

A.B.A.T.E. OF IL. INC Executive Board Meeting March 16, 2013
Approved on April 20, 2012

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Executive Board meeting March 16, 2013
Meeting Location: Prairieland Chapter Building
Decatur, 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-Barb Fitzpatrick |
| 3. Secretary- Laural Stegall | 12. Newsletter-Carla Enburg |
| 4. Treasurer-Julie Bacon | 13. NW Region-Dennis "Cleaver" Yeager |
| 5. Legislative- Bob Meyers | 14. WC Region-Don Boland |
| 6. Safety & Ed-Violet Lekic-Roberts | 15. WC Region-Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal |
| 7. Products-Terrie VanHuss | 16. SE Region- Mick Eddington |
| 8. Public Relations-Mary Jo Havens | 17. SW Region-Rich Kinkade |
| 9. Bike Raffle-Bob Dodson | |

EXECUTIVE BOARD ABSENT

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| 1. SW Region-Mike Fisher | 2. NE Region-John Bloch |
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GUESTS PRESENT

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| 1. Rosie Goudschaal (Pathfinders) | 4. Bob White (Southern IL) |
| 2. Dawn Winterfeldt (River Valley) | 5. Gus Miller (Heart of IL) |
| 3. Pam Boland (Central) | 6. Brian Enburg (Blackhawk) |

The Executive Board meeting was called to order on March 16, 2013 at 10:30 am. Mike Myers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the February 16, 2012 minutes:

Scott Gerke moved to approve minutes, seconded by Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

1. Non-Preferred Vendor List-Needs to be rewritten, clear language and meaning. Volunteer committee: Laural Stegall, Barb Fitzpatrick, Violet Lekic-Roberts
2. E-Board State Party-Everything on track. Regional Coordinators-If you cannot attend let Don Boland know as he is head of security.
3. Webmaster Contract Draft-Have ready for April EBoard meeting.
4. Chapter Officers (In compliance with law for non-profit org.)-All chapters are in compliance
5. Mailing to Motorcycle Owners (Public Relations)-Rich Pearson has not been back in contact with our Public Relations.

Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal moved to close unfinished business, seconded by Rich Kinkade. Motion passed.

Guest: Bruce Rainer spoke. Honored to ride and offer his support to ABATE. His family foundation gave a contribution to ABATE.

New Business:

1. BOD Meeting Guests-There will be some basic respect guidelines for BOD meetings. Guests must address the BOD from the front of the room, respectfully. During the meeting, be seated or stand toward back of room because it is less distracting or intimidating.

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2. River Valley Chapter letter dated 1/3/13-Letter stated chapter motions that they would not be selling bike raffle tickets for 2013 because of an email communication with Bob Dodson. Bob Dodson resigned, but will remain until the chapter president talks to her chapter again to reconsider their decision. Discussion: how many people at meeting; treating as a business sells more tickets, shows hard work; need discontent to stop; how the chapter interpreted email, felt dismissed; same incident from another chapter in same region; if upset with another coordinator will chapter participate in program?; precedent setting issue; Regional Coordinator not involved; disrespectful of ABATE.

Break 11³⁶-11⁵⁰

3. Roberts Rules of Order-If a newer version is to be used it won't be implemented until 2014 to allow books to be bought, rules learned and understood.
4. EC Regional Coordinator Resignation-Larry Ackerman resigned for job relocation. At April BOD will be first round of nominations, volunteer for appointment until election.

Scott Gerke moved to close new business, seconded by Terrie VanHuss. Motion passed.

Officer Reports:

State Coordinator (Mike Myers)-Looking for photos of motorcycles from crashes; can only have motorcycle, no people. Must have written permission from motorcycle owner to use. Starting on all 2011 crashes. 2012 fatal crash numbers higher because of better, longer riding season. Will have 2012 numbers by State Party.

This will be last year as State Coordinator; anyone interested should let others know.

Assistant State Coordinator (Scott Gerke)-Heartland STEAM-Rod Taylor providing lunch on Saturday; still need auction items. Any questions, call Scott.

Secretary (Laural Stegall)-No report.

Treasurer (Julie Bacon)-Eleven associated accounts, need to look at these. Need to lower Products inventory. The following chapters haven't turned in 990s: Big River, Iron Riders, Jasper County, and Windy City. **John Bloch to call Mike Myers with updates for his region.**

Julie Bacon moved to pay a one year membership for Bruce Rainer, Barb Fitzpatrick seconded. (EB2013-4) No discussion. Motion passed unanimously. Include a note referencing donation from Foundation.

