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Board of Directors meeting April 20, 2013
Meeting Location- Brookens Auditorium
University of Illinois at Springfield, One Plaza
Springfield, IL 62703

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 Meyers
6. Safety & Ed-Violet Lekic-Roberts
7. Products-Terrie VanHuss
8. Public Relations-Mary Jo Havens
9. Bike Raffle-Bob Dodson
10. Newsletter-Carla Enburg
11. Office Manager-Pauli Ward
12. NE Region-John Bloch
13. NW Region-Dennis "Cleaver" Yeager
14. WC Region- Don Boland
15. WC Region- Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal
16. SE Region- Mick Eddington
17. SW Region-Rich Kinkade

EXECUTIVE BOARD ABSENT

1. Activities-Barb Fitzpatrick
2. SW Region-Mike Fisher

CHAPTERS PRESENT

1. Backroads
2. Beaucoup Bottoms
3. Big River
4. Black Diamond
5. Blackhawk
6. Central Illinois
7. Chicago
8. Children of the Corn
9. Crooked Creek
10. Crossroads
11. Dukane
12. Eastern Illinois
13. Embarras Valley
14. Flatlanders
15. Freebird
16. Freedom by Choice
17. Freedom Riders (left 2¹⁰ pm)
18. Freedom Valley
19. Freeport
20. Fulton County
21. Great River
22. Heart of Illinois
23. Heartland
24. Hubbard Trail
25. Iron Riders
27. Kishwaukee Valley
28. Liberty
29. Midstate
30. Northern Illinois
31. Northwest Suburban
32. Old River
33. Open Roads
34. Pathfinders
35. Peo-Taz (left 3⁵² pm)
36. Piasa-Gateway (left 2¹⁰ pm)
37. Prairieland
38. River Valley
39. Shawnee Hills
40. Shoal Creek (left 3⁵⁰ pm)
41. South Suburban
42. Southern Dupage
43. Southern Freedom
44. Southern Illinois 27
45. Spoon River Riders
46. St. Clair
47. Starved Rock
48. Thunder Rock
49. Tri County
50. Twin Rivers
51. Will County

26. Kaskaskia Valley

52. Windy City (arrive 2¹⁰ pm)

CHAPTERS ABSENT

1. Apple Creek
2. Crawford County
3. Ford County
4. Franklin County
5. Heritage Trail
6. Jasper County
7. Lamoine Valley

8. Lincolnland
9. Lost Creek
10. Richland County
11. Salt Creek
12. Union Jack
13. Wabash Valley

GUESTS PRESENT

1. Kurt Husen-Kishwaukee Valley
2. Laura Zackro-Crossroads
3. Scott Friedrichs-Twin Rivers
4. Dan Paulsen-Freeport
5. Jay Hall-A.M.A./Lincolnland
6. Julie Pratt-Heartland

7. Pam Boland-Central IL
8. Emily Gomez-Chicago
9. Debbie Kinley-Southern Freedom
10. Timothy Perry-Pathfinders
11. Brian Enburg-Blackhawk

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order on April 20, 2013 at 1:00 pm. Mike Myers, State Coordinator, led the Pledge of Allegiance, moment of silence for all fallen riders; acknowledged that not everyone can sit through whole meeting, were asked to stand back near the carpeted wall area.

Approval of the February 16, 2013 minutes:

River Valley moved to accept minutes, seconded by Crossroads. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

1. 990 filing-Charter Revocation for repeat offenders (tabled motion/BOD2013-1)-Big River and Windy City have not completed 990s as of this date. Discussion: No Representative from Big River in attendance, Representative from Windy City was late; hadn't arrived yet. **Midstate moved to table this issue until later in the meeting, seconded by Thunder Rock. (BOD2013-12) Motion passed. Nays: Blackhawk, Heart of IL**
2. Donations from Bars/Businesses (tabled action)-Continue to be tabled until June meeting. Still compiling information. Regional Coordinators will work on guidelines.
3. Newsletter Deadline moved to the 15th of the month (tabled motion/BOD2013-9)- Discussion: Currently deadline is 10th of the month; 35 hours to put together; need full weekend and some week nights; some chapter meetings on 2nd Sunday of month, will work with those chapters; support Newsletter Coordinator in what she wants. **Piasa-Gateway moved that the newsletter deadline be moved back to the fifteenth of the month, seconded by Heart of IL. (BOD2013-9) Motion failed. Nays: Backroads, Beaucoup Bottoms, Big River, Blackhawk, Central IL, Chicago, Children of the Corn, Crooked Creek, Crossroads, Dukane, Eastern IL, Embarras Valley, Flatlanders, Freebird, Freedom Riders, Freedom Valley, Freeport, Great River, Iron Riders, Kaskaskia Valley, Liberty, Northern IL, Northwest Suburban, Old River, Open roads, Pathfinders Peo-Taz, Prairieland, Shawnee Hills, Shoal Creek, South Suburban, Southern Dupage, Southern Freedom, Spoon River Riders, St. Clair, Starved Rock, Thunder Rock, Tri County, Twin Rivers, Will County.** Shawnee Hills requested that Carla put something in the paper to let chapters that meet on the 2nd weekend of the month that she will work with them on getting their articles in the paper. **Blackhawk moved to make the newsletter deadline on the second Saturday of the month, seconded by Embarras Valley. (BOD2013-13) Discussion: This would be an update to the Policy and Procedure. Motion passed.**

