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Executive Board present:

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| 1. State Coord. Ryan Hubbard | 10. Office Manager- Pauli Ward |
| 2. Asst. State Coord.- Scott Gerke | 11. SW Region- Jim "Legs" Korte |
| 3. Secretary- Kat Conner | 12. NE Region- John Bloch |
| 4. Treasurer- Julie Bacon | 13. NE Region- Ray Heck |
| 5. Bike Raffle- Howard Nation | 14. SE Region- Mick Eddington |
| 6. Activities- Barb Fitzpatrick | 15. SE Region- Ted Zackro |
| 7. Newsletter- Carla Enburg | 16. NW Region- Dennis "Clever" Yeager |
| 8. Products- Julee Thurman | 17. SW Region- Jim "Legs" Korte |
| 9. Public Relations- Shirley "Swirl" Lacock | 18. WC Region- Don Boland |
| | 19. WC Region- Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal |

Chapters present:

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| 1. Apple Creek | 16. Freedom Valley | 32. Peo-Taz |
| 2. Backroads | 17. Freeport | 33. Piasa-Gateway |
| 3. Beaucoup Bottoms | 18. Great River(here 1:37) | 34. Prairieland |
| 4. Big River | 19. Heart of Illinois | 35. River Valley |
| 5. Black Diamond | 20. Heartland | 36. Salt Creek |
| 6. Blackhawk | 21. Heritage Trail | 37. Shoal Creek(4:20 left) |
| 7. Central | 22. Iron Riders | 38. South Suburban |
| 8. Chicago(3:45 left) | 23. Jasper County | 39. Southern Dupage |
| 9. Crossroads | 24. Kaskaskia Valley | 40. Southern Freedom |
| 10. Dukane | 25. Kishwaukee Valley | 41. Spoon River Riders |

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| 11. Eastern Illinois | 26. Liberty (1:40 arrived) | 42. St. Clair County |
| 12. Embarras Valley | 27. Midstate | 43. Starved Rock |
| 13. Freebird (1:20 here) | 28. Northern Illinois | 44. Thunder Rock |
| 14. Freedom by Choice | 29. Old River | 45. Twin Rivers |
| 15. Freedom Riders | 30. Open Roads | 46. Will County |
| | 31. Pathfinders(4:10 left) | 47. Windy City (1:46 here,4:23 left) |

Guests present:

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| 1. Nora Kleckner- Starved Rock | 10. Nick Bradley- Southern Freedom |
| 2. Wayne Cornick- Piasa Gateway | 11. James Grant- Dukane |
| 3. Ron Kersey- Eastern | 12. Rich Gruner-? |
| 4. Emily Gomez- Chicago | 13. Mike Koester- Freeport |
| 5. Julie Pratt- Heartland | 14. Kevin Smith- Open Roads |
| 6. Nick Promenschenkel- Big River | 15. Scott Carter- Freedom by Choice |
| 7. Kurt R. Husen- Kishwaukee Valley | 16. Bonnie Kendall- Great River |
| 8. Chad Zimmerman- Freeport | 17. Carol Wannanmache - Liberty |
| 9. Steven C. Enderberger- Apple Creek | 18. Frankie Wyda- St. Clair |

Call to order Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. with State Coordinator Ryan Hubbard leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Freeport, River Valley 2nd, to accept the August minutes as written, no discussion, motion carried.

State Coordinator Ryan will be addressing a regional AIG insurance conference about ABATE of Il, Inc. and our insurance concerns. He explained again about filling out the cards you receive from AIG. Several chapters expressed their problems with agents. Pauli Ward explained that when a death occurs the family has to send a death certificate to the state office along with the choice of beneficiary and then it goes to the AIG office.

Ryan read a letter of resignation from Violet "Shy Vi" Roberts and let everyone know that she does not want calls or emails at this time. Dawn Winterfeldt has brought supplies today to fill orders. Heart of Illinois asked about the procedure for a new officer to be appointed. That will be done in new business.

Assistant State Coordinator Scott reminded all the seminar is January 16 & 17. You can call for a room after midnight on December 1st. There is a two night minimum and 2 room maximum reservation by one person. You cannot cancel after Wednesday of seminar week without having to pay for the room. Hospitality donations are due by December 31st to the state for recognition at the seminar.

State Office Membership is down again.

Treasurer Julie will be sending out the 990 forms to the chapter addresses. She would like to see monies spent on motorcycle related events. Julie will be doing the pie chart again this year so members can see where our money goes.

