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Board of Directors meeting August 17, 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. Office Manager-Pauli Ward        |
| 2. Asst. State Coord.-Scott Gerke    | 11. Activities-Barb Fitzpatrick      |
| 3. Secretary- Laural Stegall         | 12. NW Region-Dennis Yeager          |
| 4. Treasurer-Julie Bacon             | 13. WC Region-Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal |
| 5. Legislative- Bob Meyers           | 14. EC Region-Jim Hamilton           |
| 6. Safety & Education-Violet Roberts | 15. SW Region-Rich Kinkade           |
| 7. Newsletter-Carla Enburg           | 16. SW Region-Mike Fisher            |
| 8. Bike Raffle-Bob Dodson            |                                      |

**EXECUTIVE BOARD ABSENT**

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| 1. Products-Terrie VanHuss-Work | 3. NE Region-John Bloch     |
| 2. WC Region-Don Boland         | 4. SE Region-Mick Eddington |

**CHAPTERS PRESENT**

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|---|------------------------|
| 1. Apple Creek                                | 26. Kishwaukee Valley  |
| 2. Backroads                                  | 27. Lincolnland        |
| 3. Big River                                  | 28. Midstate           |
| 4. Black Diamond                              | 29. Northern IL        |
| 5. Blackhawk                                  | 30. Northwest Suburban |
| 6. Central IL                                 | 31. Old River          |
| 7. Chicago                                    | 32. Open Roads         |
| 8. Children of the Corn                       | 33. Pathfinders        |
| 9. Crawford County                            | 34. Peo-Taz            |
| 10. Crooked Creek                             | 35. Piasa-Gateway      |
| 11. Crossroads                                | 36. Prairieland        |
| 12. Dukane                                    | 37. Richland County    |
| 13. Eastern IL                                | 38. River Valley       |
| 14. Embarras Valley                           | 39. Salt Creek         |
| 15. Flatlanders                               | 40. Shawnee Hills      |
| 16. Ford County                               | 41. Shoal Creek        |
| 17. Freebird                                  | 42. South Suburban     |
| 18. Freedom by Choice (left 2 <sup>20</sup> ) | 43. Southern Dupage    |
| 19. Freedom Valley                            | 44. Southern Freedom   |
| 20. Freeport                                  | 45. Spoon River Riders |
| 21. Great River                               | 46. St. Clair          |
| 22. Heart of IL                               | 47. Starved Rock       |
| 23. Heartland                                 | 48. Thunder Rock       |
| 24. Iron Riders                               | 49. Twin Rivers        |
| 25. Kaskaskia Valley                          | 50. Will County        |
|   | 51. Windy City         |

**CHAPTERS ABSENT**

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| 1. Beaucoup Bottoms | 8. Lamoine Valley  |
| 2. Franklin County  | 9. Liberty         |
| 3. Freedom Riders   | 10. Lost Creek     |
| 4. Fulton County    | 11. Southern IL 27 |
| 5. Heritage Trail   | 12. Tri County     |
| 6. Hubbard Trail    | 13. Union Jack     |
| 7. Jasper County    | 14. Wabash Valley  |

**GUESTS PRESENT**

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| 1. Ernie Frost-Children of the Corn | 5. Anthony Mallette-Windy City    |
| 2. Emily Gomez-Chicago              | 6. Diana McCabe-Peo-Taz           |
| 3. Bonnie Kendall-Great River       | 7. Jim "Legs" Korte-Piasa-Gateway |
| 4. Kat Connor-Twin Rivers           | 8. Timothy Perry-Pathfinders      |

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order on August 17, 2013 at 1:00 pm. Mike Myers, State Coordinator, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of the June 15, 2013 minutes as amended:**

**Amended: Black Diamond present at June BOD meeting. Piasa-Gateway moved to accept minutes, seconded by River Valley. Motion passed.**

**Unfinished Business:**

1. Election of East Central Regional Coordinator-Jim Hamilton was elected as East Central Regional Coordinator unanimously. Voting by East Central Region only.
2. 990 Exemption- Prairieland has not filed 990 exemption yet.
3. 990s-Mike Myers sent the letter to Big River chapter and Windy City chapter as requested at the June BOD meeting by the Directors. At this time, Big River and Windy City are in compliance with filing monthly 990s.

