

A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc.
Brookens Library, UIS, Springfield, IL
Board of Directors meeting December 12, 2015
Secretary notes to be approved February 20, 2016

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Chapters present:

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

Chapters absent:

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| 1. Big River | 6. Heart of Illinois | 11. Pathfinders |
| 2. Crawford County | 7. Lamoine Valley | 12. Richland County |
| 3. Crooked Creek | 8. Liberty | 13. St. Clair County |
| 4. Franklin County | 9. Lost Creek | 14. Union Jack |
| 5. Freedom Riders | 10. Old River | |

Executive board present:

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| 1. State Coordinator- Ryan Hubbard | 10. Newsletter- Carla Enburg |
| 2. Assistant State Coordinator- Jim "Legs" Korte | 11. Bike Raffle- Howard "Carmel" Nation |
| 3. Treasurer: Julie Bacon | 12. NW Region- Dennis Yeager |
| 4. Secretary: Kat Conner | 13. NE Region- John Bloch |
| 5. Office Manager- Pauli Ward | 14. SE Region- Mick Eddington |
| 6. Public Relations- Shirley "Swirl" Lacock | 15. SE Region- Ted Zackro |
| 7. Safety & Education- Mike Koester | 16. SW Region- Wayne Cornick |
| 8. Activities- Roger Leach | 17. WC Region- Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal |
| 9. Activities- Barb Leach | 18. EC Region- Scott Carter |

Executive board absent:

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| 1. Bob Myers- Legislative | 3. Howard "Carmel" Nation- Bike Raffle |
| 2. Products- Julee Thurman | 4. NE Region- Ray Heck |

Guests present:

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| 1. Michael Redman-Midstate | 12. Tim Portwood-Stateline Riders | 22. Jay Gomer-Tri Co. |
| 2. Kurt Husen- Kishwaukee Valley | 13. R. "Gopher" Gophinski-Dukane | 23. Stacey Markham-D |
| 3. Kevin Smith-Open Roads | 14. Tracy Robbins-Central | 24. Tim Lawrence-Dukane |
| 4. Harold Gaima-Hubbard Trail | 15. Gus Miller-Heart of IL | 25. Wally Elliott-Dukane |
| 5. Bonnie Kendall-Great River | 16. Pam Hedden- Abate of IL | 26. Rick Olson-S. Dupage |
| 6. Dan Harper-Chicago | 17. Amanda Gotte- Dukane | 27. Ernie Steele-Blackhawk |
| 7. Julie Pratt-Heartland | 18. Diana Rebechini-S. Dupage | 28. Tina Hejnai-Dukane |
| 8. Barb Amling-Midstate | 19. Patty Smith-Dukane | 29. George "Bud" Lein- |
| 9. Lauren Rutledge-Stateline Riders | 20. Greg Smith- Dukane | Open Roads |
| 10. Kelly Trumann-Stateline Riders | 21. Bridgette Norton-Tri County | 30. Cindy Lannom- |
| 11. Vance Trumann-Stateline Riders | 22. Rhonda Pinkard- S. Suburban | St. Clair County |

Ryan called the meeting to order at 1 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence for members who have passed since the last meeting.

Motion by Freeport, Kishwaukee Valley 2nd, to approve minutes as written, no discussion, motion carried.

State Coordinator: Ryan said there had been an issue with the AIL program and an article that was published. He asked that if you write something let him know. They donated \$500.00 for our Christmas party.

He was contacted by the Illinois High School Driver's Education Association which is working on compiling a list of all the high schools in Illinois who offer drivers education classes and their instructors. They would like to work more closely with us. It might help us get into some schools we haven't been able to get into before. They expressed their concern with legislation being proposed to remove Drs. Ed. from public high schools and asked if we would consider drafting a letter to the legislators supporting us. Ryan did so. They asked if we would help with other proposals. He told the association we would have to look at any other proposed legislation and it would have to be dealing with that issue only.

Dukane contacted Ryan about profiling that was done at a toy run that occurred in their part of the state. Ryan said this has been happening in other states. He has contacted the MRF club rep to get more information. We need to keep an eye on this.

Ryan went over the ballot form that was given to each chapter rep. He explained the bylaw that deals with elections. **Midstate motion, Twin Rivers 2nd, to do as we have in the past.** Blackhawk said we can't do it today as the bylaw could not be changed today. Ryan explained that according to Robert's Rules you could vote to override the bylaw. Eastern said since we now know the proper procedure we need to follow it. Will Co. said our bylaws over ride Robert's Rule's. **Ryan said the motion was out of order so we are striking the motion.** Piasa-Gateway asked if since no one is running opposed, does it make a difference?

