

Board of Directors meeting August 16, 2014

Meeting location: Brookens Library auditorium

UIS, Springfield, IL

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**Executive Board present:**

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| 1. State Coord. Ryan Hubbard       | 8. Office Manager- Pauli Ward          |
| 2. Asst. State Coord.- Scott Gerke | 9. SW Region- Jim "Legs" Korte         |
| 3. Secretary- Kat Conner           | 10. NE Region- John Bloch              |
| 4. Treasurer- Julie Bacon          | 11. NW Region- Dennis "Cleaver" Yeager |
| 5. Legislative- Bob Myers          | 12. SE Region- Mick Eddington          |
| 6. Activities- Barb Fitzpatrick    | 13. SE Region- Ted Zackro              |
| 7. Newsletter- Carla Enburg        | 14. SW Region- Jim "Legs" Korte        |
|                                    | 15. NE Region- Ray Heck                |

**Executive Board absent:**

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| 1. Safety & Education- Violet "Shy Vi" Roberts- excused | 4. EC Region-Jim Hamilton- excused         |
| 2. Products- Julee Thurman-excused                      | 5. WC Region-Don Boland- excused           |
| 3. Public Relations- Shirley "Swirl" Lacock-excused     | 6. WC Region-Kev"Cap"Goudschaal<br>excused |

**Chapters present:**

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| 1. Apple Creek          | 16. Freedom Valley    | 31. Richland County      |
| 2. Backroads            | 17. Freeport          | 32. River Valley         |
| 3. Beaucoup Bottoms     | 18. Great River       | 33. Shoal Creek          |
| 4. Black Diamond        | 19. Heartland         | 34. South Suburban       |
| 5. Blackhawk            | 20. Heritage Trail    | 35. Southern Dupage      |
| 6. Central              | 21. Jasper County     | 36. Southern Illinois 27 |
| 7. Chicago              | 22. Kaskaskia Valley  | 37. Spoon River Riders   |
| 8. Children of the Corn | 23. Kishwaukee Valley | 38. St. Clair County     |
| 9. Crossroads           | 24. Liberty           | 39. Starved Rock         |

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| 10. Dukane            | 25. Lincolnland   | 40. Thunder Rock |
| 11. Eastern Illinois  | 26. Midstate      | 41. Twin Rivers  |
| 12. Embarras Valley   | 27. Open Roads    | 42. Will County  |
| 13. Freebird          | 28. Pathfinders   |                  |
| 14. Freedom by Choice | 29. Piasa-Gateway |                  |
| 15. Freedom Riders    | 30. Prairieland   |                  |

**Chapters absent:**

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| 1. Big River       | 2. Crawford County | 3. Crooked Creek     | 4. Ford County        |
| 5. Franklin County | 6. Fulton County   | 7. Heart of Illinois | 8. Hubbard Trail      |
| 9. Iron Riders     | 10. Lamoine Valley | 11. Lost Creek       | 12. Northern Illinois |
| 13. Old River      | 14. Peo-Taz        | 15. Salt Creek       | 16. Shawnee Hills     |
| 17. Tri County     | 18. Union Jack     | 19. Windy City       |                       |

**Guests present:**

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| 1. Nora Kleckner- Starved Rock | 6. Chris Zimmerman-Freeport     |
| 2. Lanette Huddleston-         | 7. Lester Tupper- Chapter 17    |
| 3. Brian Enburg-Blackhawk      | 11. Wayne Cornick-Piasa-Gateway |
| 4. Barb Leach-Lincolnland      | 12. Barb Amling- Midstate       |
| 5. Roger Leach- Lincolnland    | 13. Amanda Reising-Dukane       |

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm with Ryan Hubbard leading in the Pledge of Allegiance and with a moment of silence for members who had passed since the last meeting.

**Approval of minutes: Motion by Freeport, Thunder Rock 2<sup>nd</sup>, to approve the June minutes as written, motion carried.**

**State Coordinator:** Ryan thanked all who helped with the bike raffle after the death of Bob Dodson. He stressed the fact that a replacement will be needed to fill the position immediately. Rich Neb nominations can now be made, due December first to the state office. He asked that the chatter be kept to a minimum so all can hear. He read a card sent to us from the Dodson family.