**Thunder Rock moved to close unfinished business, seconded by Kishwaukee Valley. Motion passed.**

**New Business:**

1. MRF Contribution-Important for A.B.A.T.E. to support. **Freedom by Choice moved to donate \$1 per member as of today's membership from savings to MRF, seconded by Heartland. (BOD2013-22)** Discussion: Can't afford not to support MRF; Federal level of our rights; aid in our D.C. trip, see Treasurer's report; to be donated at Meeting of the Minds. **Iron Riders moved to call the question, seconded by Heart of IL. Motion passed. Voting on BOD2013-22, MRF donation. Motion passed unanimously.**
2. Rich Neb Nominations-Rich Neb nominations need to be in the State Office by 12/1/13. The criteria will be updated on the website.
3. First round of nominations for 2014 EBoard-

**STATE COORDINATOR: RYAN HUBBARD** Nominated by: Heart of IL; 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Freeport

**MIKE MYERS** Nominated by: Freedom by Choice; 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Heart of IL. Declined

**DENNIS "CLEAVER" YEAGER** Nominated by: Blackhawk; 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Freedom by Choice. Declined

**ASST STATE COORDINATOR: SCOTT GERKE** Nominated by: Thunder Rock; 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Southern Dupage

**JIM "LEGS" CORTE** Nominated by: Freebird; 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Heartland

**SECRETARY: KAT CONNOR** Nominated by: Twin Rivers; 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Starved Rock

**LAURAL STEGALL** Nominated by: Heart of IL; 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Freedom by Choice. Declined

**TREASURER: JULIE BACON** Nominated by: Freedom Valley; 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Heart of IL

A.B.A.T.E. OF ILLINOIS, INC.-Board of Directors Meeting, August 17, 2013  
Minutes approved on October 19, 2013

**LEGISLATIVE COORDINATOR: BOB MEYERS** Nominated by: Starved Rock; 2<sup>nd</sup> by: NW Suburban  
**SAFETY & EDUCATION COORDINATOR: MIKE MYERS** Nominated by: Crooked Creek; 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Freeport  
**VIOLET "SHY VI" ROBERTS** Nominated by: Southern Dupage; 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Embarras Valley. Declined  
**NEWSLETTER COORDINATOR: CARLA ENBURG** Nominated by: Blackhawk; 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Thunder Rock  
**PRODUCTS COORDINATOR: JULIE THURMAN** Nominated by: Lincolnland; 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Spoon River Riders  
**PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR: SHIRLEY LACOCK** Nominated by: Freebird; 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Heart of IL  
**MARY JO HAVENS** Nominated by: Crooked Creed; 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Twin Rivers  
**BIKE RAFFLE COORDINATOR: BOB DODSON** Nominated by: Heart of IL; 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Open Roads. Declined  
**ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR: BARB FITZPATRICK** Nominated by: Kishwaukee Valley; 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Crooked Creek  
**NE REGION COORDINATOR: JOHN BLOCH** Nominated by: River Valley; 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Southern Dupage  
**NW REGION COORDINATOR: DENNIS "CLEAVER" YEAGER** Nominated by: Starved Rock; 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Freeport  
**EC REGION COORDINATOR: JIM HAMILTON** Nominated by: Heart of IL; 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Freedom by Choice  
**WC REGION COORDINATOR: DON BOLAND** Nominated by: Crooked Creek; 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Lincolnland  
**KEVIN "CAP" GOUDSCHAAL** Nominated by: Freebird; 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Freedom Valley  
**SE REGION COORDINATOR: MICK EDDINGTON** Nominated by: Crossroads; 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Southern Freedom  
**SW REGION COORDINATOR: RICH KINKADE** Nominated by: Shoal Creek; 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Backroads  
**JIM "LEGS" CORTE** Nominated by: Kaskaskia Valley; 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Piasa-Gateway

First round of nominations were closed and will be reopened at the October 2013 BOD meeting.

**Freedom Valley moved to close new business, seconded by Freebird. Motion passed.**

Scott Gerke read a thank you card from Mike Myers.

#### **Officer Reports:**

**STATE COORDINATOR** (Mike Myers)-On 8/1/13 ABATE participated in an event with IDOT about impaired riding. The media changed the talking points. There was a misconception by some members that "our numbers were being used against us; told people to not join ABATE." This happened in the Springfield area, Mike Myers tried to contact this person to talk to clear up the misunderstanding. The focus of the "Ride Smart Program" is preventing fatalities and needs to continue.

**ASSISTANT STATE COORDINATOR** (Scott Gerke)-Seminar will be 1/18/14-1/19/14. If there are any suggestions to make Seminar better, let Scott know. Need sponsors for Hospitality Room; and we will be doing another quilt, bring in chapter shirts. The last one raised over \$5000.

