

Executive Board meeting December 13, 2014
Room 411, Brookens Library, UIS, Springfield, IL
Secretary Minutes approved February 21, 2015

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Executive board present:

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| 1. State Coordinator- Ryan Hubbard | 9. Public Relations – Shirley “Swirl” Lacock |
| 2. Asst Coordinator- Scott Gerke | 10. NE Region- Ray Heck |
| 3. Secretary- Kat Conner | 11. NE Region- John Bloch |
| 4. Treasurer- Julie Bacon | 12. WC Region- Don Boland |
| 5. Bike Raffle- Howard Nation | 13. NW Region- Dennis “Cleaver” Yeager |
| 6. Products- Julee Thurman | 14. SW Region- Jim “Legs” Korte |
| 7. Office Manager- Pauli Ward | 15. SE Region- Ted Zackro |
| 8. Legislative- Bob Myers | 16. SE Region- Mick Eddington |

Executive board absent:

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

Guests present:

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| 1. Dawn Winterfeldt- River Valley | 6. Thomas Kampmeier-Freeport |
| 2. Stacey Pittman-Salt Creek | 7. Chris Zimmerman-Freeport |
| 3. Lee Pittman-Salt Creek | 8. Wayne Cornick-Piasa-Gateway |
| 4. Gus Miller-Heart of Illinois | 9. Pam Boland-Central |
| 5. Sandy Murrell-Freeport | 10. Rick Olson-Southern Dupage |

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 am with State Coordinator Ryan Hubbard leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion by Shirley “Swirl” Lacock, Ted Zackro 2nd, to accept minutes with corrections, no discussion, motion carried. Corrections include guest name; Lauren Zackro, page 3 Illinois Road Trip instead of Lincoln Ride.

State Coordinator

Ryan gave an update on the podium. He had a call from Hupy offering a \$1000.00 donation to the seminar and Ryan explained once again that as he is on the non-preferred participant list it is unacceptable. Mike Koester attended the Life Conference. They do need volunteers for the spring conference and Ryan will find out by the first of the year what breaks volunteers would get.

Assistant State Coordinator: Scott says the Northfield and the Ramada are both full, but he thinks that some of the rooms will likely open up.

Office Manager: There are still overdue bills. Embarras Valley has paid their bill, but not the late fees. Lost Creek will be sent their 4th notice. Kaskaskia Valley paid part of their bill. (Secretary note: Kaskaskia paid in full by the beginning of the BOD meeting today). Tri County and Chicago owe for liquor liability. Flatlanders chapter’s main officers memberships have been expired since July and she can’t file the corporation papers without updated information. Lamoine Valley also needs to fill some officer

positions. Pauli would like to know if she should give certificates instead of plaques for the membership recruitment award. It was decided to bring it up at the BOD meeting.

Treasurer: Julie reported on our finances. She asked what she should do about Windy City's continuing lack of compliance with the 990's. It will soon be time to turn in taxes and update corporation papers and the lack of cooperation from Windy City is an ongoing problem. Windy City has contacted Ryan and should be at the BOD meeting later today.

Legislative: Bob explained that Todd Vandermyde (our lobbyist) is asking for a substantial raise, but he has not had one since 2009. Julie suggested a 10% raise. It will be up to the BOD to decide.

Secretary/Bylaw: Kat has the dates set for 2015 and the proposed bylaw will be voted on today.

Bike Raffle: Howard is finding some good non motorcycle places to sell tickets. He has one sign that still needs to be delivered today. Ryan asked if a qwerty decal could be made for the truck that could be used by people to sign up when they buy tickets for the bike.

Newsletter: Carla is on vacation, the deadline is today and then January 10th for the next paper.

Public Relations: Shirley "Swirl" thanked all the chapters who have been updating information from their chapters. The State Swap meet event is on Facebook. She has contacted the Springfield area radio stations and will be getting prices from them for advertising the Swap Meet. Please contact Shirley before the next BOD meeting so she can bring supplies. She thanked all for their support this year.

Safety & Education: Ryan said Mike attended the IDOT Winter Conference. He has received the safety and education materials from Vi Roberts.

Activities: Barb was unable to be here today, but wants to remind us that she will need help after the next BOD meeting to set up things at the Swap Meet.

Products: Julie has caps and hats here today; \$15.00 each.

Unfinished Business:

1. **Employee Review:** We need to do the Employee Review today at the BOD as it did not get done last time.
2. **Windy City:** Julie has received six 990's, but June's is missing and the ones turned in cannot be verified without it. Ryan said he got June's report sent to him last night. Windy City is supposed to be at the BOD meeting today. It is getting more and more frustrating for all that the chapter does not seem to be able to fill out their paperwork correctly and/or get it sent to the treasurer. The member who does the bookwork does not contact Julie, but contacts Ryan instead. Julie is the treasurer and is the one that Windy City needs to work with. It is hoped that they will be here on time so that Julie and the Windy City rep can get the paperwork straightened out.

Motion made by Scott Gerke, Don Boland 2nd to close Unfinished Business.

New Business:

1. **Rich Neb Award:** Ballots were passed out. Pauli reminded all that the decision will not be made public until the seminar.
2. **Bylaw Review Chair appointment: Motion by Pauli Ward, Bob Myers 2nd to appoint Kat Conner as bylaw review chairperson for 2015, no discussion, motion carried. EB2014-29**

3. **Panel appointments: Motion by Pauli Ward, Julie Bacon 2nd to appoint John “Hunter John” Harris as FED PAC trustee for 2015, no discussion, motion carried. EB2014-30
Julie Bacon motion, Mick Eddington 2nd to appoint Ray Heck as FED PAC trustee for 2015, no discussion, motion carried. EB2014-31**
4. **Awareness Rally:** The 150th anniversary of Lincoln’s funeral is going to be commemorated on the same weekend as our Awareness Rally. All the state police will be tied up and not available to help us with our rally. If we do the policing ourselves we have to be certified. If we move the date in May we have a conflict with Heartland STEAM and Mother’s Day weekend. It was suggested we try April 26th as a kickoff to Motorcycle Awareness month. **Motion by Bob Myers, Pauli Ward 2nd to leave the Awareness Rally date as is and try to get county or state police help, opposed: Howard Nation, motion carried. EB2014-32**
5. **ABATE of Colorado:** A letter has been received from them asking for donations. There was a concern about its legitimacy.
Motion by Scott Gerke, Dennis “Cleaver” Yeager 2nd, to close New Business, motion carried.

Region Reports:

West Central: Don asked about the sound system purchase. Bob Myers is working on it and has decided to wait until after the holidays to get a better price. Some discussion on buying new vs used.

Motion by Scott Gerke, Don Boland 2nd, to adjourn, no discussion, motion carried.

Time: 11:20 a.m.

Submitted by

Kat Conner

State Secretary