

A.B.A.T.E. OF IL. INC Executive Board Meeting May 5, 2012
Minutes approved on June 16, 2012

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Executive Board meeting May 5, 2012
Meeting Location: Ramada Inn
Springfield, IL

EXECUTIVE BOARD PRESENT

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| 1. State Coordinator- Mike Myers | 10. Office Manager-Pauli Ward |
| 2. Asst. State Coord.-Scott Gerke | 11. Activities-Barbara Fitzpatrick |
| 3. Secretary- Laural Stegall | 12. NE Region-John Block |
| 4. Treasurer- Julie Bacon | 13. NE Region-Jay Spivey |
| 5. Legislative- Bob Myers | 14. NW Region-Brian Enburg |
| 6. Safety & Ed- Laura Mayer | 15. EC Region-Jim Cone |
| 7. Products-Terrie VanHuss | 16. WC Region-Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal |
| 8. Public Relations-Carleen Grant | 17. SE Region-Mick Eddington |
| 9. Bike Raffle-Bob Dodson | 18. SW Region-Rich Kinkade |

EXECUTIVE BOARD ABSENT

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| 1. Newsletter-RJ Scroggins | 3. WC Region-Don Boland (work) |
| 2. EC Region-Stacey Rigsby (medical) | 4. SE Region-Rick "Doc" Jones (medical) |

GUESTS PRESENT

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| 1. Rosie Goudschaal (Pathfinders) | 5. Jackie Spivey (Will County) |
| 2. Bill Cook (Freeport) | 6. Gregory Smitt (Dukane) |
| 3. Karen Cook (Freeport) | 7. Ryan Hubbard (Freebird) |
| 4. Carla Enburg (Blackhawk) | 8. Rick Olson (Southern Dupage) |

The Executive Board meeting was called to order on May 5, 2012 at 1:00 pm. Mike Myers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the April, 2012 minutes:

Laura Mayer moved to approve minutes, Rich Kinkade seconded. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

Motorcycle Safety & Awareness Rally-Everything ready to go. Radio station attending; sound system at Capitol; vendors at IDOT. Pauli Ward and Julie Bacon to count bikes. Be ready to set up at 7⁴⁵ am. Need step to hang banner and flags. Jim Cone and Carleen Grant will set up barricades.

2013 Rally-Discussion of changing starting time to 10⁰⁰ am. People use the Rally as a get-together to visit and network. **Decided to leave start time at 8⁰⁰ am.**

Pay Pal-Ernie Steele (webmaster) has had difficulty connecting through our server. Our server is very limited. We need to consider another server with more options. Ernie Steele will put together a package deal with prices for a new server and present at June EBoard meeting, no later than September. Bob Dodson suggested a committee to help put together the package presentation. **Rich Kinkade will work with Ernie Steele on obtaining prices for a new server that will allow Pay Pal to be connected as well as link the Chapter websites.**

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

New Business:

1. Posters) Legislation posters that list bills ABATE has been instrumental in passing that have been used with the Bike Raffle. There have been many conversations about how to obtain the posters but nothing has been done yet. Discussion: Proposed for Products to sell. Bob Dodson reported his print shop has fast turnaround time, \$75 per laminated set, with 2 ½ sets-20% discount, easel purchased at Wal-Mart. Shipping-pick up at BOD meeting, ordered from Products. Office Max could print if file was available. The list of bills will be added to during the year so vinyls can be added to fill remaining space on this design. Put on website? Design is a .pdf file and already on website. **Need to tell BOD members that the Legislative Poster is available on the website; can be downloaded to be printed.**
2. Product Trailer) Needs stabilizer jacks, insulation, shelves, wiring, lighting, air conditioner, generator, extra bracing for roof top air conditioner. Discussion: structurally sound?; needs rooftop bracing for roof top air conditioner makes too heavy; if sent back to factory cost would be over \$4400; four (4) state events taken to, only one (1) without electricity; trade-in?; time delay paying for trailer caused cost to go up; weight of trailer is big issue; fix trailer but no graphics. **Pauli Ward moved to have Bob Dodson have the Products trailer fixed with what it needs except for the roof top air conditioner, the additional bracing and the large generator; Rich Kinkade seconded. Motion passed. (EB2012-19) Roll Call vote:** Scott Gerke-No; Laural Stegall-Yes; Julie Bacon-Yes; Bob Myers-Yes; Carleen Grant-Yes; Pauli Ward-Yes; Barb Fitzpatrick-Yes; Jay Spivey-Yes; Brian Enburg-Yes; Jim Cone-No; Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal-No; Mick Eddington-Yes. Present votes-Laura Mayer, Terrie VanHuss, Bob Dodson, Rich Kinkade.
3. Swap Meet 2013) Move to 3rd Sunday of February, 2013. Discussion: Admission prices change; \$10 early bird, \$7 later in day; no problem getting vendors; complaint by vendors that spots cost too much; consider dropping prices on spots; discounts for more spots; prepaying for vendor spots; dropping prices on spots with no discount; discount for early booking of spots; discount to ABATE members; proposed pricing for vendors: \$50/1 spot, \$90/2 spots, \$130/3 spots. **Bob Dodson moved to sign contract for Swap Meet 2013 to lock in February 17, 2013, Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (EB2012-20)**
Admission prices, vendor pricing and discounts will be considered further.