**Assistant State Coordinator:** Scott reminded all that the seminar will be January 16 & 17, 2015 at the Northfield Inn. There will be forms in the next state paper for donations to the seminar for hospitality room, banners, and the PAC funds. Please call Scott if you have any ideas for breakout sessions.

**Activities: State Party:** Barb reported on our profit from the state party and thanked all who helped. Attendance was up. Menard County will continue to add electricity and work on the showers. They

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would like to see us make an additional two year commitment. Barb asked the BOD to take this information back to their chapters and be prepared to vote on this in October.

**Swap Meet:** The swap meet location has been changed to the Illinois State Fairgrounds, Illinois Building. It will be February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015. There had been some conflicts with the old location. This one is cheaper and Midstate asked if the money saved could be used to advertise the fact we are moving. Barb agreed that would be done. If you reserve a spot before January 15<sup>th</sup> you will get a cheaper rate. The fair board is providing a list of food vendors also.

**Treasurer:** Windy City has not turned in any forms since May. Julie discussed the many ongoing problems she has had with the officers. **Motion by Piasa-Gateway, Backroads 2<sup>nd</sup>, to take charter away from Windy City, discussion, motion carried. Opposed: Pathfinders, Richland County, River Valley, South Suburban, Southern Dupage, Will County. Motion carried. BOD2014-16** Discussion included the recommendation from the executive board to eliminate the chapter, how their non-compliance with the secretary of state could endanger our whole organization's status as a corporation, members can still be members- will just have to join a neighboring chapter. It was agreed the secretary would write a letter informing Windy City of these concerns and inform them of the BOD's decision.

**Legislative: Poker Run law:** Bob reports that although Cook County does not have an ordinance in place yet, people have been told to go ahead and have their events. Freedom Valley, Southern Illinois, and Starved Rock discussed the problems they have encountered. Richland County had a positive experience. Bob said that counties can issue temporary permits if they don't have an ordinance yet. They should give you something in writing in order to protect the businesses you stop at. This does NOT include 50/50 raffles, so do NOT put that on your fliers.

**Graduated license rumor:** Contrary to some local news reports there is NOT a bill introduced on mandatory graduated licensing in either house.

**Off Road Park- Brown County:** There will be a meeting August 22<sup>nd</sup> on this park. It seems hunters want to be allowed in and we don't feel this is necessary as they have many, many acres already available.

**Federal issues:** Calendars had been given out to show when the members of Congress would be home. We need to work on our relationships with these members in order to get bills out of committee. Bob asked if anyone had met with their congressmen yet and urges people to get busy doing so. Bob asked for email addresses from all BOD reps so he can keep in contact with them. Look over the federal and state agendas given out today so you can vote on them in October.

**MRF AGENDA: Motion by Midstate, St Clair 2<sup>nd</sup>, to approve the 2015 MRF agenda, no discussion, motion carried. BOD2014-17**

**Lobby Day:** March 4, 2015 will be the lobby day. If you want to go on the Washington D.C. trip you should be at the seminar in January and at the lobby day in March in order to have a better idea of what is going on. We need to have more people attend this as the legislators come in looking to find someone from their area.

**Secretary:** Kat reminded BOD members that the date of the October meeting has been changed to the 25<sup>th</sup>. It has been and will be in the state paper also.

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**Safety & Education, Products, Public Relations:** Ryan explained why these officers were not here today. A question was asked about how to get into the store on the web site. The password is "free".

**Newsletter:** We now have seven supporting businesses with ads in the paper. Next deadline is September 13<sup>th</sup>. The October paper will have the voter's guides. A request was made to make sure the BOD meetings are listed in the calendar section.