Nays: Prairieland, Northern IL, River Valley, Heart of IL, Freedom by Choice, Heartland, Piasa-Gateway, Backroads, Midstate, Southern IL.

4. Nomination for Northwest Region Coordinator-Dennis "Cleaver" Yeager is acting Coordinator. Opened nominations. No nominations. Nominations closed. **Election for Northwest Region Coordinator in June.**

Thunder Rock moved to close unfinished business, seconded by Freedom Riders. Motion passed.

New Business:

1. East Central Region Coordinator-Larry Ackerman submitted his letter of resignation due to changing jobs. East Central Region accepted resignation. No appointment for Coordinator. Opened nominations. No nominations. Closed nominations.
2. Beth Busiker from Freeport chapter will be making two wreaths for auction at Seminar; she needs 2 patches or pins from each chapter. Give to her or Dennis Yeager.

Flatlanders moved to close new business, seconded by Starved Rock. Motion passed.

Officer Reports:

STATE COORDINATOR (Mike Myers)-"Ride Smart" program is getting a lot of positive feedback. Of the top four causes for fatalities we have direct control over three; impaired riding, skills, and speeding. From information acquired at Heartland STEAM from an Indiana representative, NHTSA has a new program that replaces the Motorcycle Only checkpoints. The program is "The High Visibility Enforcement"; publicity, visibility and enforcement. The program is available to law enforcement to identify impaired riders, Indiana is already using this. If we don't take care of these ourselves in Illinois, the government will. Information is on www.NHTSA.gov; look for High Visibility How to Tool Kit.

List of "Ride Smart" presentation dates and locations. We need to get the word out. Still working with IDOT on taping presentation. Working on 2011 crashes (3400), fatalities for 2011 (144) and 2012 (146) are finished. Tee shirts, bumper stickers can be made for "Ride Smart".

May 1 will be a press event for Awareness month in Springfield.

Mike will be finishing his term of office, but will not be seeking reelection. If anyone is interested, Mike is willing to talk to them to let them know about the position.

ASSISTANT STATE COORDINATOR (Scott Gerke)-Heartland STEAM went great; thanked all those who helped. Eight states attended, seven are with STEAM. Indiana is not with STEAM, but they attended. The quilt sold for the fourth time and has been donated back to be sold at the State Party.

SECRETARY (Laural Stegall)-Complaints from some chapters that sending letters for missing two consecutive meetings is a waste of money; this is a bylaw. If a Board Representative can't attend, anyone in good standing from the chapter can represent the chapter at the Board meeting; let Pauli know when you sign in.

Break 2⁰⁰ – 2¹⁵

LEGISLATIVE (Bob Meyers)-See attached file.

For the record: HB3369-Freebird Chapter and Heart of IL Chapter oppose all E15 bills Discussion: Rep. Don Moffitt made a deal to not run HB3369, should not be downgraded because an agreement was made. PAC needs to look at. We need to work with our Legislators.

Legislative Day: only 25 chapters were represented. West Central Region had most present.

Piasa-Gateway had most people present. Compliments on event.

John "Hunter John" Harris: No noise ordinance in Fulton County. DNR: still need to meet about the rules. If you, your children, your grandchildren ride on own property where you live, don't have to pay for \$15 sticker; can't harass if hauling ATV or dirt bike. Getting 1000 acres of state property in Fulton County for public riding of ATVs and dirt bikes. Meet May 7 for grants,

asking for meeting on rules. Sanctioned races won't have to have stickers. The sticker is revenue for DNR.

Jay Hall, AMA: Off-road riding parks will have to have stickers and charge more. Trying to get clubs and parks exempt, if members ride there. Golf carts are also going to have to have stickers. For the record: Southern Freedom chapter opposes this law.

Bob Meyers will put monthly Legislative Report on website.

SAFETY & EDUCATION (Violet "Shy Vi" Lekic-Roberts)-Doesn't respond to emails every day. Ordered 1000 posters for the schools; extra posters will be in Products trailer, will be sale for \$5 with proceeds to go to Safety & Ed. Chapters with a lot of presentations will get 10; chapters with a few presentations will get 5. **Will be putting .jpeg of IDOT partnership award on website.** Pickup school supplies.

