

A.B.A.T.E. of ILLINOIS, INC. Executive Board Meeting
Secretary minutes approved with corrections December 13,2014

Executive Board meeting November 15, 2014
VFW Post 755 Springfield, Il

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Kat Conner- State Secretary
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Executive board present:

State Coordinator- Ryan Hubbard
Asst Coordinator- Scott Gerke
Secretary- Kat Conner
Treasurer- Julie Bacon
Legislative- Bob Myers
Products- Julee Thurman
Newsletter- Carla Enburg
Bike Raffle- Howard Nation
Activities- Barb Fitzpatrick

8. Public Relations- Shirley "Swirl" Lacock
9. Office Manager- Pauli Ward
10. NE Region- John Block
11. NE Region- Ray Heck
12. NW Region- Dennis "Cleaver" Yeager
13. SW Region- Jim "Legs" Korte
14. WC Region- Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal
15. SE Region- Mick Eddington
14. SE Region- Ted Zackro (11:50)

Executive board absent:

Mike Koester- S & Ed (work)
EC Region- Jim Hamilton

3. WC Region- Don Boland- ill

Guests present:

Wayne Cornick

2. Lauren Zackro

Approval of the September 20, 2014 secretary notes: Motion by Barb Fitzpatrick, Dennis "Cleaver" Yeager 2nd to approve minutes with corrections, motion carried. Correction: West Central report: Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal discussed Fulton County's future.

Officer Reports:

State Coordinator: Ryan went to the conference with Dawn Truden of American Income Life. About 300 agents attended and he also conferenced via satellite feed. They would like to know what our issues are with their agents and who we are. Ryan used a lot of pictures to show our occupations and lifestyles. They will be putting on a breakout session and may have a table in the hall to get to know us better. Ryan would like to see a link off our webpage to FAQ's to explain the program and process better to our members. They have also offered to do luncheons to meet members and explain their programs. They will also be vendors at our events and have donated \$500.00 to our Christmas party again. Shirley "Swirl" Lacock and John will work on a marketing brochure. Dawn & Ryan are working on a letter for the chapter presidents to explain the program more to our members.

Ryan is going to look into trying to get insurance discounts similar to those received by HOG members for ABATE of Illinois, Inc members.

Assistant State Coordinator: Scott says the seminar is coming together. There are 20 breakout sessions. Ryan talked about Rod Taylor sponsoring the lunch and perhaps AIL would also help with that and part of the Saturday night banquet costs. Barb suggested asking Harley Davidson also. She has also been asked about having a tent for smokers outside the hotel. Scott will look into this. The deadline to get your chapter's name on a banner is December 31st.

State Office Manager: The state office will be closed the Wednesday through Friday of Thanksgiving week. There are quite a few overdue bills for the state newsletter. Second notices have been sent to: South Suburban and Embarras Valley. FEDPAC has not paid for the voter's guide. Lost Creek has been sent a third notice. Kaskaskia Valley has been sent four. Liquor Liability bills are overdue from: Chicago, Tri County, and Peo-Taz.

Treasurer: Julie Bacon handed out a line chart for the BOD. She did it that way so it was easier to read and understand where chapter money is going. She also asked that Windy City be put in the minutes as they are once again late with their monthly 990 papers and she even sent them self addressed stamped envelopes so they could send in the information. Ryan talked to the chapter president last night (Nov. 14) and she told him she had given the papers to John Bloch. John says he was not given anything. Marcia also said she would take pictures of the papers and text them to Ryan. The chapter is constantly behind in their paperwork and it is not fair to the state treasurer.

Legislative: The Poker run legislation has issues as other bills have had in the past. Bob said they will not be able to fix all of the issues and it will take time, but they will begin during the next session. The gaming commission is cracking down on all sorts of gambling in the southern part of the state.

Senate Joint Resolution #77 concerns the terrible shape of our roads in Illinois. There is a possibility of raising money by taxing people's mileage and Bob wants to make sure that motorcycles are treated fairly as they do not damage the roads the same as a large semi. There are privacy issues at stake here also. Ray Heck expressed his concern with motorcycles being seen as "special" in a negative way.