At this point Ryan reminded all that according to Robert's Rules each board rep may speak twice at most. The first one is the person who makes the motion, then all else may speak. Then you have a second round and that's it. Chapters have sent you here to conduct the business of ABATE. Limit your comments and do not swear. He understands we are bikers, but we need to do our business. We are not here to attack each other or chapters. Focus on what we need to do as far as motorcycle rights. Keep in mind our mission. Take care of issues outside of the meeting. **Chicago recognized Dan Harper who made a motion that all executive board officers that are running unopposed be elected by acclamation.** Eastern- Point of Order- motion out of order against the bylaws.

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Assistant State Coordinator: Jim "Legs" Korte said the newsletter article will have the seminar sessions in it and they will also be posted on the website. He did address some things that members asked for from last seminar. River Valley asked if he could go over the schedule now and he did. Backroads reminded all to bring laptops or tablets to the general assembly session.

Secretary: River Valley motion, Freeport 2nd, that we move the December 2016 meeting to the 10th, discussion, motion carried. Opposed: none. BOD2015-26 Midstate asked it be put in the paper. Kat also thanked all for the help and support you gave her during her term.

Treasurer: The 990's have been mailed out. She would like to put a challenge out that the chapters help each other so all the 990's get done on time.

Legislative: Bob had surgery this week so John "Hunter John" Harris is filling in today. He went over the report that Bob sent and asked if you have any questions to wait a week so Bob can recover. Dan Harper is also available for questions. If you are not on On-D-Go ask someone who is to help you, so you can do the witness slips when needed. Will Co. said he has been banned from Yahoo so he can't get on On-D-Go. He raised the concern that it be put on other sources such as Facebook. Several members are currently keeping things posted on Facebook. Midstate asked about what a witness slip is. Hunter explained that it is a way to show your support or opposition for the legislation electronically. Please talk to Rich Kinkade if you have problems.
Elections- we need to help our friends and both PAC's need money. A lot of congressmen are not returning so we need to make contacts. You need to let your PAC person know if you need something. Your legislative rep should have every politician's number in your area.
Legislative Day is March 2nd. Every chapter should have at least two members attend. Blackhawk recognized Ernie Steele who asked when are the questionnaires due to be returned? Dec 31st for both PAC's. If you have never attended Legislative Day there are plenty of people who would help you learn the ropes. There is a flyer that gives more information in your packet. There are rooms blocked off at the State House Inn if you'd like to spend the night. There will be a band at the reception. The Washington, DC trip can only take so many. Backroads said there will be a form on the website to apply for the WDC trip. The dates are: April 24-30, 2016. It is not a sight seeing trip.
Autocycles- Bob is working with the Illinois Secretary of State on this to clarify exactly what one is.
State Rep Jerry Costello Jr. recently sent a sympathy card to a chapter member who had a loss in his family. This shows that politicians do pay attention to their constituents who help them out.
Dist. 17/AMA meeting was last Saturday. The big problem now is that owners of motorcycle tracks in Illinois are letting people come in and race that are not AMA members. That takes money out of AMA funds. Dist. 17 will help us whenever we need it.
Off Road: The committee is working on a park, but there are no state funds available at this time. The question was raised as to why there is no Off Road panel. Hunter John said we had one, but it never did anything. Chapters were doing it at their level and it's really a legislative issue. Pauli asked about lane filtering, she saw something on Facebook about it. There is a petition out there. Ernie Steele was recognized and said it was from an individual, and will be sent to the politicians. Hunter John said it was brought up at the MOTM. River Valley recognized Judy Kaneal who knows the person who set up the petition. She told him a study was needed that would show how lane filtering would affect us here in Illinois rather than California or Europe. Chicago recognized Dan Harper and he

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said there was an accident in Chicago where a pedestrian was killed as a result of lane splitting so it will not be welcomed there.

Activities: Jan 15th & 16th will be the State Seminar. Roger & Barb have things lined up for the hospitality room.

Feb 21st will be the Swap Meet. They will open the Orr Building from 2-7 on Saturday to do vendor setup, then open 7am Sunday morning until 9:30. A flyer will be in the January paper. Swap meet opens at 10 am with early birds in at 8am.

March 2nd is Legislative Day, May 1st Awareness Rally at IDOT bldg. June 23-26 State Party at the Menard Co. Fairground

Roger mentioned someone talked to him about a band for the state party, please get the information to him. He said that he and Barb appreciated everyone's support. They would like to be re-elected this time, but would like an understudy for the future. Freeport asked about the outside bar that was mentioned before. Freeport gives all their money back to this organization and their chapter want to make sure Roger knows this. Roger said he was open to discussion on this. