

A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc.
Brookens Library, UIS, Springfield, IL
Board of Directors meeting October 17, 2015
Secretary minutes approved December 12, 2015

A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc.
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Executive Board Present:

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| 1. State Coordinator- Ryan Hubbard | 9. Products- Julee Thurman |
| 2. Assistant State Coor.- Jim "Legs" Korte | 10. Newsletter- Carla Enburg |
| 3. Bike Raffle- Howard "Carmel" Nation | 11. NW Region: Dennis "Cleaver" Yeager |
| 4. Secretary- Kat Conner | 12. EC Region- Scott Carter |
| 5. Office Manager- Pauli Ward | 13. SE Region- Mick Eddington |
| 6. Public Relations- Shirley "Swirl" Lacock | 14. SE Region- Ted Zackro |
| 7. Legislative- Bob Myers | 15. SW Region- Wayne Cornick |
| 8. Newsletter- Carla Enburg | 16. WC Region- Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal |

Executive Board Absent:

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| 1. Safety & Education- Mike Koester- late | 4. Activities- Barb Leach-wedding |
| 2. Treasurer- Julie Bacon-vacation | 5. NE Region- Ray Heck |
| 3. Activities- Roger Leach-wedding | 6. NE Region- John Bloch-ill |

Chapters Present:

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| 1. Apple Creek | 18. Freeport | 35. Piasa-Gateway | 52. Will Co. |
| 2. Backroads | 19. Great River | 36. Prairieland | 53. Windy City |
| 3. Beaucoup Bottoms | 20. Heart of Illinois | 37. Richland County | (1:20) |
| 4. Big River | 21. Heartland | 38. River Valley | |
| 5. Black Diamond | 22. Heritage Trail | 39. Salt Creek | |
| 6. Central | 23. Iron Riders | 40. Shoal Creek | |
| 7. Chicago | 24. Jasper County | 41. South Suburban (1:10) | |
| 8. Children of the Corn(1:40) | 25. Kaskaskia Valley | 42. Southern Dupage | |
| 9. Crossroads | 26. Kishwaukee Valley(late) | 43. Southern Illinois | |
| 10. Dukane | 27. Lamoine Valley | 44. Spoon River Riders | |
| 11. Eastern Illinois | 28. Liberty | 45. St. Clair County | |
| 12. Embarras Valley(1:20) | 29. Lincolnland | 46. State Line Riders | |
| 13. Flatlanders | 30. Midstate | 47. Starved Rock | |
| 14. Freebird | 31. Northern Illinois | 48. Thunder Rock | |
| 15. Freedom by Choice | 32. Open Roads | 49. Tri County | |
| 16. Freedom Riders | 33. Pathfinders | 50. Twin Rivers | |
| 17. Freedom Valley | 34. Peo-Taz | 51. Union Jack (1:20) | |

Chapters Absent:

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| 1. Crawford County | 4. Hubbard Trail | 7. Shawnee Hills |
| 2. Crooked Creek | 5. Lost Creek | 8. Southern Freedom |

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3. Franklin County

6. Old River

Guests present:

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| 1. Lauren Rutledge- State Line | 9. Carol Wannemacher- Liberty Chapter |
| 2. Nora Kleckner-Starved Rock | 10. Kevin Smith- Open Roads |
| 3. Janet Thompson- Lamoine Valley | 11. Ron Thornton- Salt Creek |
| 4. Jo Giovaunni- Dukane | 12. John Anderson- Lincoln Land |
| 5. Gina Woods- Chicago | 13. Vivian Anderson- Lincoln Land |
| 6. George "Bud" Lein- Open Roads | 14. Debbie Kuppin- Chicago |
| 7. Roxanna Behnke- Richland County | 15. Tina Hejnar- Dukane |
| 8. Bonnie Kendall- Great River | 16. Wally Elliott-Dukane |

Meeting was called to order at 1 pm with State Coordinator Ryan Hubbard leading with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence for members who have passed. **Freeport motion, Freebird 2nd, to accept the September minutes as written, no discussion, motion carried.**

State Coordinator: Ryan talked about Robert's Rules of Order. He has marked places that he uses often and will follow them better in the future. One of the big discussions at the Meeting of the Minds concerned Waco, TX. where motorcyclists civil rights are being abused. Ryan sees this spreading in the US. We are a SMRO and we need to focus on the issues that concern us such as civil rights, safety & education. He feels we are getting away from this as we are getting involved in issues that take way too much time both at the BOD and chapter level. We are getting away from our stated purpose and we need to get back on our mission. We don't have the time, the people or the money to keep going off on these tangents. Please keep in mind we are here so that we can go out and ride our motorcycles.