Legislative John "Hunter John" Harris is standing in for Bob Myers who is on vacation. The Poker Run Act has worked fine for some chapters, not so good for others (Stevenson Co) Let Bob know about your

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questions. "Hunter John" also said that you can let the PAC members know when you need help at the local level and they should be able to get some things straightened out. The law says no more than \$25.00, but all they have to do is provide a permit. They do NOT have to charge anything. Several chapters told how their county is handling it. Freedom Valley would like to see listing all the stops removed, but Ryan explained that they are in because it protects the bar owner from the gaming commission.

In the Off Road/DNR area; "Hunter John", Bob Myers, and Todd Vandermyde met with the AMA and DNR who are supporting the off road park. They had received a letter from our opposition that says there will be no such thing on state land. He listed the organizations who are opposed to the park and also told of the vast amount of acreage available to hunters in Illinois at no fee. Director Miller of the DNR has stated that the park will be a reality. Concerns were voiced that some of these organizations on the list are just certain chapters of the organization, not the entire group, so don't blacklist them totally. The off road riders are backing us by joining ABATE and putting out information on their websites. It was suggested that people take the Off Road brochures that are available today to take to off road businesses. Peo-Taz donated the money to print 10,000.

MRF Agenda 2015; The right to repair bill is dead.

Blackhawk chapter asked about current litigation, there is none, so that should be taken off the agenda. He asked if there was any way to put pressure on the CDC through their budget. Jim "Legs" Korte pointed out that in the MRF Agenda it says "pursue limiting CDC funding, etc.

Bike Raffle Howard had checks and certificates to hand out to the following chapters today for their rebates from the sale of the raffle tickets: Big River, Blackhawk, Freedom by Choice, Freeport, Heartland, Kishwaukee Valley, Liberty, Open Roads, Piasa-Gateway, Shoal Creek, Southern Illinois, Starved Rock, Thunder Rock, Twin Rivers, NE Region, SW Region. Heart of Illinois donated their check to the memorial fund. Howard needs places to take the bike. He has big pictures if you'd like them to help sell the tickets and also signs for the dealerships. A question was raised about getting your chapter name on the trailer- the money from this goes to truck/trailer upkeep.

Activities Barb is doing two sessions this year at the seminar; one will be open questions and answers. The Swap Meet is February 22nd and will be in the ORR BUILDING at the State Fairgrounds, not the Illinois Building as previously reported. Gate 9 is the gate to enter. She will need extra help at the door, to set up, etc. There will be a break on early bird pricing as the cost to rent the building is a lot less than last year. If you work 2 hours, you will get in free to the meet.

State party wise, she needs workers for the Thursday night shifts at the gate if we want to continue opening then. Otherwise we will go back to noon on Friday. She needs to know by the end of December if you will help. The shift signup sheets are in today's packets.

Newletter November 8 is the next deadline. Letters of intent need to be in for this. Carla will not be at the December meeting.

Public Relations Shirley explained the media blitz of the state will be too expensive to do, but everyone can get the PSA'a on local stations for free. She went to the MOTM and learned that other organizations are having membership problems also, there was a good idea of a coloring book for the elementary level, social media should only be used for motorcycle news.

Products Julee has new style ball caps and stocking caps. She wants to know what you think of them and if it's positive will order more.

