A.B.A.T.E. OF IL. INC Executive Board Meeting August 18, 2012
Minutes approved on September 15, 2012

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Executive Board meeting August 18, 2012
Meeting Location: Brookens Library
University of Illinois at Springfield, One Plaza
Springfield, 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. Safety & Ed-Laura Mayer
7. Products-Terrie VanHuss
8. Newsletter-RJ Scroggins
9. Public Relations-Carleen Grant
10. Office Manager-Pauli Ward
11. Activities-Barb Fitzpatrick
13. NE Region-John Bloch
14. NE Region-Jay Spivey
15. NW Region-Brian Enburg
16. WC Region-Don Boland
17. SE Region-Mick Eddington
18. SW Region-Rich Kinkade

EXECUTIVE BOARD ABSENT

1. Bike Raffle-Bob Dodson (event)
2. EC Region-Stacey Rigsby (funeral)
3. EC Region-Jim Cone (illness)
4. WC Region-Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal
5. SE Region-Rick "Doc" Jones

GUESTS PRESENT

1. Dennis Yeager (Freeport)
2. Jackie Spivey (Will County)
3. Dawn Winterfeldt (River Valley)
4. Todd Vandermyde (lobbyist)
5. Carla Enberg (Blackhawk)
6. Pam Boland (Central)
7. Violet Roberts (Will County)
8. Mike Ryan (Northern IL)
9. Mike Grachek (Peo-Taz)
10. George McAvin (Peo-Taz)
11. Jim "Legs" Korte (Piasa-Gateway/MRF)
12. George Tinkham (Lincoln Land)
13. Ted P Zackro (Crossroads)

The Executive Board meeting was called to order on August 18, 2012 at 10:30 am. Mike Myers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the July, 2012 minutes:
Scott Gerke moved to approve minutes as amended, seconded by Laura Mayer. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

1. Annual Review-Central IL has filed taxes.
2. Legal Services Registration-Scott Gerke will contact Rod Taylor.
3. Green Ribbon Rally-John Bloch (NE Region) working on this with Chicago chapter.
4. Storage Unit-Still leaking, not fixed. Need to move to different location.

Brian Enburg moved to close unfinished business, Laura Mayer seconded. Motion passed.

New Business:

1. Fundraiser proposal by Jewels Branger -Bob Myers explained that a raffle was proposed for the first motorcycle to cross the new bridge in St. Louis, similar to the raffle for the

first car to cross the bridge. Discussion: IDOT, who has time to contact; who would be in charge; helmet law in Missouri. Result: No recommendation.

2. Budget requests-Get budget requests in to Julie Bacon so budget can be worked on in September. Paulette Korte phoned Julie to make the same MRF request in the budget as last year.
3. New bike raffle trailer-Bob Dodson sent a proposal for a new bike raffle trailer. **Terrie VanHuss moved to go ahead and order the new bike trailer, Bob Myers seconded.** Discussion: current trailer needs a lot of work; would cost more to repair than a new one; proposal is a good price; trade-in will be about $3000 on the old trailer; total price $3980 plus tax/license; two axle trailer, taller than old one; graphics will be extra. **Motion passed unanimously. (EB2012- 32)**

Pauli Ward moved to close new business, Scott Gerke seconded. Motion passed.

Officer Reports:
State Coordinator-(Mike Myers) We are all volunteers and need to work together for the betterment of ABATE to provide a safe riding environment.
Assistant State Coordinator-(Scott Gerke) Heartland STEAM 2013 will have location determined by the Meeting of the Minds in order to distribute flyers.
Legislative/Safety & Ed-(Bob Myers/Laura Mayer) ABATE has obtained a seat at the table on IDOT Fatality Board to determine actual cause of death in motorcycle crashes. Mike Myers has agreed to volunteer to meet with IDOT. Illinois only state in nation to be seated on Fatality Board. ABATE of IL will have an opportunity to help IDOT to reduce motorcycle fatalities by having actual cause of death. The Federal DOT and CDC do not even keep track of "root" cause of fatalities.
Safety & Ed-(Laura Mayer)-Introduced Violet "Shy Vi" Roberts as a proposed 2013 Safety & Ed Coordinator.
Products-(Terrie VanHuss) No more products will be ordered until the first of the year.
Office Manager-(Pauli Ward) Four (4) essays were presented for ABATE of IL & ABATE Legal Services Scholarship. Scoring was close.

Lobbyist-(Todd Vandermyde) HB4193-DNR monies come out of general revenue fund, proposed to make it self-sustaining. Personnel & budget have been cut by more than 50%. Director of DNR is trying to find land for off-road training and trails. Proposed to have stickers on all ATVs, just like snowmobiles and watercraft. We need to try to find a way to fund a program we started 10 years ago to fund building of trails. DNR is willing to work with us and have asked for our help.
Political endorsement not above "C" rating if survey only with no track record, must have held office to achieve rating above a "C".
Bob Myer and Todd Valdemyde can only trade on good name so long and need PAC help. Problem with endorsement process, sometimes we need to take a chance. Doesn't understand why some endorsements can't be higher.

Pauli Ward moved to adjourn, Laura Mayer seconded. Motion passed.

Submitted by,
Laural Stegall
State Secretary