

A.B.A.T.E. OF ILLINOIS, INC.-Board of Directors Meeting, June 15, 2013
Minutes approved as amended on August 17, 2013

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Board of Directors meeting June 15, 2013
Meeting Location- Brookens Auditorium
University of Illinois at Springfield, One Plaza
Springfield, IL 62703

EXECUTIVE BOARD PRESENT

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| 1. State Coordinator- Mike Myers | 10. Bike Raffle-Bob Dodson |
| 2. Asst. State Coord.-Scott Gerke | 11. Office Manager-Pauli Ward |
| 3. Secretary- Laural Stegall | 12. Activities-Barb Fitzpatrick |
| 4. Treasurer-Julie Bacon | 13. NE Region-John Bloch |
| 5. Legislative- Bob Meyers | 14. NW Region-Dennis Yeager |
| 6. Safety & Education-Violet Roberts | 15. WC Region-Don Boland |
| 7. Products-Terrie VanHuss | 16. SE Region-Mick Eddington |
| 8. Newsletter-Carla Enburg | 17. SW Region-Rich Kinkade |
| 9. Public Relations-Mary Jo Havens | 18. SW Region-Mike Fisher |

EXECUTIVE BOARD ABSENT

1. WC Region-Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal

CHAPTERS PRESENT

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| 1. Backroads | 21. Iron Riders |
| 2. Blackhawk | 22. Jasper County |
| 3. Central IL | 23. Kaskaskia Valley |
| 4. Chicago | 24. Kishwaukee Valley |
| 5. Children of the Corn | 25. Liberty |
| 6. Crooked Creek | 26. Lincolnland |
| 7. Crossroads | 27. Midstate |
| 8. Dukane | 28. Northern IL |
| 9. Eastern IL | 29. Old River |
| 10. Embarras Valley | 30. Peo-Taz |
| 11. Flatlanders | 31. Piasa-Gateway |
| 12. Freebird | 32. Prairieland |
| 13. Freedom by Choice | 33. River Valley |
| 14. Freedom Riders | 34. South Suburban |
| 15. Freedom Valley | 35. Spoon River Riders |
| 16. Freeport | 36. St. Clair |
| 17. Fulton County | 37. Starved Rock |
| 18. Heart of IL | 38. Thunder Rock |
| 19. Heartland | 39. Twin Rivers |
| 20. Heritage Trail | 40. Will County |
| | 41. Black Diamond |

CHAPTERS ABSENT

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| 1. Apple Creek | 14. Pathfinders |
| 2. Beaucoup Bottoms | 15. Richland County |

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| 3. Big River | 16. Salt Creek |
| 4. Crawford County | 18. Shoal Creek |
| 5. Ford County | 19. Southern Dupage |
| 6. Franklin County | 20. Southern Freedom |
| 7. Great River | 21. Southern IL 27 |
| 8. Hubbard Trail | 22. Tri County |
| 9. Lamoine Valley | 23. Union Jack |
| 10. Lost Creek | 24. Wabash Valley |
| 11. Northwest Suburban | 25. Windy City |
| 12. Open Roads | 26. Shawnee Hills |

GUESTS PRESENT

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| 1. Juanita Triplett-Kishwaukee Valley | 8. Rose Vensel-Freedom Riders |
| 2. Mark Hamp-Thunder Rock | 9. Ernie Frost-Children of the Corn |
| 3. Jim Hixon-Crawford County | 10. Brian Enburg-Blackhawk |
| 4. Adam Bachelor-Crawford County | 11. Wayne Cornick-Piasa-Gateway/St. Clair |
| 5. Norm Lucas-Twin Rivers | 12. Mike Coleman-South Suburban |
| 6. Kevin Baumgartner-Twin Rivers | 13. Carol Wannemmacher-Liberty |
| 7. Jim Hamilton-Eastern IL | 14. Scott Carter-Freedom by Choice |

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order on June 15, 2013 at 1:00 pm. Mike Myers, State Coordinator, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the April 20, 2013 minutes:

