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Executive Board present

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| 1. State Coordinator- Ryan Hubbard | 11. Office Manager- Pauli Ward |
| 2. Asst. State Coordinator- Scott Gerke | 12. Safety & Ed- Violet "Shy Vi" Roberts |
| 3. Secretary- Kat Conner | 13. NE Region- John Bloch |
| 4. Treasurer- Julie Bacon | 14. NE Region- Ray Heck |
| 5. Legislature- Bob Myers | 15. NW Region- Dennis "Clever" Yeager |
| 6. Products- Julee Thurman | 16. EC Region- Jim Hamilton |
| 7. Newsletter- Carla Enburg | 17. SE Region- Mick Eddington |
| 8. Public Relations- Shirley "Swirl" Lacock | 18. SE Region- Ted Zackro |
| 9. Activities- Barb Fitzpatrick | 19. SW Region- Jim "Legs" Korte |
| 10. Bike Raffle- Howard Nation | 20. WC Region- Don Boland |

Executive Board absent:

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| 1. Safety & Education- Mike Koester-work | 4. EC Region-Jim Hamilton |
| 2. Newsletter- Carla Enburg-vacation | 5. Activities- Barb Fitzpatrick |
| 3. WC Region-Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal-ill | |

Chapters present:

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| 1. Apple Creek | 16. Freedom Valley | 31. Prairieland | 46. Will County |
| 2. Beaucoup Bottoms | 17. Freeport | 32. River Valley | 47. Windy City |
| 3. Black Diamond | 18. Fulton County | 33. Salt Creek-left 2:35 | |
| 4. Blackhawk | 19. Great River | 34. Shawnee Hills | |
| 5. Central | 20. Heart of Illinois | 35. Shoal Creek | |
| 6. Chicago | 21. Iron Riders | 36. South Suburban | |
| 7. Crossroads | 22. Kaskaskia Valley | 37. Southern Dupage | |
| 8. Dukane | 23. Kishwaukee Valley | 38. Southern Freedom | |
| 9. Eastern Illinois | 24. Liberty | 39. Southern Illinois | |
| 10. Embarras Valley | 25. Lincolnland | 40. Spoon River Riders-left 3:30 | |
| 11. Flatlanders | 26. Midstate | 41. St. Clair County | |
| 12. Ford County | 27. Old River | 42. Starved Rock | |
| 13. Freebird-left 4:20 | 28. Open Roads | 43. Thunder Rock | |
| 14. Freedom by Choice | 29. Peo-Taz-left 4:20 | 44. Twin Rivers | |
| 15. Freedom Riders | 30. Piasa-Gateway | 45. Union Jack | |

Chapters absent:

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| 1. Backroads | 6. Franklin County | 11. Lamoine Valley | 16. Tri County |
| 2. Big River | 7. Heartland | 12. Lost Creek | |
| 3. Children of the Corn | 8. Heritage Trail | 13. Northern Illinois | |
| 4. Crawford Creek | 9. Hubbard Trail | 14. Pathfinders | |
| 5. Crooked Creek | 10. Jasper County | 15. Richland County | |

Guests present:

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| 1. Tracy Robbins-Central | 11. Carl W. Young Jr.-Central |
| 2. Gary Crewe-Flatlanders | 12. Emily Gomez-Chicago |
| 3. Connie Murphy-Freedom Riders | 13. Chris Zimmerman-Freeport |
| 4. Thomas Kampmeier-Freeport | 14. Stacey Pittman-Salt Creek |
| 5. Barb Amling- Midstate | 15. Lisa Best- Old River |
| 6. Pam Boland-Central | 16. Steve Erdenbeyer- Apple Creek |
| 7. Wayne Cornick-Piasa-Gateway | 17. Scott Carter- Freedom by Choice |
| 8. Amanda Reising- Dukane | 18. Tina Hejnar-Dukane |
| 9. Lauren Rutledge-Ford County | 19. Vance Trumann-Ford County |
| 10. Kelly Trumann- Ford County | |

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm with State Coordinator Ryan Hubbard leading in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Approval of the October 25, 2014 secretary notes: Motion by Freeport, Thunder Rock 2nd, to approve minutes with corrections, second, no discussion, motion carried. Blackhawk requested that on page 3 under MRF that “he” be changed to the chapter that was speaking. It was Jim Hamilton, Northeast Region Coordinator who had been recognized by Eastern.

