in their 990 to State Treasurer: Iron Rider, Windy City, Ford County and Old River. The Regional Coordinators need to contact chapters. The 990s are needed now.

Laura Mayers moved to go into Closed Session, Bob Myers seconded. Motion passed. (EB2012-6)

CLOSED SESSION

Rich Kinkade moved to come out of Closed Session, Laura Mayer seconded. Motion passed. (EB2012-7)

Terry VanHuss moved to act on CLOSED SESSION recommendation, Bob Dodson seconded. Motion passed. (EB2012- 8)

Bob Dodson moved to close unfinished business, Jay Spivey seconded. Motion passed.

New Business:

1. Email and hardcopy of secretary notes)Approved minutes will be sent to members in good standing per bylaws. Secretary notes will be sent to BOD and EBoard in order to prevent misinformation.
2. **Barb Fitzpatrick moved to not have an EBoard meeting on May 5, Don Boland seconded.** Discussion-EBoard members want to ride with chapter; need officer reports and time for state party prep; most members come down night before; FEDPAC after; Ramada already reserved; long time between EBoard meetings. **Motion failed. (EB2012-9)**
3. **Bob Dodson moved to send a letter to Lamoine Valley and Union Jack regarding 2011 attendance at Board of Directors meeting per bylaws, Laura Mayer seconded. Motion passed. (EB2012-10)**

Bob Dodson moved to close new business, Scott Gerke seconded. Motion passed.

RECESS 11:42-12:02

Officer Reports:

ASSISTANT STATE COORDINATOR-(Scott Gerke) Seminar is booked for January 18-20, 2013, room reservations will be due by Wednesday before. BOD will need to know when cancellations so all rooms can be booked. Will be attending Heartland STEAM. Don't forget challenge of increasing membership by ten percent (10%). Member who signs up most members get seminar free.

SECRETARY-(Laural Stegall) DVDs available re: Roberts Rules of Order

TREASURER-(Julie Bacon) Concern about deferred accounts. EBoard needs to review eleven (11) deferred accounts; deferred accounts accumulate, line item goes back to general fund, were setup as short term accounts. EBoard needs to obtain suggestions for making money; economy will not fix everything. Discussion: Chapters donate to deferred accounts instead of general fund showing lack of confidence; trust needs to be rebuilt. Regional Coordinators need to talk to chapters to find out what problem is in order to help rebuild trust. General Fund goes to General Budget to be divided between departments to run organization on a daily basis. Savings do not fight for motorcycle rights.

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Laura Mayer moved to suspend discussion to continue at other location, Laura Stegall seconded. Motion passed. (EB2012-11)

RECESS 12:25-1:08

Meeting resumed at state party site.

PUBLIC RELATIONS-(Carleen Grant) Absent, no report.

NEWSPAPER-(RJ Scroggins) No report.

PRODUCTS-(Terry VanHuss) Tee shirts are in for Awareness Rally. Small-2xl, solid color and camo; 3xl-4xl, solid color only. Cost will be \$18. Bottle coolies are in, five (5) colors.

SAFETY & EDUCATION-(Laura Mayer) Get supply orders in by April 18, will not be in attendance at June BOD meeting will be attending Lifesavers Conference. Only twenty-one (21) chapters reporting. Chapter Safety & Ed officers must stay in own service area, have to be invited into other chapter's area by neighboring Safety & Ed officer. If a problem with Safety & Ed

STATE OFFICE-(Pauli Ward) Been brought to her attention some people have an issue with her being a paid employee and a voting member of state board, is volunteering own time to attend meetings.

BIKE RAFFLE-(Bob Dodson) Twenty-five (25) chapters do not have raffle tickets. Because of repairs to trailer, a large part of the bike raffle budget has been exhausted. If a chapter schedules an event, the chapter needs to contribute to the gas/lodging budget. Regional Coordinators need to talk to chapters to sell tickets. The bike needs to move to make money. Chapters need to sell tickets.

LEGISLATIVE-(Bob Myers) Our candidates need help in the primaries.

Legislative Day-Suggestions for improvement; make appointment to spend time with legislator, Legislative Day patches or rockers for members, need better liquor to get Legislators to stay longer, only a few chapters left at end of evening to greet Legislators, need to reduce scheduling conflicts. **Mary Flowers Bill** still hanging out there.

HB930(motorcycle only checkpoint) stepping back from it.

HB1986(ATVs on rural highways)support.

HB3616/HB4700(Ethanol bill)trying to get manufacturers on board for more research.

HB4860(Exempt private property owner lawsuits for motorcycle safety classes)on hold.

SB3452(wheelies, license plate)stay neutral.

SB2528(red light trailer bill)not promoting.

HB5479(county/city amusement tax)targeting HOG ROCK, counties less than 35,000 people, don't support.

HB5895(Ethanol bill)holding in committee

Kay Hatcher sent a Thank You letter for reception at Legislative Day. She sold her bike to fund her campaign. We need to support our candidates.

Check with State Board of Elections-chapters raising funds. Need more money in PACs.

Need to have laminated maps to hand out to PACs of legislative districts.

NORTHWEST REGION-Challenge other regions to increase membership by 10%; challenge each chapter to purchase a book of raffle tickets. Convergence Run on 6/30/12, proceeds to PAC.

NORTHEAST REGION-Challenge others to donation for DC trip. Social Networking-Be Positive. Need to get members to renew memberships.

WEST CENTRAL REGION-Regional Party on 7/13-15/12, would like EBoard members to speak between bands.

EAST CENTRAL REGION-Regional meeting on 3/25/12, will be discussing bike raffle and renewals.

SOUTHEAST REGION-At April BOD meeting Rick "Doc" Jones will be resigning as Regional Coordinator; possibly remain as assistant coordinator. Pauli Ward congratulated Doc on his birthday and his recent marriage.

SOUTHWEST REGION-Marble Run doing well, book sales are good.

STATE COORDINATOR-(Mike Myers) Doing better with positive communication.

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ACTIVITIES- (Barb Fitzpatrick) Storage locker was emptied; fencing and trophies need to be checked for salvage.

Swap meet-Everything is ready; twenty-seven (27) vendors; sixty (60) spots rented.

Awareness Ride-Everything is ready; payment for police has increased.

State Party-Tickets available now. Chapter sponsors needed for entertainment and banners.

Shower houses available; trailers are available to rent from campground; power available for campers (\$25 in advance, \$30 at gate); tent camping available; dust control taken care of by campground. Liquor store will deliver every two (2) hours.

Golf carts only-NO ATVs (quads)

Permanent residents sent a letter informing them of the party.

No cost for police.

There will be one (1) entrance gate, banners to show entrance, maps and schedule of events given at gate.

Gates open at 9:00 Thursday, EBoard allowed in on Thursday.

Vendors will set up on Thursday, space available for twenty (20)-thirty (30) with power, first in basis.

Chapters work in three (3) hour shifts, Pauli Ward will handle.

Friday night games, handled by Spam (Heart of Illinois).

Bob Dodson moved to adjourn, Jay Spivey seconded. Motion passed.

**Submitted by,
Laural Stegall
State Secretary**