Thunder Rock moved to accept minutes, seconded by Heart of IL. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

1. Election of Northwest Regional Coordinator-Dennis "Clever" Yeager was elected as Northwest Regional Coordinator unanimously. Voting by Northwest Region only.
2. 2nd Round of Nomination of East Central Regional Coordinator-**Eastern IL nominated Jim Hamilton for East Central Regional Coordinator, seconded by Heart of IL. (BOD2013-16)**
3. **Heart of IL moved to appoint Jim Hamilton as East Central Regional Coordinator, seconded by Freedom by Choice. (BOD2013-17) Motion passed unanimously, voting by East Central Region only.**
4. 990s-990s were turned into CPA on 6/14/13. An extension was filed.

Piasa-Gateway moved to close unfinished business, seconded by Embarras Valley. Motion passed.

New Business:

1. Annual Review-Exemptions of chapters 990 filing-Two chapters are exempt, Central IL and Prairieland. Central IL's has been filed; Prairieland has not been filed yet.
2. Review of Legal Services Administrator for past year-See attached
3. Recommendation and Approval of the Legal Service Plan Administrator-**Freedom by Choice moved to approve Rod Taylor as Legal Service Plan Administrator for 2014, seconded by Crossroads. (BOD2013-18) Motion passed. Nays: South Suburban, Northern IL**
4. Information only-Chapter Patches-Screen prints do not have to be approved by the EBoard. New or changed chapter patches must be approved by the EBoard. Chapter patches cannot look like rockers according to the Bylaws.
5. American Income Life-End of June 2013 the contract with American Income Life expires. **Heart of IL moved to renew contract with American Income Life for the next 18 months (expire 12/14), seconded by Freedom by Choice. (BOD2013-19)**

Discussion: Beneficial; letters will be sent to members, they will not have a membership list. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Crossroads moved to close new business, seconded by Thunder Rock. Motion passed.

Officer Reports:

STATE COORDINATOR (Mike Myers)-"Ride Smart" program is going well and Mike would like to do more presentations. Discussion: IDOT needs to videotape because it is not in our budget.

ASSISTANT STATE COORDINATOR (Scott Gerke)-We need to address our tax problem earlier, Scott will become more involved in this. Stated that our Legal Service can be a selling point for membership as a member benefit.

SECRETARY (Laural Stegall)-Will not be seeking reelection in 2014.

TREASURER (Julie Bacon)-All 990s are now in and paperwork has gone to the CPA. The two chapters that were sanctioned (Big River, Windy City) have not turned in their monthly 990s.

Freedom by Choice moved to suspend Big River and Windy City's voting rights until in compliance with Board of Directors, seconded by Midstate. (BOD2013-20) Discussion:

Turning in monthly 990s was to help these chapters so they would not be late next year, filing late raises red flags to the IRS, a few chapters should not make the whole state's tax papers late.

Neither chapter is in attendance today. Big River is having problems with current chapter treasurer and the regional coordinator (Dennis Yeager) is working with the chapter president to resolve this issue. According to the regional coordinator (John Bloch) Windy City is a two year old chapter; the chapter president has been attempting to do the treasurer's job. The bylaw pertaining to taxes only has to do with the filing of 990s. **Motion passed. Ayes: Backroads, Black Diamond,**

Blackhawk, Children of the Corn, Crawford County, Crooked Creek, Crossroads, Dukane, Eastern IL, Embarras Valley, Flatlanders, Freebird, Freedom by Choice, Freedom Riders, Freedom Valley, Freeport, Heartland, Heritage Trail, Jasper County, Kishwaukee Valley, Liberty, Lincolnland, Midstate, Old River, Peo-Taz, Piasa-Gateway, Prairieland, South Suburban, Spoon River Riders, St. Clair, Thunder Rock, Twin Rivers. Nays: Chicago, Heart of IL, Iron Riders, Kaskaskia Valley, Northern IL, Starved Rock.