E-15: There will be a vote on this December 8th and the Northeast region needs to contact their aldermen. Tell them testing needs to be done first. There is the worry if it is done in Chicago, it will be done all over the state.

Computer: Bob's personal computer needs to be replaced. **Motion by Pauli Ward, Mick Eddington 2nd, to have Bob buy a replacement computer and consider it his, since he was using his own for legislative work and it crashed, discussion.** Peo-Taz would buy a computer for the position, not the person. Bob has always used his own computer and would like it to be replaced and still be his. Discussion followed on others who use their own and who should pay for what. Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal called the question. Motion to call the question passed. **Motion on the computer carried, opposed: Barb Fitzpatrick, Shirley "Swirl" Lacock, Scott Gerke. EB2014- 25**

Bob wondered if the MRF had been asked to attend the seminar. Scott said he was having the AMA speak this year as the MRF had done it last year. He suggested Jim "Legs" Korte contact them. Pauli Ward suggested they do a workshop where they would have more time to talk to people. Ryan suggested Gary would be a good speaker and Barb said she would give up one of her sessions if needed so they could fit in.

Secretary's report: Kat had nothing as secretary, but did say that the bylaw committee had met about the attendance bylaw and would be recommending that the BOD accept it.

Bike Raffle: Howard still needs dates. His email is not working at this time so please call or text him.

Newsletter: The deadline for the next edition is December 13. Carla will be on vacation next month. Election information will be put in the January edition.

Public Relations: Shirley "Swirl" Lacock reports that she has fliers for the swap meet. Barb gave her all the newspaper contacts. Shirley was concerned that all the bumper stickers were missing from storage, but was told that they had been given away. There was some discussion on whether or not they should be given out freely, that they were a good way to get the message out and that's what is needed. She still has money in her budget to purchase more if needed.

Safety & Education: Mike is at work and will probably also miss the December meeting. Mike and Violet are in the process of getting things exchanged. Pauli says the Lifesaver's Conference is March 15-17 in Chicago at the Hyatt Regency and gave the prices and cutoff dates. Mick Eddington has attended in the past. Pauli will send the information to Mike. Julee Thurman and Ted Zackro said they could/would also go. Mick suggested finding out about volunteering and getting a price break if they do so. It would be good exposure for our organization. Ryan will call Terry Redman.

Activities: The Swap Meet is going to need a lot of help from e board members. Doors open at 7 am. Please tell Pauli and she will get rooms for you. They state party will have one less band this year. She needs people to work the gate Thursday and needs to know by the end of December. It was mentioned that more vendors might come if it was a longer party. She is working on the flier. Barb is working on the Awareness Rally.

Products: Julee would like advertising on the trailer similar to the bike raffle one. She has more hats ordered.

Activities: Bob Myers suggested a big ride (2-3 days) might also help with getting more people together and would be good exposure to ABATE. The state police do one. Jim "Legs" Korte said that we would be welcome to use any of the Tour Illinois routes.

Ryan Hubbard brought up an idea of a way to get more non-members into the state party. They could advertise a non-member price of \$50 which would get you into the party and a free membership.

Unfinished Business:

Insurance: Julie Bacon present the committee's report. Questions were asked if this would be a one time or permanent change; it would be permanent. If the numbers of chapters went up or down would the cost change? If they don't pay, are they covered? Each chapter is an individual corporation; if they want to get their own insurance they can, but it will be very expensive. John Bloch thinks that we should check with legal services to make sure ABATE would not be in jeopardy if a chapter did not get insurance for an event and something happened. If chapters don't pay by the end of June their names would go in the state paper as overdue. **Motion by Shirley "Swirl" Lacock, Jim "Legs" Korte 2nd, to present this proposal to the BOD at the December meeting and bring to the February BOD meeting for a vote, motion carried. EB2014-26**

Conflict of interest: More information was given on the possible conflict of interest in the upcoming elections. It was decided that the nomination will stand as is at this time. If a conflict is later determined, the person will be removed from office.

Sound System: Barb and Bob are getting prices for a system. They think this should be ready by the next BOD.

Podium: Ryan has a person lined up to make one. He needs a high resolution picture of the logo. It will be foldable for travel & storage and he hopes it will be ready by seminar time.