Motion made by Heart of Illinois, Thunder Rock 2nd, to impose a \$5.00 fine on anyone whose cellphone rings. Motion postponed to New Business.

Officer Reports

State Coordinator: Ryan reported that he had received an offer of a \$1000.00 donation from a person on the NPV list and he explained to him why it was unacceptable. **Motion by River Valley, Southern Freedom 2nd to remove Hupy from the NPV list, discussion. Motion by Lincolnland, Thunder Rock 2nd,to postpone the motion, motion carried. BOD2014-28 Opposed: Heartland, Open Road, Heart of Illinois, Flatlanders, Freedom by Choice, Embarras Valley.** Discussion: want to know what would Hupy do to rectify the past/get forgiveness, move forward to be involved in ABATE of Illinois. Hupy could come and address the BOD about past issues. Whatever we do, it shouldn't be about the money offered. Has to do with Legal Service appointment. Issue ever since 1994 when Hupy said his firm would wait for us to implode. Hupy wants to support us as a member not with his services. It was suggested that the executive board meet with Hupy & bring recommendation to the BOD. It was asked if it could be done before the February BOD meeting, but Ryan said with the holidays and the seminar it would not be possible.

Assistant State Coordinator:

Scott gave an update on the hotels and said they will start a waiting list at both. He said the hospitality room could use some donations. There are quite a few chapters that have filled up their banners and new ones will be started. It is his last meeting and he thanked everyone and said it has been an honor to serve on the executive board.

State Office:

Pauli asked whether or not she should continue to do trophies for the membership drive or do certificates as chapters don't have anywhere to put them usually and it would cut costs. **Motion by River Valley, Freeport 2nd, to do certificates for chapter membership awards, no discussion, motion carried. BOD2014-29 Opposed: Apple Creek, Starved Rock**

Pauli also asked what she should do about the memberships that she gets with a person's name stamped instead of written as she feels they are probably just setting them out and that's not really recruiting. There was some discussion about changing the number to 5 instead of 10 for a free membership, do we want the members or the credit? No motion was made to change things, so they will stay as is.

The state office will be closed December 23-26 and December 30 & 31st. Midstate had a question about mail not being delivered because of where the name was on the label, Pauli will switch the order.

Treasurer:

Windy City's papers are still not correct and they said they would be here today, but still have not arrived. Kishwaukee Valley suggested addressing this at the February BOD meeting if the 990's are still not in. John Bloch, NE Region Coordinator said that he would work with their treasurer and Julie. Julie asked again for Windy City to contact her instead of Ryan so she could help them. She can not ascertain if they are correct until they get the missing month (June) turned in. **Motion by Freedom by Choice, Heart of Illinois 2nd to suspend Windy City's BOD voting rights until such time as the treasurer is satisfied they have met the 990 requirement, discussion, motion carried. BOD2014-30.** Discussion included sending the chapter a letter and have a hearing of accountability, we need to emphasize we are not asking them to do anything special; it is an IRS requirement, a chapter rep asked Ryan what will happen if they are not right by January 31st and he explained. (Secretary's note- Windy City did show up at 2:13 and worked with Julie during a break to correct their paperwork.)

Legislative: Bob and others are working on changes to the Poker Run bill. He is working on accent lighting language that would make blue light taillights legal. SB3031 concerning autocycles has been passed and signed to go into effect on January 1st which will put autocycles into a separate licensing category from motorcycles. **Motion by Will County, Lincolnland 2nd to have Bob Myers continue to oppose any autocars being classed as motorcycles, no discussion, motion carried. BOD2014-31** **SJR0077-** resolution for a different kind of motor fuel tax based on mileage. Discussion included the fact that motorcycles do not damage the roads as heavy vehicles do, taxes are already collected on the sale of the vehicle, tires, etc.

The Washington D.C. trip is a working trip and Bob needs some good people to attend.

Legislative Day is March 4th.

Old River asked about the vacancy left by the passing of Judy Barr Topinka. The governor will appoint someone, but it has not been decided if they will work only until the end of the governor's term or work through her term of office.

Bob had "Hunter John" talk about off road issues. He is waiting to see who the new DNR director will be; the new governor will do the appointment. He read of list of those groups opposed to us being on state ground and expressed his displeasure with the Mississippi River Valley Hunters and Fisherman. He asked any NRA members to please let the NRA know they should not fire Todd Vandermyde for working with ABATE of Illinois, Inc.

District 17/AMA: There is a growing problem with people having their drivers licenses changed from male to female and vice versa in order to be allowed into certain cycle races. In addition to the above mentioned autocars, there are also UTV's that have steering wheels and seats. We will not get involved, but will watch any legislation concerning these vehicles.

State Secretary: Kat read off the BOD dates for 2015 and will list them in the next cover letter.

Bike Raffle: Howard asked if anyone could take a sign to McHenry Harley Davidson for him. His calendar is about half full.

Activities: Barb is not here. Ryan said she needs help the night before the Swap Meet to tape out the sections. She is just about done setting up the state party.

Newsletter: Carla is not here, today is the deadline for the January edition. January 10th is the deadline for the February paper. Bake sale goods are needed for the Friday night of the seminar.

Public Relations: Shirley thanked everyone for their proclamations and articles. She reminded all to please put your chapter name somewhere on the papers you send. She will have supplies here at the February BOD meeting.

Safety & Education: Mike is at work. Kishwaukee Valley donated money today. Open Roads asked where they should send their reports. At this time- Mike's personal email will work.

Products: Julee has both baseball and stocking caps for \$15 here with her today.

Break: River Valley asked for a break from 2:35-2:45.

After the break the Treasurer asked to let everyone know what our financial status is for the year.

Motion by South Suburban, River Valley 2nd, to accept Officer Reports, no discussion, motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

- 1. Bylaw Proposal:** Kat reminded all that the bylaw proposal was not meant to fix everything, but was mainly to help cut costs. She also wanted to reiterate that any member may propose a change. **Motion by Open Roads, Freeport Chapter 2nd to accept the bylaw proposal concerning attendance notification, motion carried. Opposed: Blackhawk, Thunder Rock. BOD2014-32** Freedom by Choice suggested that it is a good idea to consult with a member of the bylaw review committee to check on wording and grammar to help with the time frame involved in passing a bylaw.
- 2. Legislative Agenda: Motion by Midstate, Piasa-Gateway 2nd to approve the 2015 Legislative Agenda, discussion, motion carried. Opposed: Blackhawk, Southern Freedom, Heart of Illinois BOD2014-33** Discussion included line item that would support tax breaks for Cycle Rider Training classes, a concern over vague and incorrect language, everyone should really read what you are given, mistakes are made, but we are trying to communicate more and make better judgments, some of the agenda is just a starting point, helmet issues have been moved from the top of the agenda. Embarras Valley requested that it be included in the minutes that some of Bob Myers comments were inappropriate.

Motion by River Valley, Thunder Rock 2nd, to close Unfinished Business. Opposed: Blackhawk. Motion carried.

New Business:

- 1. Windy City 990's:** Windy City worked with Julie over the break and the 990's are now correct. **Motion by Open Roads, Thunder Rock 2nd to allow Windy City to have their voting privileges back, motion carried. BOD2014-34**
- 2. Office Review- Motion by River Valley, Freedom Valley 2nd to follow the executive board recommendation to not provide the office staff a raise for 2015, discussion, motion carried. Opposed: Kishwaukee Valley, Heart of Illinois, Embarras Valley, Crossroads, Freedom by Choice, Southern Dupage, Shawnee Hills. BOD2014-35**
Motion by Embarras Valley, Freedom by Choice 2nd to call the question, motion carried.
- 3. Elections:** Ryan went over the election sheet for the executive board in reps packets.

**Motion by Freedom Valley, Peo-Taz 2nd to nominate John “Hunter John” Harris as DNR rep.
Motion by River Valley, Thunder Rock 2nd to appoint John “Hunter John” Harris as DNR rep.
Motion carried.**

**Motion by Midstate, Freedom by Choice 2nd, to nominate John “Hunter John” Harris as AMA rep. Motion by Piasa-Gateway, Freeport 2nd to appoint John “Hunter John” Harris as AMA rep.
Opposed: Heart of Illinois Motion carried.**

**Motion by Southern Freedom, Freedom by Choice 2nd to nominate Denny Lange as MRF rep.
Motion by Southern Freedom, Heart of Illinois 2nd, to nominate Roz Lange as MRF rep.
Motion by Freedom by Choice, Heart of Illinois 2nd to appoint as Co-reps to the MRF.
Motion carried.**

**Motion by Southern Dupage , Thunder Rock 2nd, to seat the bylaw review committee panel.
Opposed: Blackhawk. Motion carried.**

Motion by River Valley, Freeport 2nd to appoint John “Hunter John” Harris and Ray Heck as FED-PAC trustees. Motion carried.