**SECRETARY** (Laural Stegall)-Nothing to report.

**TREASURER** (Julie Bacon)-EBoard needs to get there Budget requests turned in. See attached report.

**LEGISLATIVE** (Bob Meyers)-See attached report. **Southern Dupage moved to approve MRF Agenda for 2014, amended to include HR2414 (event data recorder); seconded by Great River. (BOD2013-23)** Discussion: who gets the information and how will it be used; don't need the government having the information. **Motion passed unanimously. Shawnee Hills moved to list gas stations that sell E15 on our website, seconded by Thunder Rock. (BOD2013-24)** Discussion: do we need this; who will maintain the list; will we be hurting some of the people that support us. **Embarras Valley called the question, seconded by Lincolnland. Motion passed. Nays: Spoon River Riders. Voting on BOD2013-24. Motion failed. Nays: Apple Creek, Backroads, Big River, Black Diamond, Blackhawk, Central IL, Chicago, Children of the Corn, Crawford County, Crooked Creek, Crossroads, Dukane, Eastern IL, Embarras Valley, Flatlanders, Ford County, Freebird, Freedom by Choice, Freedom Valley, Freeport, Great River, Heart of IL, Heartland, Iron Riders, Kaskaskia Valley, Kishwaukee Valley, Lincolnland, Midstate, Northern IL, Northwest Suburban, Old River, Open Roads, Pathfinders, Peo-Taz, Piasa-Gateway, Prairieland, Richland County, River Valley, Salt Creek, Shoal Creek, South Suburban, Southern Dupage, Spoon River Riders, St. Clair, Starved Rock, Thunder Rock, Twin Rivers, Will County, Windy City.**

**Heart of IL moved to list gas stations that sell EO on our website, seconded by Northwest Suburban. (BOD2013-25)** Discussion: Bob Meyers will start the list; Roz Lange volunteered to call the list of stations once a month and let the webmaster know if there is a change in the list.

**Motion passed. Nays: Freeport, Blackhawk, Starved Rock, Crawford County.**

**DNR** (John "Hunter John" Harris)-If DNR issues a ticket, let him know because the first year was supposed to have only warning tickets issued. Need copy of the law and locations to purchase stickers on the website.

**SAFETY & EDUCATION** (Violet "Shy Vi" Lekic-Roberts)-Thank you for hard work this year, the report on presentations only reflects high school presentations. Posters are for sale for \$5 to individuals. IDOT will be offering safety supplies; we need to find out what they will be getting. Laural Stegall presented information about some interest in having the "Two wheel trauma" classes being presented in IL to first responders, LEOs and EMS. ABATE of IL will sponsor with no financial support.

**PRODUCTS** (Terry VanHuss)-No report. Absent.

**NEWSLETTER** (Carla Enburg)-Next deadline is 9/16/13.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS** (Mary Jo Havens)-Send any press copies to Public Relations.

**BIKE RAFFLE** (Bob Dodson)-The 2014 bike will be purchased on 9/26/13 from Nees H-D (Galesburg), will be a Heritage Softail or Switchback. Start booking events now. It is the BOD representatives' responsibility to take tickets back to the chapter. If the chapter wants its name on the Bike Raffle trailer or the Products trailer, \$100 for each is due in the State Office before the December BOD meeting. The drawing for the 2013 prizes will be drawn at the Springfield Mile.

**STATE OFFICE** (Pauli Ward)-Membership numbers are down, about 9300 members. If you want Secretary Notes emailed, let Pauli know. The 2013 scholarship winner is Austin Enburg. Thank you to the judges.

**ACTIVITIES** (Barb Fitzpatrick)-State Party 2013 lost money. A contract was signed with Menard county fairgrounds for the 2014/2015 State Parties, working on details now. 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. Forward all fundraiser requests to someone on FedPAC.

**MRF REP** (Jim Conley)-Thank you for donations. Chapters need to become or renew as sustaining members. Renewals can be done via MRF website.

**AMA** (Stacey Rigsby)-Absent, no report.

#### **Region Reports:**

**NE REGION** (John Bloch)-Absent. No report.

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

**WC REGION** (Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal)-List of activities in region and report on regional party.

**SE REGION** (Mick Eddington)-Absent. No report

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

**EC REGION** (Jim Hamilton)-Activities in region.

#### **Drawings**

**Kaskaskia Valley moved to adjourn, seconded by Thunder Rock. Motion passed.**

**Submitted by,  
Laural Stegall  
State Secretary**