ACTIVITIES (Pauli Ward reported for Barb Fitzpatrick)-State Party: everything is ready; need \$100 donation from chapters for entertainment; \$5 for Thursday night; IL Petroleum Council donated money for State Party, Legislative Day and Awareness Rally.

BIKE RAFFLE (Bob Dodson)-Listed events where the raffle bike will be. All chapters need to sell tickets; chapter gets 10% of their ticket sales.

NEWSLETTER (Carla Enburg)-Deadline for next newsletter is May 11.

STATE OFFICE (Pauli Ward)-If you want Secretary Notes by email, send an email or write it down Member benefits will be over budget because of ordering patches, membership cards and year rockers. Have Bike Raffle tickets. Still getting new members, but not as many renewals.

PUBLIC RELATIONS (Mary Jo Havens)-Thanked for participation in press conference. Have equal amounts of posters, coasters and nail files. Regional Coordinators pickup for absent chapters. May 1 press event, need volunteer from Marion area; Beaucoup Bottoms Representative volunteered. For Proclamations, in gray areas, work with neighboring chapters. All Proclamations are accepted; turn into press events.

PRODUCTS (Terry VanHuss)-Awareness Rally shirts will be safety orange. If you want your own shirt embroidered, let Terry know.

Terry will be finishing her term of office, but will not be seeking reelection. If anyone is interested let Terry know so she can tell you about the position.

River Valley moved to reopen unfinished business, seconded by Thunder Rock. Motion passed.

Tabled motion BOD2013-1 brought off table. Big River chapter representative present; Windy City chapter representative present. Discussion: Neither chapter's papers are correct. Windy City has been a chapter for two years and has been late both years and hasn't attended seminars. No accusations were made of non-support of A.B.A.T.E., just by non-filing of 990s. Discrepancies of donations, devoted to getting it taken care of. Don't want to revoke charters. Assistant State Coordinator and Regional Coordinator will help get them finished.

Midstate moved to call the question, seconded by Freedom by Choice. Motion passed.
Nays: Blackhawk, Iron Riders, Northern IL.

Midstate moved to revoke charter for repeat offenders for non-filing of 990s, seconded by Heart of Illinois. (BOD2013-1) Motion failed unanimously. If unable to complete within a week, let Scott Gerke know.

Backroads moved to allow Julie Bacon (State Treasurer) to file tax extension if correct paperwork is not received from Big River and Windy City, seconded by Midstate. (BOD2013-14) Motion passed. Nays: Midstate, Iron Riders, Southern IL, Heartland.

TREASURER (Julie Bacon)-Would like to recommend that Big River and Windy City file monthly 990s for this year. This is meant to help them not punish.

Thunder Rock moved that Big River and Windy City file monthly 990s with the A.B.A.T.E. State Treasurer for one year, seconded by Kishwaukee Valley. (BOD2013-15) Discussion: Quarterly is too long; if they don't file monthly, Regional Coordinators will help; Julie will report

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during Treasurer Report; Julie will send packets to John Bloch, Dennis Yeager and Scott Gerke.

Motion passed. Nays: Blackhawk.

Midstate moved to close unfinished business, seconded by Thunder Rock. Motion passed.

ABATEPAC (Mike Straker)-Thank you for donations.

FEDPAC (Ryan Hubbard)-New Representative in Washington-Robin Kelly. Thank you for donations.

Panel Reports:

MRF REP (Jim Conley)-Thank Scott Gerke for his work on Heartland STEAM, signed up eight new members, two renewals. Need pictures from the early days. Please use the online for membership/renewals. Go to MRF website and let them know where electronic signs are. Need more sustaining members; PA is gaining on IL for members. Thank you from MRF A&E for donation from IL Road Trip.

D-17 (John "Hunter John" Harris)-No report.

AMA (Stacey Rigsby)-No report.

Region Reports:

NE REGION (John Bloch)-List of activities in region. Need volunteers for State Party.

NW REGION (Dennis "Cleaver" Yeager)-Thank you for those that attended Heartland STEAM.

WC REGION (Don Boland)-List of activities in region. Regional party 7/13-7/14.

SE REGION (Mick Eddington)-List of activities in region. Watch for deer.

SW REGION (Rich Kinkade)-List of activities in region. Marble Run.

Drawing

Embarras Valley moved to adjourn, seconded by Kishwaukee. Motion passed.

**Submitted by,
Laural Stegall
State Secretary**

2013 April BOD Legislative Report

First off I want to Congratulate and Salute Piasa Gateway and all other chapters that got involved in a municipality or county race to protect us from those that would interfere with our Freedoms, Rights and Pursuit of Happiness as we see it.