Break from 2:15 to 2:30 called by Ryan

Unfinished business

- 1. Budget for 2015:** Ryan went over the budget proposal for 2015 and discussed the Ride Smart program expenses which in the past were paid by the chapters. This program will be put on at the seminar again. It points out the root causes of motorcycle fatalities and should be used as an educational tool. It was determined that \$40.00 per chapter would cover the expenses. Several chapters donated monies today. A question was asked about the safety & education budget overrun. It was explained the executive board was just made aware of it this morning and that money will be taken from the sale of yard signs to cover the majority of the overrun.
Motion by Piasa-Gateway, Heart of Illinois 2nd to accept the 2015 budget as presented, motion carried. Opposed: Jasper County BOD2014-24
- 2. Nominations for 2015** Ryan went through the list of offices and the nominations so far. The following have been added:
Assistant State Coordinator: Heart of Illinois nominated Jeff Marsh, Freedom Valley 2nd
Piasa-Gateway nominated Jim "Legs" Korte, Thunder Rock 2nd
Eastern Co-coordinator: Embarras Valley nominated Sharolyn Russell, Freedom by Choice 2nd
Eastern Coordinator: Freedom by Choice nominated Scott Carter, Heart of Illinois 2nd
South West Coordinator: Jim "Legs" Korte had been nominated, did not give an answer at the August meeting, now declines the nomination.
Ryan officially closed the nominations with the election to be held in December.
- 3. Windy City** Ryan explained that the August motion concerning Windy City was not a valid motion according to our bylaws. It was made because of non-compliance of a sanction, but in fact, the sanction had ended in April. There was a previous motion made that Julie Bacon read that had requested them to turn in the 990's monthly so Julie could make sure their treasurer knew how to do them so they would be correct for December when taxes have to be done. This had not been done. There was also concern that the chapter had no members. Marcia was recognized and said that they have 20 members, a new treasurer, they meet every third Wednesday and introduced the other officers who came with her today. She feels her chapter is going to succeed and is a gateway into many motorcycle clubs in their area. They also have contact with their congressmen in the area. Midstate expressed concern that they have to comply with the law (IRS requirements for corporations). River Valley asked what could the seven chapters in that region do to help them? Ryan suggested that chapter members go to the Windy City meetings and volunteer/advise. Windy City explained that they were still doing monthly 990's, but did not know that they were supposed to get them to Julie. Northern Illinois rep said she is an accountant and will work with them. Windy City is having a fundraiser/membership drive November 14th and invited all to attend.
Motion by River Valley, Embarras Valley 2nd, to close Unfinished Business, no discussion, motion carried.

New Business:

- 1. Menard County Fairgrounds** The fairground board would like a further 2 year commitment (2016 & 2017) before proceeding to improve the showers. **Motion by Kishwaukee Valley, Thunder Rock 2nd to continue to hold the state party at Menard County Fairgrounds through the year 2017, discussion, motion carried. Opposed: Shoal Creek. BOD2014-25**
Discussion on better access to inner field to leave, have more electric sites

2. **MRF Budget** Jim "Legs" Korte discussed the MRF budget and the possibility of having joint memberships in the future with ABATE of Il, Inc. Money is tight and this might bring in more members. If a chapter member joins MRF the cost would be half. The MRF could also use more reps in the state; one each region would be good. They may possibly e mail the reports to keep down expenses.
3. **By-law Proposal** Kat read the current bylaw dealing with attendance and the proposed one. This will be put in the state paper, the committee will meet and make a recommendation and it will be voted on in December.
4. **Safety and Education vacancy** Ryan read how to fill the vacancy to the BOD. **Motion by Midstate, Freedom by Choice 2nd to appoint Mike Koester to the Safety and Education position on the executive board for the rest of 2014, no discussion, none opposed. Motion carried. BOD2014-26**
5. **NPV list addition** The executive board will deal with this problem concerning a member at the executive board meeting in November.
6. **Memorial** Open Roads asked about a memorial of some kind for Bob Dodson, bike raffle coordinator who passed away in July. A memorial brick has been purchased for the Bikers Memorial in his area. He will be on the list at the seminar.

Motion by Crossroads, Piasa-Gateway 2nd, to close New Business, no discussion, motion carried.

PAC/Panel Reports:

ABATE PAC: The current balance was given, donations were accepted from Big River and Peo-Taz.

FED PAC: Rick "RO" Olson reminded all to use the Voters Guide and hand it out to friends. Vote early so you can help on election day. Donate to the fundraisers at the seminars. He accepted a donation from Kevin and Debra Kinley. Blackhawk had a question on how a candidate was graded. Ryan explained if it was an issue it needs to be brought to the Legislative Coordinator and the PAC first, then bring to BOD if the process needs changing.

MRF Rep: Denny Lange felt it was a special MOTM this year and told some of the history from the 60's. ABATE received awards for our poker run legislation, number of sustaining memberships, regular memberships, and for clubs in the MRF. Next year's MOTM will be in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Regon Reports:

NE- John thanked all chapters from his region for attending today.

SE- November 8- Freedom Riders & Southern Illinois Broomstick Tournament. Crossroads is doing a Toys for Kids in December and then is not doing any charity donations in 2015, but concentrating on ABATE of Il, Inc. He also thanked his chapters for attending.

SW- November 2 Grafton Swap Meet

EC- He went over donations given by chapters and feels that too much is going to outside charities.

Motion by Crossroads to adjourn, Thunder Rock 2nd.

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Membership donation held.

Time: 4:50 pm

Submitted by:

Kat Conner

State Secretary