Motion by Will County, Dukane 2nd, to keep the current ABATE PAC members and appoint three new members. (Roz Lange, Patty Smith, Amanda Reising, Lester Tupper, Dave Krueger, Mad Maxx) Motion carried.

Election results for 2015 Executive Officers:

State Coordinator: Ryan Hubbard

Assistant State Coordinator: Jim “Legs” Korte

Secretary- Kat Conner

Treasurer- Julie Bacon

Legislative- Bob Myers

Safety & Education- Mike Koester

Newsletter- Carla Enburg

Bike Raffle- Howard Nation

Activities- Barb and Roger Leach

Products- Julee Thurman

Public Relations- Shirley Lacock

NW Region Coordinator- Dennis “Cleaver” Yeager

WC Region Coordinator- Kevin “Cap” Goudschaal

EC Region Coordinator- Scott Carter

SW Region Coordinator- Wayne Cornick

SE Region Co-Coordinators- Mick Eddington & Ted Zackro

NE Region Co-Coordinators- John Bloch & Ray Heck

4. **Insurance:** State treasurer Julie Bacon went over the committee’s recommendation about having the chapter’s share in the cost of insurance for events, Pauli explained how it would be billed and how your chapter will have six months to pay. **Motion by Piasa-Gateway, Freedom by Choice 2nd, recommend to accept the executive board’s recommendation on an insurance fee for chapters. (\$120.00/year), discussion, motion carried. Opposed: River Valley, South**

Suburban. BOD2014-36 Discussion: how will we make chapters comply, charity numbers are misleading, can a cap be put on limiting chapter donations. **Motion by Freedom by Choice, Southern Freedom 2nd to call the question, motion passed.**

5. **Webmaster contract: Motion by Freeport, Kaskaskia Valley 2nd to accept the webmaster contract as written for 2015, motion carried. BOD2014-37**
6. **Lobbyist contract: Motion by Freedom by Choice, Freedom Riders 2nd to accept the lobbyist contract with changes, discussion, motion carried. BOD2014-38** Discussion included Bob Myers explaining Todd had not had a raise since 2009. Todd explained how his job has changed. It was suggested he receive half of what he requested, concerns over getting a replacement. **Motion to call the question by Southern Dupage, Freedom by Choice 2nd, motion carried.**
7. **Policy & Procedure:** Kat explained that an update was needed in the policy and procedure manual on page 3 concerning canceled board meetings. **Motion by Freedom Valley, Freedom by Choice 2nd to accept the recommended change to the policy and procedure manual concerning rescheduling canceled meetings due to weather, motion carried. BOD2014-39**
8. **State Party date-** a text was received from Barb Fitzpatrick concerning the date for the state party for 2015. Pauli will call the fair board Monday and see if it can be changed from Father's Day weekend.

Motion by Thunder Rock, Liberty 2nd to close New Business, motion carried.

ABATE PAC: The fund balance was given. Will County, Liberty, Kishwaukee Valley, Southern Illinois Chapter 27, and Freedom Riders gave donations today.

FED PAC: The fund balance was given. Kishwaukee Valley gave a donation today.

MRF: Federal Legislative Agenda is determined at the Meeting of the Minds. It was suggested you show non MRF members the Report as a recruitment tool.

Region Reports:

Northwest: Dennis told about the benefit the band Trippin' Molly is putting on at the Hard Rock Café February 28th with the money going to Safety & Education. The Chili Shootout is February 7th at the VFW in Dixon.

Northeast: Feb 13-15 is the International Motorcycle show, there are open slots. December 21st will be the Christmas event.

Southwest: The Marble Run permit for 2015 will be picked up Monday. A St Clair County member who recently passed away had a donation made to ABATE. "Legs" thanked all who voted for him as Assistant State Coordinator.

East Central: Ryan said he was glad to see Ford County is here today.

Southeast: The Broomstick Pool Tournament money will go to ABATE PAC. A Sock Hop was held to raise money to run the chapter newsletter.

West Central: Don Boland is celebrating his last meeting!

Christmas party to follow at Crow's Mills.

Membership Donation drawing

Motion by River Valley to adjourn, Spoon River Riders 2nd, no discussion, motion carried.

Time: 4:40 pm

Submitted by:

Kat Conner

A.B.A.T.E. of ILLINOIS, INC- Board of Directors meeting, December 13, 2014
Secretary minutes approved February 21, 2015

State Secretary