

A.B.A.T.E. OF IL. INC Executive Board Meeting September 21, 2013
Minutes approved on October 19, 2013

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Executive Board meeting September 21, 2013
Meeting Location: VFW Post 755
2211 Old Jacksonville Road
Springfield, IL

EXECUTIVE BOARD PRESENT

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| 1. Asst. State Coord.-Scott Gerke | 8. Activities-Barb Fitzpatrick |
| 2. Secretary- Laural Stegall | 9. NE Region-John Bloch |
| 3. Treasurer-Julie Bacon | 10. NW Region-Dennis "Cleaver" Yeager |
| 4. Legislative- Bob Meyers | 11. WC Region-Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal |
| 5. Safety & Education-Violet Roberts | 12. WC Region-Don Boland |
| 6. Bike Raffle-Bob Dodson | 13. SE Region-Mick Eddington |
| 7. Office Manager-Pauli Ward | |

EXECUTIVE BOARD ABSENT

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| 1. State Coordinator-Mike Myers | 5. EC Region-Jim Hamilton |
| 2. Products-Terrie VanHuss | 6. SW Region-Rich Kinkade |
| 3. Newsletter-Carla Enburg | 7. SW Region-Mike Fisher |
| 4. Public Relations-Mary Jo Havens | |

GUESTS PRESENT

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| 1. Dawn Winterfeldt-River Valley | 2. Pam Boland-Central IL |
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The Executive Board meeting was called to order on September 21, 2013 at 10:38 am. Scott Gerke led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the August 17, 2013 minutes:

Julie Bacon moved to approve minutes, seconded by Bob Dodson. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

1. Filing of monthly 990s by sanctioned chapters-Big River in compliance; Windy City is not in compliance. **John Bloch is to contact Windy City's treasurer.**

Bob Dodson moved to close unfinished business, seconded by Barb Fitzpatrick. Motion passed.

New Business:

1. Employee Review-**Bob Meyers moved to go into closed session, seconded by Bob Dodson. Motion passed. Nays: Pauli Ward**
Barb Fitzpatrick moved to come out of closed session, seconded by Bob Dodson. Motion passed. Voted on motion from closed session (EB2013-19); Pauli Ward and Julie Bacon will each have two additional paid personal days off per year. Motion passed unanimously. Pauli Ward and Julie Bacon did not vote.
2. Proposed 2014 Budget-Julie Bacon presented the proposed 2014 budget. Discussion: The budget is unbalanced at this point, in order to balance money would need to be taken out of savings; possibly increasing membership fees; how to increase membership numbers; need to maintain our numbers; twenty-four chapters did not participate in state's only fundraiser, the bike raffle; change income to a more realistic amount and lower costs; increase donations. **Julie Bacon moved to recommend to the Board the amended proposed 2014 budget, seconded by Bob Dodson (EB2013-20). Motion passed unanimously.**
3. Need to talk to PACs about having surveys for District Attorneys; need to have District Attorneys on our side.

4. Increasing Membership Numbers-Carla is putting ideas in newsletter; Bob Meyers possibly doing zip code mailings similar to NRA; Seminar workshop by Activities Coordinator; having membership applications given when a new bike is purchased; MCs require ABATE memberships.

Don Boland moved to close new business, seconded by Barb Fitzpatrick. Motion passed.
Nays: Bob Dodson

Officer Reports:

State Coordinator (Mike Myers)-Absent

Treasurer (Julie Bacon)-PrairieLand has turned in 990 exemption.

Office Manager (Pauli Ward)

- a. Christmas Party-**Dennis "Cleaver" Yeager moved to have 2013 Christmas Party at Crow's Mill, seconded by Mick Eddington. (EB2013-21)** Discussion: Crow's Mill not handicapped accessible; would have to find a place that would supply food or catering; ALL pays for party. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- b. Bike Raffle Payout-**Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal moved to recommend to the Board to set a minimum of \$250 bike raffle sales to get rebate check starting in 2014, seconded by Dennis "Cleaver" Yeager. (EB2013-22)** Discussion: reduce cost by not issuing small checks; rebate checks were incentive for chapters to sell tickets; some chapters have never sold tickets. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- c. Adult Entertainment Complaint-a chapter had underage person/s present during adult time, bring to Board's attention that this is illegal; ABATE of IL could lose liquor license.

Assistant State Coordinator (Scott Gerke)-Working on Seminar, need idea for main speaker; need chapter sponsors for Hospitality Room; sign up can be done on website through PayPal.

Secretary (Laural Stegall)-**Barb Fitzpatrick moved to recommend to the Board to approve the 2014 meeting schedule, seconded by Pauli Ward. (EB2013-23) Motion passed.**

Nays: Bob Dodson

Legislative (Bob Meyers)-Attended GHSA Conference in San Diego, only MRO that attended. Poker Run bill is now being "overseen" by Dept. of Revenue, will be worked on again to exempt not for profit organizations. Ethanol Resolution was filed in July.

Safety & Education (Violet Roberts)-Use conferences as incentives for chapters participation; SMSA conference attendance offered to the most productive chapter. Got prices for banners. Bob Meyers reported that IDOT is very happy with participation/cooperation with ABATE. **Contact chapter about costs and progress for new safety video.**

Products (Terrie VanHuss)-Absent.

Newsletter (Carla Enburg)-Absent.

Public Relations (Mary Jo Havens)-Absent.

Bike Raffle (Bob Dodson)-Thank you for those that helped sell tickets, let him spend the night, and picking the color for the new bike. Bike Raffle needs a new popup with name imprinted on it. Regional Coordinators need to let chapters know that sponsorship of \$100/trailer/year is due by December 1. The trailer needs maintenance and tires. International Motorcycle Show will be on 2/7/14-2/9/14; NE Region receives the commission from ticket sales, one booth. If Bob is in your area, try to get chapters to help out with dinners, motels, fuel. Chapters take sign boards to IMDA dealers in their area. **Bob will talk to the IMDA about the purchase of the Bike Raffle bike.** "The dealer that sells the most tickets in 2015 will have 2016 bike purchased from them. The 2015 bike will be purchased from Black Diamond Harley-Davidson; they sold the most tickets this year."

Activities (Barb Fitzpatrick)-Need sponsors for trophies for Swap Meet & State Party. Need vendors for State Party; bands are booked, under budgeted amount. Flyers will be out early. Need a PA system, will find an inexpensive used one. Possible motorcycle races, drag races, big band, Old Time Motorcycle Assoc. at State Party.

NW Region (Dennis "Cleaver" Yeager)-Challenge to sell more than 45 books of Bike Raffle tickets in 17 hours. Activities in region.

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NE Region (John Bloch)-NW Suburban chapter has disbanded; a few members have transferred to other chapters or become state members.

WC Region (Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal)-Nothing.

EC Region (Jim Hamilton)-Absent.

SE Region (Mick Eddington)-Three chapters have less than 20 members but all are still contributing.

SW Region (Rich Kinkade)-Absent.

Barb Fitzpatrick moved to adjourn, seconded by Julie Bacon. Motion passed.

**Submitted by,
Laural Stegall
State Secretary**