Assistant State Coordinator: Jim "Legs" Korte is working to add more of the "how to" sessions that will be put on at the seminar. He will include more information in the next newsletter.

Secretary: Kat went over the dates for next year.

Treasurer: Julie is not here, so Pauli gave the report. Julie wanted everyone to know that taxes have been filed, so don't worry if you get a letter in the mail that says we haven't. BOD reps need to be sure to tell their chapter treasurers.

Legislative: Bob reminded us that campaigns are coming up. He went over some of the changes that were not included in today's package. The PAC's need donations in order to get our word out to these people.

Autocars: Bob said we need to tighten up the state's definition of a motorcycle. There is a vehicle called the stallion which is a three wheeled vehicle that has front and rear seating and a steering wheel. They were given motorcycle plates. Bob is worried that someone will put handlebars on one. Auto cycles were also a big topic at the MOTM. Bob contacted the Secretary of State and the DMV to make them aware that autocars are not to be classified as motorcycles. Iron Riders asked if we were just looking at statistics or are there other factors? Just stats now. Our fatalities declined last year in Illinois

and we'd like to see that continue. Starting January first, autocars will have their own box on accident reports which is good. St. Clair asked how much impact would it really make, are they perhaps safer than a motorcycle? Bob said we don't know and don't want to chance it. Dukane asked what exactly is an autocycle? What about slingshots; they are basically a car missing one wheel with a cage around them. Bob said autocars are too big to fit on a motorcycle course to get licensed. Why be allowed to put motorcycle plates on if you don't have to take the motorcycle test? Amanda Reising met with NHTSA on the WDC trip. NHTSA said they are looking into autocars and understand the two need to be separated. At this point it is up to the individual state at the time of an accident to decide what to mark it as far as classification goes. Judy Kaenel was recognized and said that the makers of the autocycles want a motorcycle classification because if it was classed otherwise safety features would have to be similar to cars which would drive up the cost and tariffs would also be higher.

Lane Splitting- Someone in the Chicago area is trying to get lane splitting put into state law. Bob said our stand is that we do not want this at this time. We'd like to see what happens in other states that put this in. MOTM sees lane splitting as a state by state issue.

Donations: The seminar is coming up. Chapters need to donate in order to keep things like our WDC trip and Legislative Day going. Bob is looking for people interested in going to WDC in the spring. Legislative Day will be March 2nd. Three legislators have their own band and Bob would like them to play this year. Bob thinks this would help attendance on both sides. He has 35 rooms booked in the State House Inn for \$95.00. You can get them after January first. You can reserve one night or both.

MOTM agenda: The MRF agenda is not done yet, they will get back to us when it is ready. We do have an impact on this organization. Bob would like to see the chapters send some donations since the state had to cut back. He thanked Twin Rivers for their generous donation. The new highway bill includes the section that no federal funds will be used for motorcycle checkpoints. This is great, but we actually need to make it a permanent law. Bob also congratulated Denny Lange for being the best recruiter in the entire US. Denny said he couldn't do it without Roz.

Legislative Contract: Bob asked that Todd Vandermyde sign his contract today rather than in December because he is here today. **Great River motion, Freedom Riders 2nd, to let Todd Vandermyde sign his contract today rather than wait until December, discussion. Motion carried with Central opposed.**

BOD2015-16

Todd was recognized and talked about the problems with the poker run bill. A poker run cannot terminate in Cook Co because they will not issue the permit. You can ride through there and stop there. Todd did try to find out what the issue was, but didn't get any answers. The bill was amended so it would pass. Then Todd tried some more to find out what the issue was to no avail. Todd thinks that the Cook Co. board president sees it as gambling and that is the real problem. If we didn't accept the amendment, it probably would not have passed at all. Denny of MRF feels that since there are so many people who live in Cook Co. the law should be worked on some more. Starved Rock asked what are they doing then in Cook Co? Todd said that he doesn't know of any group applying for a permit, it would be interesting. No one at the county will give an answer. Midstate said that all other counties have language that says "shall issue" while Cook Co says "may issue". Todd worries that groups will get nailed under the gaming act for illegal activities and he doesn't know exactly what the penalties would be. Judy Kaenel was recognized and said that two groups were told in Cook Co. that it was an \$800 fee and

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\$25 would go to the state. Todd said then it sounds like they just don't want to deal with it. Thunder Rock said his county said they didn't have anything in place this year and wanted to know if legally they should have. So if they have another run, what should they do? Todd suggested getting an email so they had something in writing. In Southern Illinois they were not charged a fee at all. "Clever" talked about how different groups can get a permit and not get charged, but if ABATE does it we get charged. Thunder Rock asked if bar owners are having problems would the bar owners association work with us? Todd said yes they are now. Bob said we did get the language put in so runs can be used for a charity or organizations like ours.

Activities: Roger and Barb are at a wedding and have no report.

Products: John from Lincoln Land has a product that he thinks would be good for us. It's called a distress bandanna that will allow you to signify to others that you have a problem. John would like to go into a partnership/endorsement with ABATE. He would put us on the website and make a deal of \$5.00 each for us rather than the \$10.00 charged to others. It is made of all US made materials. He did bring some today if you'd like to take them back to the chapters. Lincoln Land asked if it was a known distress signal. No, but they are working with Driver's Ed programs to make people aware of it. Twin Rivers asked what the procedure would be. Ryan said it would be up to products. Julee is going to sell them at the seminar. John would like to see ABATE as an endorser on the package which would possibly spread the word about us too. Starved Rock asked if they had talked to law enforcement. They have talked to them and see it as a positive. River Valley asked if they wanted to use our name in their advertising. No, just put on their website as a supporter. He was also asked if there is something in the bylaws? Ryan said you can't use your position to advertise, but will check and see. Another asked if they could put our logo on the signal itself? Freeport asked about the price at the upcoming seminar. \$10 would be cost with half to S & Ed and the rest to products. Thunder Rock said if ABATE's logo was added in the same color it should cost the same. There would be a set up charge for the logo. **Blackhawk motion, Iron Riders 2nd, to endorse the product. Opposed: Backroads, Beaucoup Bottoms, Embarras Valley, Jasper County, South Suburban, St. Clair Co., Will Co. BOD2015-17** Discussion- will there be liability involved? Ryan said Rod could check. Jim "Legs" Korte & Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal checked the bylaws and it appears to be something we could do, similar to endorsing a political candidate.

Heartland motion, Freedom by Choice 2nd, to have ABATE of Illinois, Inc. pay for the setup charge to add our logo and that our 800 # be put on the flag. (This would only be the ones sold to ABATE members.) They do not know what the cost would be at this time. **Freedom Riders motion, Freeport 2nd, to postpone to a future meeting to get costs. Opposed: none. BOD2015-18**

Julee said to get a decent price to add the logo would mean they would have to order a bunch. She thinks we lost focus, they just wanted to get them out to members today. They will sell what they brought with them later today.

Newsletter: Carla asked if there were any new nominees to please send your letter of intent by 5 pm tomorrow. The newsletter deadline in Nov 14th is absolute as she will be traveling for work the day after and will have to have the paper done before she leaves.

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Public Relations: Please email Shirley for supplies. She has some samples of things that will be available after the first of the year. The eyeglass wipes reimbursement of 3225.00 finally came in. Proclamations are due by December so she can talk about them at the seminar. The updated proclamation is now on the website. She went over places they can be sent and again asked that you put your chapter name on them if you want the recognition. She has been asked for help with media and is happy to assist you.

Bike Raffle: Certificates and checks for sales over \$1,000 in sales were given out by Howard "Carmel" Nation. They went to: Kishwaukee Valley, River Valley, Thunder Rock, Heartland, Freedom by Choice, Eastern Illinois, Blackhawk, Southwest Region, St. Clair County, Freedom Valley, Northeast Region, Piasa-Gateway, Dukane, Open Roads, Twin Rivers, Lincoln Land, Freeport, Starved Rock. Embarras Valley is voting to give their check back to the Bike Raffle fund. Blackhawk, Midstate, and Eastern also donated their rebate checks back today to various funds.

Office Manager: Pauli discussed a special offer to bring back some of those members who expired in 2014. Northern Illinois would like to see a letter of encouragement added to her chapter to add a personal touch. Pauli said there are still two chapters who have not paid their liability insurance. One of the chapters has voted to not pay their fee. Dukane said they would put their advertising overpayment in to cover the cost of chapters who do not pay. Windy City asked if the special membership letters had gone out. Pauli said no they were not printed yet. River Valley is concerned that this is not fair to those who are current members as we would be rewarding those who allowed their memberships to expire. **Freebird motion, Freedom Riders 2nd, to send out the special \$20. renewal to those who expired in the year 2014.** Discussion, good marketing idea, chapters won't get the membership proceeds. Freeport asked if it was a one-time deal. Yes. **Blackhawk motion, Embarras Valley call the question. Opposed S. Dupage. Motion carried with Jasper County and S. Dupage opposed. BOD2015- 19** Membership is holding steady.

Big Chapter left at 2:37.

Eastern IL motion, Freedom Riders 2nd, to not insure the two chapters who have not paid their insurance bill for any of their events. Discussion: Heart of Illinois asked how would this work since they are under our corporation? Pauli can move them off the list. Freebird asked if they have an event and someone gets hurt could they then come after ABATE? Ryan said he would have to ask Rod. Will Co said they would have to buy their own insurance. Pauli doesn't think they are having any events. Great River thinks we should notify all their members that they are not covered. Do the region coordinators know what will happen? Scott Carter said that the chapter in his region does not have the funds. Cap has also talked to Lost Creek and they are just struggling to get by. Pathfinders asked if we are opening the door to other chapters to not pay and just get their own insurance? Freedom Riders asked about non-attendance and yes they will be called to a BOD meeting at the end of the year. Thunder Rock asked if the chapters fold would they become state members? No, they would go to other chapters if they want to stay. Apple Creek said sometimes chapters have tough times, we need to contact them and give them the benefit of the doubt. Open Roads said we should maybe leave the insurance in place until we do the charter review and if they fold then it would be moot. S. IL recognized Mick Eddington. He

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said that Lost Creek has 36 members and Hubbard Trail 28. Franklin Co has 11 & they paid theirs.
Motion failed. Opposed: Apple Creek, Backroads, Beaucoup Bottoms, Big River, Black Diamond, Central, Chicago, Children of the Corn, Crossroads, Dukane, Embarras Valley, Flatlanders, Freebird, Freedom by Choice, Freedom Valley, Freeport, Heart of Illinois, Heartland, Heritage Trail, Iron Riders, Jasper County, Kaskaskia Valley, Lamoine Valley, Liberty, Lincolnland, Midstate, Open Roads, Pathfinders, Peo-Taz, Piasa-Gateway, Prairieland, River Valley, Salt Creek, Shoal Creek, South Suburban, Southern Dupage, Southern Illinois, Spoon River Riders, St. Clair Co., State Line Riders, Starved Rock, Thunder Rock, Tri County, Twin Rivers, Union Jack, Will County, Windy City.

Safety & Education: Mike has numbers of classes on his computer, but did not bring them with him. He will put them with the secretary's notes. Mike is getting incomplete forms and he asked that you double check before you send them in. Mike recognized Penny West who presented the program to Driver's Ed teachers at a conference. Mike has not done as much as he would like to on the video. He would like your email if you can help or if you have any ideas. He would like to get started by the first of the year. Mike & Bob went to a safety conference and they are pushing for high visibility safety gear. Some states are handing it out if you guarantee that you will wear it. Also manufacturers have designed anti-lock brakes for bikes and stability control. These would slow the bike down and try to straighten it up. This group does allow people to test the product out. He thinks they are concentrating on the sport bikes. Blackhawk discussed how the Drivers Ed programs at the high schools are changing their agendas and shutting us out. Mike suggested instructors asking to have a once a year assembly and do the class that way. Mike is also working on getting into the private sector. Mike also apologized to the chapters as he is not getting emails about yard signs. If you let him know now what you need he will go get them as soon as he is done talking. Ryan also got an email from Theresa Bates of the southern region who has a list of schools that want us to do programs. Mike would like to see these published in the paper. Ryan suggested everyone meet with Mike at the break to get supplies.

Hospitality Room: Backroads said that their chapter gave activities a sizeable donation last year for the hospitality room and yet they ran out of food and beverages on Friday last year. Ryan will let Roger and Barb know so it doesn't happen again.

Motion by Freeport, River Valley 2nd, to take a break from 3:18 until 3:38.

State Line Riders, Heartland left at break.

Unfinished Business:

- 1. Tabled motion-Hupy** We had a motion that was incorrectly tabled at the last meeting. Ryan read the motion from the minutes. **River Valley motion, Chicago 2nd, to abolish NPV list. Motion failed. Opposed: Apple Creek, Backroads, Beaucoup Bottoms, Blackhawk, Central, Crossroads, Eastern Illinois, Flatlanders, Freebird, Freedom by Choice, Freedom Riders, Freeport, Great River, Heart of Illinois, Heritage Trail, Iron Riders, Jasper County, Kaskaskia Valley, Kishwaukee Valley, Lamoine Valley, Liberty, Northern Illinois, Open Roads, Pathfinders, Piasa-Gateway, Prairieland, Richland Co., Shoal Creek, Southern Illinois, St. Clair Co., Starved Rock, Tri Co., Twin Rivers.**

Discussion: Thunder Rock thinks we need the list and is wondering why another group is not on it. Embarras Valley doesn't see Hupy as all bad as he is doing good things also, the list doesn't serve a purpose. Lincoln Land would like to know if they can call the question. Ryan said since new people were here, we need to let them speak. Northern IL chapter feels the NPV list is not in ABATE's best interest. Chapters should have a choice as to who and who cannot do business with a vendor. River Valley, if you put all the advertising aside, we are supposed to put those opposed to us on the list, so shouldn't the congressmen who oppose us be on this list? Blackhawk, since there are different members here today, do we need to hear the letter that was read at the last meeting again? Freebird said this has caused a lot of problems and we should deal with them individually. Freedom by Choice feels the list should stay, serves a purpose, not for people who legislatively oppose us but those people who are opposed to our ideals. Someone actually brings a person or organization to us to put on the list. We don't just pick someone/vendor. St. Clair asked for clarification of the motion. S. Dupage chapter feels it's very punitive. Kishwaukee Valley said the list is a way for continuity so as an organization we know what's going on. Spoon River feels that if we keep the list and are in fact doing something wrong we should probably not be doing it and it could be expensive. Dukane reminds all of Ryan's opening statement that we are wasting our time. Will Co. said over the last 5 years he knows of two cases at least where people/vendors were put on the list that should not have been. Ryan was asked when the list was started-it was in 2005. The advertising policy was 1991. Backroads asked if we do away with it will it allow Hupy & Assoc. to advertise? Ryan said no. It is in our policy to not allow personal injury ads. Thunder Rock said it is almost like the legislative list which tells us which politicians are for us and those against us. River Valley read the letter from the last BOD meeting. Kishwaukee Valley said they would not consider a legislator or former member as a vendor. Great River asked if it is for a vendor list and a vendor is a specific thing not a person, maybe we need to define what a vendor is before we discuss doing away with the list.

Freebird motion, Northern Illinois 2nd, that we reword the NPV list. Motion carried with Freedom Riders and Thunder Rock opposed. BOD2015-20

Freedom by Choice suggested a committee. River Valley asked if it is reworded would the two individuals be removed? Ryan said that would be dependent on how the list was reworded. Heart of Illinois said the BOD could take the word vendor totally out.

2. **Nominations:** Ryan went over the nominations so far and asked for additions.

SE Region Coordinator: Ted Zackro is not going to run for the position.

Southern Illinois motion, Heritage Trail 2nd to nominate Mick Eddington. He accepted.

Heritage Trail motion, Southern Illinois 2nd, to nominate Bob Stout. We do not know if he will accept.

North West Region Coordinator: – Open Roads motion, Starved Rock 2nd to nominate George "Bud" Lein. He accepted.

Blackhawk motion, Kishwaukee Valley to nominate Sandy Murrell. She accepted.

Products: Southern Illinois motion, Freedom by Choice 2nd, to nominate Tracey Eddington. She accepted. Julee Thurman rescinded her nomination for health reasons.

Secretary: Motion by Backroads, Freebird 2nd to nominate Paulette Korte for state secretary. She has sent a letter of intent.

Piasa-Gateway motion, Heart of Illinois 2nd, to close Unfinished Business, motion carried.

New Business:

1. Budget:

Blackhawk motion, Freedom Valley 2nd, to accept budget as proposed for 2016, discussion. Motion carried with the following opposed: Children of the Corn, Dukane, Embarras Valley, Great River, Liberty, Northern Illinois, Open Roads, Pathfinders, Piasa-Gateway, River Valley, South Suburban, Starved Rock, Thunder Rock, Windy City. BOD2015-21

Discussion: Freeport asked about secretary's proposed budget and why it shows an increase. Kat explained what she changed. Freeport asked about bike raffle overage. Thunder Rock asked about state party increase, seminar prices going up, and raffle. They wondered if it was to get more revenue or what is the reasoning. Pauli explained about the seminar costs. State party increase is mainly for more revenue and better entertainment. The concern was expressed that if we do a cash raffle then we may lose ticket sales on bike. Heart of Illinois chapter feels the increase is not good for state party. River Valley questioned why raise seminar price when voted not to take a donation last year? Lincoln Land asked about letter from Keith Robbins (Central) and the monies we spend on charities vs monies chapters give to the state. Could Julie Bacon research this? Could we have the chapters be assessed a percentage of what they have in their treasury? Could a committee do this? The executive board did not receive this letter. It was evidently handed out before the meeting to only BOD reps. Northern Illinois asked if we can turn the paper newsletter into electronic one. Carla said we did talk about it in the executive board meeting. Could do either way. Dukane asked about conference & conventions with \$28,000 listed for insurance. Pauli said it's the state office insurance. Professional fees are for the CPA who does our payroll and taxes. Do we reevaluate these or just take the increase? Ryan said Pauli shops around. Concern was expressed over state party loss of revenue if we increase fees. Open Roads asked if the membership is interested in going electronic. Carla will have to work with publisher to see how this could be done. Liberty donated \$500 to general fund to help. Backroads asked about the cash raffle. Would there be multiple winners? Pauli thinks we should have designated cash prizes rather than a 50/50. Thunder Rock thinks it would be good to let non-members read the paper. Ryan said people wouldn't join if get for free. Freeport asked for clarification on the letter they received to balance the budget. Yes, these items are in the proposed budget. Piasa-Gateway feels our main problem is participation at the state party. It's not the price for that or the seminar. Open Roads chapter feels the price should be one dollar not two and 6 for \$5 and have the drawing twice a year. River Valley asked Carla if a lot of people decided to go an electronic version then what would that do to the postage bulk rate? It would lower the cost of postage, not sure on the printing cost because of the lower volume. Freedom by Choice asked what is the member benefit line? It is the cost of the membership package. Freedom by Choice feels that we need to go to a wrist band at the

seminar because he thinks people come and are not paying. Dukane asked why we couldn't put newsletter on web. Ryan said it's not because it's secret, just that it's a member benefit. We need to find outside seminar sponsors. Sponsor form will be out in next paper and can be used by any business. Kaskaskia Valley asked if we have an inventory of all the supplies we pass out. Public Relations tracks them. Safety & Ed has been a challenge to keep track of this year. Products gives a yearly report. Freedom by Choice recognized Shirley who said the rest of the supplies will be in by the end of the year. She does keep track of each chapter's requests. Concern was expressed that in the past we have been wasteful with things. Thunder Rock asked about state seminar and taking bids. Pauli said that we book the whole hotel and we can do what we want, so we stay there. We don't pay for the conference rooms either. Starved Rock said we need to go back to our chapters and get them to donate more to state. If we do the cash raffle, who will be responsible for getting the tickets to the members? Pauli said this was not discussed, but she assumes we will do it like we do the bike tickets. Ryan talked about how to change the motion if you want to remove or change things in the budget. **Motion by Freedom by Choice, Heart of IL 2nd to call the question. None opposed. Motion to call the question carried.**