**State Office:** The membership totals are staying about the same. Pauli thanked the scholarship committee members for reviewing the essays. This year's winner is Spencer Chestney from Iron Riders chapter

**Unfinished Business:** There was no unfinished business.

**New Business:**

1. **Annual Review of the Legal Action fund:** Bob Myers said it is not being used at this time.
2. **Annual MRF pledge:** After some discussion, it was decided we donated \$10,000 to the MRF fund last year; part of that was donated by Rick "Doc" Jones. **Motion by Piasa-Gateway, Southern Dupage 2<sup>nd</sup>, to donate \$10,000 to the MRF this year, discussion. Motion by Chicago, Freeport 2<sup>nd</sup> to amend the MRF donation to \$1.00 per member or the same amount as last year; whichever is lower. Amendment failed. Opposed to original motion: Chicago. Motion carried. BOD2014-18.**
3. **Appoint bike raffle coordinator: Motion by Lincolnland, Midstate 2<sup>nd</sup>, to have Howard Nation (who volunteered) to be the bike raffle coordinator for the rest of the year, discussion, motion carried. BOD2014-19** Discussion as to whether or not the person realized what all the job entailed; that it would continue after the current bike was given away on Labor Day weekend. It was suggested a break be taken and he be called to make sure of the above.

**Break called by State Coordinator from 2:20-2:40.**

4. **Webmaster Contract: Motion by Will County, Embarras Valley 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the webmaster contract. Unanimously carried. BOD2014-20**
5. **Dukane data collection:** Amanda Reising was introduced and gave information on Judy Kaenel's behalf as she was injured in an accident and not allowed to travel any distance. Ryan asked if anyone does collect this information that it be given to the BOD. He went over the type of information that would be gathered. Questions were asked if data would be collected all over the state; yes. Data would be collected personally, not as an ABATE of Illinois, Inc function. Eventually the data would go to the representative who originally asked for it. He wants to write a new bill concerning cell phone calls and texting while driving. Some people from the Chicago area could also be called as witnesses. Bob Myers expressed his thoughts that we have a paid lobbyist who could be doing the language already. He sees it being written primarily for Chicago and thinks what should be done is people should be contacting their states attorneys and legislators. It would definitely not be a scientific study and could have negative impact on ABATE of Illinois, Inc's image. **Motion by Kishwaukee Valley, Thunder Rock 2<sup>nd</sup>, that any such**

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**data collection on motorists using cell phones not be done in the name of ABATE of Illinois, Inc., discussion. Motion by Piasa-Gateway, Open Roads 2<sup>nd</sup> to call the question, motion carried. Motion on collecting data carried, opposed: Dukane, River Valley, St. Clair County, Will County. BOD2014-21** You can find contact information for Judy or Amanda by looking in the state paper.

- 6. Bylaw review committee:** Kat explained that the committee had met and discussed the proposal that would add a membership coordinator to the executive board. The committee made the recommendation to the BOD to reject the proposal as submitted. She went over the main reasons for this action. Gina Woods; author of the proposal asked to speak and gave her resume for the position. **Motion by Piasa-Gateway, Midstate 2<sup>nd</sup> to go with the bylaw review committee's recommendation to reject the proposal concerning membership coordinator, discussion, motion carried. Opposed: Liberty, Lincolnland, River Valley, South Suburban, Southern Dupage, Southern Freedom, Spoon River Riders, Will County. Motion to call the question from Freeport, Freedom Valley 2<sup>nd</sup>, opposed: Twin Rivers, motion carried. BOD2014-22**

**7. Nominations for elections to executive board for 2015.**

State Coordinator:-Piasa-Gateway nominated Ryan Hubbard, Spoon River Riders 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Assistant State Coordinator: Scott Gerke declined. Piasa-Gateway nominated Jim "Legs" Korte, Twin Rivers 2<sup>nd</sup>, no answer given at this time as to accept or decline.