Piasa Gateway Chapter and the BUSHPILOTS mc of Alton were directly involved with the campaign and election of a write-in candidate, Brant Walker, for Mayor of Alton. Walker won by 74 votes.

HB 1539 Non-Police Traffic Control – Rep Ken Dunkin.

HB 2253 Property Exemption from Liability Bill – Rep. Ken Dunkin dead for the rest of the spring session,

HB3369 Ethanol Promotion Bill – Rep Don Moffitt –Ready for 2nd reading but Not being moved at this time due to his word of not running the bill till we all agree on it. E-10 guarantee???

HB 165, E-15 Ethanol tax structure. Rep J. Bradley. On hold, hasn't been assigned a committee.

SB 52, E-15 Ethanol tax structure, Senator J. Sullivan. This bill was gutted of content then moved through committee so that he could fill it in and run it if he feels lucky or use it for some other purpose as he did last year. Everyone needs to watch this bill for movement.

SB1960, Poker Run Act. Senator Gary Forby : A bill to legalize our Poker Runs and the equipment we use to run them. Cards, spinners, dice marbles. This bill should be coming out to play this week.

HR 247 - Michael Unes - Rich Brauer - Norine Hammond: Proclaims the month of May as Motorcycle Awareness Month in Illinois.

Bills we supported were HB2508 and SB 2356. Both came up and were done before we knew it.

HB2508 – Rep. Jay Hoffman – Amends the Motor Vehicle Franchise Act. Provides that it is a violation of the Act to require a motorcycle dealer to (1) install fixtures, lighting, or displays not specifically related to products not made by the manufacturer, (2) buy fixtures or lighting only from the manufacturer's approved distributor, (3) segregate certain aftermarket products away from the other manufacturer's products, or (4) locate to a new or alternate facility. – Passed the House 74-39.

SB2356 – Senator Jim Oberweis – Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides the maximum speed limit outside an urban district for any vehicle is (1) 70 miles per hour on any interstate highway; (2) 70 miles per hour for all or part of highways that are designated by the Department of Transportation, have at least 4 lanes of traffic, and have a separation between the roadways moving in opposite directions; and (3) 65 miles per hour for all other highways, roads, and streets. Provides that the counties of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will may adopt ordinances establishing speed limits lower than these speeds. Permits the Department of Transportation and Toll Highway Authority to alter speed limits up to the new maximum speed limit (rather than up to 65 miles per hour)..

I was talking to the Senator 45 min before the committee about E-15 and he asked me if we would support his bill and I said yes.

OVER

The D.C. Trip members will leave on April 22nd and will be taking your concerns to D.C. including the E-15 issues. There are 18 US Congressmen and 2 US Senators to see and Ray La Hood who is still the Secretary of Transportation until his replacement is found. The trip is headed up by Ryan Hubbard and Cindy Lannom and the other members are Rick "RO" Olson, Liz Winters, Bethany Buisker, Katherine Gallagher Sherwyn Smith, and Dan Harper.

Federal bills we will be supporting are:

H.R. 875: To provide for a comprehensive assessment of the scientific and technical research on the implications of the use of mid-level ethanol blends, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep. James Sensenbrenner [R-WI5] 12 co-sponsors

S. 344: A bill to prohibit the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from approving the introduction into commerce of gasoline that contains greater than 10-volume-percent ethanol, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Sen. Roger Wicker [R-MS] 4 co-sponsors

and its sister bill

H.R. 1462: To amend the Clean Air Act to eliminate certain requirements under the renewable fuel program, to prohibit the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from approving the introduction into commerce of gasoline that contains greater Sponsor: Rep. Bob Goodlatte [R-VA6]
This bill has 24 co-sponsors

Waiting on Language for the following bills:

H.R. 1461: To repeal the renewable fuel program of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Sponsor: Rep. Bob Goodlatte [R-VA6] 13 co-sponsors

H.R. 1469: To repeal certain amendments to the Clean Air Act relating to the expansion of the renewable fuel program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep. Michael Burgess [R-TX26] 0 co-sponsors

H.R. 1482: To amend the Clean Air Act to eliminate certain requirements under the renewable fuel program, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Rep. Steve Womack [R-AR3] 3 co-sponsors

The opposition to ethanol is increasing in our US Capitol.

A bill we will oppose is sponsored by one of our friends.

H.R. 1214: Domestic Fuels Protection Act of 2013 Sponsor: Rep. John Shimkus R-IL15 3 co-sponsors

This bill would protect the Ethanol Industries from *liability*. **WHY would they need protection??**

WATCH For those ONDGO's-----Then make the CALL!!

Bob