2. **Hupy:** Ryan discussed the packet of correspondence from Hupy who is claiming we are violating the Sherman Anti-Trust act. Ryan responded to Hupy that we needed to wait for the BOD meeting since they are the ones that need to respond. He did talk briefly with Hupy at the MOTM. The executive board asked to have an independent lawyer's opinion on what Hupy sent. Ryan contacted Matt Danielson who works with the MRF. Rod Taylor also hired an independent attorney to look over this issue. Hupy contacted a Chicago law firm to give their opinion. Each side says they are right. Danielson gave some language for a letter to include in our reply to Hupy. Ryan thinks it needs to be changed a bit as he did not have all the history. We have already voted to keep the NPV list. Now we have a threat of a violation of the anti-trust act for the policy we have in place for exclusive advertising being given to the administrator of the Abate legal services plan and the NPV. We have discussed this at the executive board level, but it is the BOD who has to make the choice. Ryan read the recommendations that the executive board made today.

Motion by Heart of IL, Freedom by Choice 2nd, to follow recommendation of executive board to pursue legal action against Hupy asking him to cease harassment of ABATE of Illinois, Inc.. discussion. Motion failed. Opposed: Apple Creek, Beaucoup Bottoms, Black Diamond, Blackhawk, Central, Chicago, Children of the Corn, Crossroads, Dukane, Eastern Illinois, Embarras Valley, Freedom Valley, Freeport, Great River, Jasper Co., Kaskaskia Valley, Kishwaukee Valley, Liberty, Lincoln Land, Lost Creek, Northern Illinois, Pathfinders, Peo-Taz, Piasa-Gateway, River Valley, Salt Creek, South Suburban, Southern Dupage, Spoon River Riders, Starved Rock, Twin Rivers, Windy City. S. Dupage is not sure we should send Hupy's letter to other SMRO's. Ryan said it would only include the letter and ask if they had had problems of the same sort. Windy City suggested asking them but to not send the letter. Windy City asked why did we use an attorney in Virginia? Ryan explained it's federal law, not

state law. He asked them because they are affiliated with the MRF, they are knowledgeable in motorcyclist's rights issues and it was a free consultation. **Northern Illinois amend motion, Windy City 2nd, that prior to taking Michael Hupy to court that you seek legal counsel asking if there will be legal repercussions to that action. (cease & desist order), discussion, amended motion failed. Opposed: Backroads, Beaucoup Bottoms, Blackhawk, Central, Eastern Illinois, Embarras Valley, Freedom Riders, Heritage Trail, Jasper Co., Kaskaskia Valley, Liberty, Midstate, Open Roads, Piasa-Gateway, Prairieland, Richland Co., River Valley, Shoal Creek, Southern Dupage, Southern Illinois, St. Clair Co.**

Amendment discussion: Ryan read some of the lawyers answer from Danielson. He also suggested sending Hupy a certified letter. Piasa Gateway asked why Hupy waited 14 years to push the issue and feels it is a bluff. Midstate- states that Hupy is missing out on income. **Point of order**-Northern Illinois was allowed to speak to her amendment. She feels that if we jump the gun we might be in serious trouble. She wants to know the pros and cons and make an informed decision. River Valley pointed out that Mr. Danielson's letter said Hupy should not be on the list. Ryan said he did not give Mr. Danielson the history so he could not really make that call. River Valley asked what is the real story and what is the proof? Ryan, not sure in minutes anywhere, but he has made many connections to find out what was fact and what was fiction. Ryan feels this issue is detrimental to us as an SMRO. Ryan went over what happened concerning advertising in the past. Freebird chapter said take him off the list, but he still can't advertise. Windy City recognized Judy Kaenel who mentioned that the law firm hired by Hupy(Michael Best & Friedrich LLP) was one of the top constitutional law firms in the country. **Motion discussion**-Eastern Illinois feels we should ignore Hupy letters and let him sue, take him off the NPV. Midstate says Hupy has had letters to desist before, just ignore him as usual. Heart of IL. said chapters have been letting him advertise anyway. **Motion by River Valley, Freedom Valley 2nd, to call the question. Opposed: Northern Illinois. Motion to call the question carried.**