Secretary: River Valley nominated Kat Conner, Southern Dupage 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Treasurer: Freeport nominated Julie Bacon, Liberty 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Legislative: Southern Dupage nominated Bob Myers, Thunder Rock 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Safety & Education: Violet Roberts sent word she would decline. Thunder Rock nominated Mike Koester, Midstate 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Newsletter: River Valley nominated Carla Enburg, Blackhawk 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Bike Raffle: Lincolnland nominated Howard Nation, Freeport 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Activities: Piasa-Gateway nominated Barb Fitzpatrick, Starved Rock 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Spoon River nominated Roger and Barb Leach, River Valley 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Products: Freeport nominated Julee Thurman, Thunder Rock 2<sup>nd</sup>

Public Relations: Chicago nominated Shirley "Swirl" Lacock, Freedom Valley 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Blackhawk nominated Gina Woods, Will County 2<sup>nd</sup>.

NW Region Coordinator: Freeport nominated Dennis "Cleaver" Yeager, Thunder Rock 2<sup>nd</sup>.

WC Region Co- Coordinators: Spoon River nominated Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal, Great River 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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EC Region: Freedom by Choice nominated Jim Hamilton, Eastern 2<sup>nd</sup>. He is looking for a co- coordinator also.

SW Region Co-Coordinators: Shoal Creek nominated Jim "Legs" Korte, Piasa- Gateway 2<sup>nd</sup>. Jim neither declined nor accepted. St. Clair County nominated Wayne Cornick, Piasa-Gateway 2<sup>nd</sup>.

SE Region Co-Coordinators: Richland County nominated both Mick Eddington and Ted Zackro, Freedom Riders 2<sup>nd</sup>.

NE Region Co-Coordinators: Southern Dupage nominated John Bloch and Ray Heck, River Valley 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Nominations will continue in October with the election in December.

**MRF:** Denny Lange thanked the BOD for their donation to the MRF. He discussed issues the MRF is working on and hopes to see more congressmen sign on as sponsors. Membership is down a little and Illinois has fallen to second place in sustaining memberships. The Meeting of the Minds is in Kansas City, Mo. this year in September and the Langes asked for some help with expenses as their budget is rapidly being depleted. **Motion by St. Clair County, Kishwaukee Valley 2<sup>nd</sup> to put \$500. Into the MRF budget in order to enable the Langes to attend the MOTM, discussion, motion carried. Opposed: Open Roads, River Valley. Motion amended by Richland County, Blackhawk 2<sup>nd</sup>, to increase the amount added to the budget up to \$1000.00, discussion, motion carried. Opposed : Open Roads. EB2014-23** Discussion included state budget questions and amount of savings in various accounts. **Motion to call the question, Piasa-Gateway 2<sup>nd</sup>. Opposed: St. Clair County, Heartland, Starved Rock, Open Roads, Central Illinois. Motion carried.**

**Office Manager:** Pauli said a lot of tickets were turned in today for the bike raffle. If you can't get them to the office by August 28<sup>th</sup> you will have to bring them to Springfield.

**Region Reports:**

**Northwest:** Dennis "Cleaver" Yaeger reviewed where the bike had been in his region. He did get 13 new or renewed members at these events. The Stevenson County poker run ordinance is 8 pages long and it will need to be fixed. February 7<sup>th</sup> is the Chili Cookoff in Dixon.

**Northeast:** John Bloch reports that the Hooters and Scooters will be September 6<sup>th</sup>. October 12<sup>th</sup> is Dukane's Food Run.

**Southeast:** Mick Eddington talked about the upcoming Chicken Run for four wheelers and the Lost in the Shawnee Forest Ride. He challenged the chapters to declare a moratorium on charity donations for one year in order to concentrate on building ABATE of Illinois, Inc back up.

**Southwest:** The southwest region meeting will be September 2<sup>nd</sup>. September 9<sup>th</sup> will be the start of the trial for the man who ran over ABATE members at the Edwardsville Courthouse. Jim "Legs" Korte is asking that the region members pack the place.

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**Motion to adjourn by Piasa-Gateway, Lincolnland 2<sup>nd</sup>, no discussion, motion carried.**

**Time: 4:07 pm**

**Submitted by:**

**Kat Conner**

**State Secretary**

SECRETARY NOTES