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

Bob Meyer moved to go into Closed Session, Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal seconded. Motion passed. (EB2012-21)

CLOSED SESSION

Mick Eddington moved to come out of Closed Session, Scott Gerke seconded. Motion passed. (EB2012-22)

Break 3¹⁰ pm – 3²⁵ pm.

Officer Reports:

Assistant State Coordinator (Scott Gerke)-Seminar planning under way.
Heartland STEAM-waiting on proposal from Quad Cities. Suggested locations: Peoria, Bloomington, Springfield, and Quad Cities.

Secretary (Laural Stegall)-No report.

Treasurer (Julie Bacon)-Budget hand out in July; September vote by Board of Directors.

Activities (Barb Fitzpatrick)-Thank you for help with State Party.

Need sizes for Staff shirts at State Party, Security will only wear when on duty.

"Damnation" will be the headliner band.

Campers to rent are available but not on site in campground.

Electric hookups can be reserved if prepaid; need more than 25 hookups, will call to confirm number available.

Pauli Ward has State Party tickets.

Public Relations (Carleen Grant)-Have seven (7) billboards.

All supplies were distributed for Window Wash.

Bag pilot program: 1500 printed. Discussion: some chapters didn't get any; limited space for printing information; EBoard didn't see design before printing; EBoard needs to have copies for answering questions; want information about cost for BOD.

Newsletter (RJ Scroggins)-Absent.

Legislative (Bob Meyers)-HB930 (federal funds for motorcycle only check points) Watch OnDGo. SB2528-trailer bill-120 second law passed.

HB3452 (show off biker bill) passed.

Ethanol bills have been put on hold for this year.

HB1907-Overzealous DA can charge with RICO Act-opposed.

House Resolutions-Two (2) proclamations for Motorcycle Awareness Month.

Bob Meyers hoping to attend Bikers on Beltway to represent ABATE of IL.

Products (Terrie VanHuss)-Mike Meyers inquired about getting tank tops and sweatshirts.

Suggestion to bring product trailer (after completed) to BOD meetings, park in loading zone?

Safety and Education (Laura Mayer)-Introduced Bill Cook (Freeport Chapter), will be assisting Safety & Education.

Window Clings, bumper stickers are distributed in the "highest fatality" areas.

Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal will ask Lincolnland Chapter to find new storage unit, current unit's roof leaks and door's safety cables are broken; hung tarp to cover unit's contents to prevent getting wet.

First meeting for the new video will be at the State Party at Will County's campsite.

Talking to someone to attend Lifesavers' Conference; will not be at June EBoard or BOD because of attending Conference.

Suggestion to hand out ABATE items before IDOT at Awareness Rally.

State Office (Pauli Ward)-Worked overtime this month.

Five hundred (500) didn't renew memberships in March. Suggestions to increase renewals: Call at night at home; Regional Coordinators contact chapters and members; phone tree; mass mailing to 2011 inactive list with legislative accomplishments in a trifold sent out after State Party; safety and education trifold sent out after State Party. Chapters can get inactive label list from State Office.

Brian Enburg will send trifold out to his region inactive list.

Who can have membership lists? Membership list not sole property of membership coordinator, list belongs to all officers of chapter and Regional Coordinators.

Have had a few complaints from insurance agents calling.

Bike Raffle (Bob Dodson)-Ticket sales are down.

Need to get with SE and SW Regional Coordinators for DuQuoin State Fair.

Will be at the Awareness Rally, and State Party.

Regional Reports:

NW Region (Brian Enburg)-All chapters are committed to work at the State Party.

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NE Region (Jay Spivey/John Block)-John Block attended the Washington DC trip and thought that it went very well.

WC Region (Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal)-Peo-Taz and Lincolnland participating in Bike Nights to sign up new members. Freebird chapter had an accident on way to Rally; member hit by a car, member has a broken leg and is currently in surgery.

EC Region (Jim Cone)-Need Bob Meyer to call Stacey Rigsby about DNR Fund Liquidity Act. Black Pistons invited Jim Cone to attend meeting. Confederation of Clubs could require members to become ABATE members.

SW Region (Rich Kinkade)-Backroads chapter member had an accident, currently in hospital with head trauma.

SE Region (Mick Eddington)-Pauli Ward stated that Rick "Doc" Jones was hoping to be here today, but will try to be at the Rally.

Rich Kinkade moved to adjourn, Jay Spivey seconded. Motion passed; opposed: Bob Meyer.

**Submitted by,
Laural Stegall
State Secretary**