Scott Gerke motion to close Unfinished Business, Jim "Legs" Korte second, no discussion, motion carried.

Break from 12:11-12:25

New Business:

Membership Recruitment: Pauli has a concern over how this is being done. If a member gets ten new members they get a free membership. This should be done one on one, not preprinting your name and putting applications in shops somewhere. Ryan feels this should be brought up to the BOD. Ryan had a card from the MRF that can be passed out to prospective members, Jim "Legs" Korte agreed he thought they were helpful.

Annual Inventory- officers need to turn in a list of what equipment you have to the state office.

Products also does a yearly inventory. Carla Enburg has a fax machine she does not use/need.

NPV list: The vendor/Dukane member finally paid her late fees. She has been told she now has to prepay for any ABATE events and only for herself. **Motion by Scott Gerke, Shirley "Swirl" Lacock 2nd, to not recommend that Lori Sinyard be put on the NPV list at this time, motion carried. EB2014-27**

Inclement weather: If a meeting needs to be canceled due to weather conditions, it will be put on ON-D-GO by 6 am. Last year's December meeting had to be canceled and Ryan said procedures were not

followed, but it was Christmas time and the person who reschedules needs time to do so. Kat and Pauli will look at the wording and make a recommendation to the BOD at the December meeting.

Overdue receipts: Julie Bacon has received gas receipts that are over the 90 day limit. She was told to bring it up at the BOD meeting.

MRF budget: Shirley "Swirl" Lacock had requested a copy of the budget, didn't mean for it to be an executive board topic. Mick Eddington would like to see an accounting of the budget from the MRF. Dukane's Junior membership program- Concerns have been raised over the fact that this program has been put into place without following procedure. Ryan will contact Dukane's president and see about getting a bylaw proposed. **Motion by Julie Bacon, Mick Eddington 2nd, to contact whoever is in charge (Judy Kaenel)of this program (Jr. Membership) and stop this program until they come to the BOD with a proposal. Motion by Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal to call the question, Julie Bacon 2nd.** Motion to call the question carried. **Motion to stop program carried. Opposed: Scott Gerke, Julie Bacon, Barb Fitzpatrick. EB2014-28**

Webmaster and lobbyist contracts: These will be signed at the December BOD meeting.

Rich Neb Award- reminder that nominations are due in state office December 1st and when the executive board is given the names, they are NOT to tell anyone outside the executive board.

Motion by Scott Gerke to close new business, Shirley "Swirl" Lacock 2nd, no discussion, motion carried.

Region Reports:

NE: South Suburban's elections will take place this Sunday. They are meeting with Windy City on Wednesday and will bring up the 990 situation.

WC: Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal wants to be sure the sound system that is purchased is of good quality and they get all the equipment needed such as extra microphones, speakers, etc. Fulton County will dissolve on December 31st. They have been a chapter since August 1991. December 14 will be the last meeting in Canton at the American Legion. All their products are half price. They will file their 990 form as soon as their assets are dispersed. Pam Heddon would like to keep the chapter archives and continue as the Safety and Education person for that area. The executive board agreed. Pauli asked that the chapter send the office formal notice; she will need it for her records for the state.

NW: The 9th Chili Shootout is scheduled for February 7th from 4-8.

SE: Freedom Riders and Chapter 27 are having a Broomstick Pool Tournament. There are only 10 members in Franklin County. Mick feels they would be better off if they dissolved the chapter and joined other nearby ones. Ted reports that Crossroads had a successful event.

EC: Jim Hamilton is not here. Pauli Ward says she has received mail back from Hubbard Trail's membership and needs to know what is happening. Flatlanders has no officers as of July. John Bloch asked about Windy City not being listed in the paper, that has been fixed.

SW: Jim "Legs" Korte reports Black Diamond is still a little shaky, other chapters are doing okay. There is a lack of participation in some chapters that may result in more closings, people would still be state members. Do we want to address some of this?

Motion to adjourn by Pauli Ward, Julie Bacon second, no discussion, motion carried.

Time 1:45 p.m.

Submitted by Kat Conner

State Secretary