Activities (Barb Fitzpatrick)-Awareness Rally-Done; need volunteers for cleanup at IDOT afterwards; pre-party at Lincolnland chapter the night before. State Party-Need to rent a trailer for the office; bath houses will be brought in; if you need to rent a golf cart, let Barb know; letters to vendors have been mailed. EBoard and one guest will get in free.

Public Relations (Mary Jo Havens)-Six billboards ordered. Nail files-will order 6000 at .10 each, no shipping charges. Coasters-will order 25000 at .15 each. Posters-will order 1500. All items to be divided evenly among all chapters. Proclamations are on website, need to push to chapters. Yahoo.com wanted ABATE to advertise online-of no value to us at this time.

Newsletter (Carla Enburg)-Deadline-Second Saturday of month, needs a weekend to work on it. Suggestion to have next two meeting dates in article. Pauli is working on fixing bad addresses for newsletters, being sent to chapter membership coordinators; good information to be brought to BOD.

Legislative (Bob Meyers)-SB52-Ethanol bill-Senator Brady wants to keep as is now for another five years; ABATE will not support this bill. Regional Coordinators need to tell chapters about IL General Assembly website to have members fill out witness slips. HB1539-Road Guard-simpler bill, changed to have \$150 fine for disobeying traffic signals. Gaming bill-Todd Vandermyde working on this weekend. Need ABATE represented at Fulton Co. zoning meeting on 4/2. DNR working on writing rules with Bob Meyer, Todd Vandermyde, "Hunter John" Harris. Legislative Day-Had good feedback. Paperwork has been filed for next year, a block of 20 rooms have been booked and can be reserved after 1/1/14.

Break 1²²-1⁴⁰

Products (Terrie VanHuss)-Showed Heartland STEAM shirts. Decided on safety orange for Safety and Awareness Rally shirts. Products trailer is available to chapters for events.

Safety & Education (Violet Lekic-Roberts)-Showed a mockup of a new poster for high schools. Partnership with IDOT certificates will be laminated for each chapter.

Office Manager (Pauli Ward)-**Pauli Ward moved to give \$250 to Gloria Haraldson's family as a memorial, Don Boland seconded. (EB2013-5)** Discussion: Gloria Haraldson was a State Treasurer and helped Pauli in the office from the beginning until 1999. **Motion passed**

unanimously. Leroy Harris, Dirt Track in Taylorville appreciative of help getting his final grant and would like to put on a concert with David Alan Coe in July or August and donate all the money to ABATE; no problem putting that the proceeds are being donated to ABATE on the posters. Prairieland has been good to us but might be more economical to have meetings in Springfield.

Terrie VanHuss moved to have EBoard meetings in Springfield at Northfield Inn instead of Prairieland, Laural Stegall seconded. (EB2013-6) Discussion: nice drive; gas prices vs. rental at Northfield; farther for several; everything fine with Prairieland, just more cost effective; effective in July. **Motion passed. Ayes: Bob Meyers, Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal, Carla Enburg, Julie Bacon, Pauli Ward, Barb Fitzpatrick, Mary Jo Havens, Terrie VanHuss, Laural Stegall Nays: Violet Lekic-Roberts, Mick Eddington, Rich Kinkade, Dennis "Cleaver" Yeager, Scott Gerke, Bob Dodson.** Pauli Ward will check dates with Northfield.

Bike Raffle (Bob Dodson)-No report.

Policy & Procedure-Guidelines for sponsorship, benefits and procedures. Good things are being done and more chapters could use. Take back to chapters to get suggestions and bring back to next meeting.

NW Region (Dennis "Cleaver" Yeager)-Awareness Rally.

NE Region-Absent. Activities in region.

WC Region (Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal)-Regional party coming along. Publicity regarding "Biker found guilty" try to get wording changed.

EC Region-No Coordinator at this time.

SW Region (Rich Kinkade)-Won't be at State Party; Marble Run coming along.

SE Region (Mick Eddington)-Eleven chapters, four in trouble for membership. Could use ideas to help them. Coalition of Colors-Mike Myers invited to attend meeting. Need to change focus of Public Relations.

Scott Gerke moved to adjourn, Dennis "Cleaver" Yeager seconded. Motion passed.

Adjourned 2³⁵ pm

**Submitted by,
Laural Stegall
State Secretary**