Freebird motion, River Valley 2nd, to remove Hupy from NPV and make sure he is not allowed to put ads in any ABATE newspapers, discussion. Motion carried. BOD2015-22 Opposed: Apple Creek, Backroads, Beaucoup Bottoms, Central, Crossroads, Freedom Riders, Freeport, Heart of Illinois, Heritage Trail, Iron Riders, Kishwaukee Valley, Kaskaskia Valley, Liberty, Piasa-Gateway, Prairieland, Richland Co., Southern Illinois, St. Clair Co., Thunder Rock. Discussion: If you take Hupy off NPV list he still cannot advertise personal injury. Freedom Riders asked how to stop him from letting him advertise in their newsletters. Freebird chapter said this would stop the issue from being continued. River Valley said this would be a compromise. Ryan explained that Michael Hupy as a member can donate. Freedom by Choice recognized Bob Myers. Bob said we are looking at the question as our right to run our organization the way you see fit. **Motion by Embarras Valley, Freeport 2nd, to call the question. Opposed: none. Motion to call the question carried.**

3. Bonuses: Heart of Illinois motion, Freeport 2nd, to follow the executive board recommendation to give bonuses to full and part time employees out of the legislative

budget. Discussion: This is in place of a raise. **Motion carried with none opposed.**
BOD2015-23

4. **Advertising:** The executive board recommended to place Dukane chapter under sanction of BOD choice because of using prohibited advertising in flyer. River Valley pointed out that a letter will need to be sent to the chapter members. **Motion by Freedom by Choice, Midstate 2nd to ask that the Dukane chapter be present at the next BOD meeting to discuss sanctions to be brought against the chapter for using a prohibited advertiser, discussion, motion carried. BOD2015-2** **Opposed: Black Diamond, Chicago, Freedom Valley, Kaskaskia Valley, Northern Illinois, Pathfinders, River Valley, Windy City.** Northern Illinois said the motion overrode the recommendation. It was a flyer that only said Watch for Motorcycles with the firm's logo. Embarras Valley asked if there was a copy available to see and one was passed around to the BOD. Great River said if Hupy was on the NPV he should not have been allowed to do this. Ryan read Section 4 of the NPV list which explains the reasoning for the recommendation. Peo Taz reminded all that this is about the chapter not following the rules.
5. **AIL Insurance:** Dawn Truden of AIL contacted Ryan and said it is time to renew our contract. **Motion by Piasa-Gateway, Backroads 2nd, to renew the contract with AIL, motion carried. No discussion, none opposed. BOD2015- 25**
6. **NPV list: Motion by Embarras Valley, Kaskaskia Valley 2nd, to take Bob Sumpton off NPV list. Motion failed. Opposed: Apple Creek, Backroads, Beaucoup Bottoms, Blackhawk, Central, Crossroads, Eastern Illinois, Freedom by Choice, Freedom Riders, Freeport, Heart of Illinois, Heritage Trail, Iron Riders, Kishwaukee Valley, Liberty, Piasa-Gateway, Prairieland, Richland Co., Shoal Creek, Southern Illinois, St. Clair Co., Starved Rock, Thunder Rock.**

Motion by Piasa-Gateway, Backroads 2nd, to close New Business, motion carried.
Opposed: Midstate

PAC Reports:

ABATE PAC: Balances were given. Working on surveys now. Intend to get in newsletter by February.

FED PAC: Everyone got a copy of the report in today's packets.

MRF: Denny had some things to say, but he will do it next time as the meeting has gone on so long already. He did have plaques of awards we received at the MOTM.

AMA /Dist 17: No report.

Region Reports:

East Central: Embarras Valley, Eastern have raffle tickets for chapters to sell.

Embarras Valley asked when is the next region meeting; it will be at the state seminar.

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South West: The Marble Run is done and was a success. He is working on the 2016 run.
Windy City, Spoon River, Big River left at 6:30.

Rich Neb awards now open and due in Dec 1st

Motion by Piasa-Gateway, Starved Rock 2nd to adjourn, no discussion, motion carried.

Time: 6:40 pm
Submitted by:
Kat Conner
State Secretary