Kaskaskia Valley moved to rescind the charters of Big River and Windy City unless in compliance with Board of Directors by August Board of Directors meeting, seconded by Heart of IL. (BOD2013-21) Discussion:

The previous motion is too open ended; no attempt to comply; a letter was sent to inform them of sanction; their corporation would be revoked and not allowed to use the ABATE name; this is recurring problem with both chapters; members will still be members but chapter won't exist. **Embarras Valley called the question, seconded by Crossroads. Motion passed. Voting on motion BOD2013-21, rescind charters of Big River and Windy City. Motion failed, 2/3 vote of chapters present required to pass per the bylaws. Ayes: Backroads, Black Diamond, Crawford County, Crossroads, Eastern IL, Embarras Valley, Flatlanders, Freebird, Freedom by Choice, Freedom Riders, Freedom Valley, Freeport, Heart of IL, Heritage Trail, Kaskaskia Valley, Liberty, Lincolnland, Midstate, Peo-Taz, Piasa-Gateway, Prairieland, South Suburban, Spoon River Riders, Thunder Rock, Twin Rivers. Nays: Blackhawk, Central IL, Chicago, Children of the Corn, Crooked Creek, Dukane, Heartland, Iron Riders, Jasper County, Kishwaukee Valley, Northern IL, River Valley, St. Clair, Starved Rock, Will County.**

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Break 2⁰⁹ - 2²⁵

Mike Myers will send a letter to all members of Big River and Windy City. The letter will include that the chapter was close to having the charter revoked today; the charter will likely be revoked at the August BOD meeting if the chapter is not in compliance with the BOD request of monthly 990s being filed; all year to date monthly 990s filed with State Treasurer by August meeting.

LEGISLATIVE (Bob Meyers)-See attached file. New Legislative Handbooks are available to chapter Legislatives and PACs. Two hundred fifty dollars was donated to End of Session party.

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SAFETY & EDUCATION (Violet "Shy Vi" Lekic-Roberts)-Thank you for hard work this year, 232 presentations and over 5000 new drivers talked to. Posters are for sale for \$5 to individuals.

PRODUCTS (Terry VanHuss)-State Party shirts are ordered.

PUBLIC RELATIONS (Mary Jo Havens)-Seven chapters have not picked up supplies yet. Only three chapters have turned in Proclamations, they will be accepted until July 1; thank you for doing Proclamations, we will be trying to make them more effective. Send any press copies to Public Relations.

BIKE RAFFLE (Bob Dodson)-Ticket sales are down because of the wet weather. Listed events where the raffle bike will be. All chapters need to sell tickets.

STATE OFFICE (Pauli Ward)-Membership numbers are down. If you want Secretary Notes emailed, let Pauli know.

NEWSLETTER (Carla Enburg)-The next deadline is July 13.

ACTIVITIES (Barb Fitzpatrick)-State Party-New direction signs were made and donated by Starved Rock. Quilt will be auctioned again. A contract was signed with Menard county fairgrounds for the 2014/2015 State Parties; the entire fairground, the grandstands, track and electricity were rented for \$3500. Menard county fairground is twenty minutes from Springfield. Needing new ideas for State Party.

PAC/Panel Reports:

ABATEPAC (Mike Straker)-Thank you for donations. Forward all fundraiser requests to Neal Toepfer.

FEDPAC (Ryan Hubbard)-Thank you for donations. Report of D.C. trip, full report will be in July newsletter. Forward all fundraiser requests to someone on FedPAC.

MRF REP (Jim Conley)-Absent, no report. Mike Myers will be a presenter at Meeting of the Minds.

D-17 (John "Hunter John" Harris)-Absent, no report.

AMA (Stacey Rigsby)-Absent, no report.

Region Reports:

NE REGION (John Bloch)-Activities in region.

NW REGION (Dennis "Cleaver" Yeager)-Send patches/pins for wreaths. Activities in region.

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

SE REGION (Mick Eddington)-Watch for deer.

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

EC REGION (Jim Hamilton)-Activities in region.

Drawings

Thunder Rock moved to adjourn, seconded by Crossroads. Motion passed.

**Submitted by,
Laural Stegall
State Secretary**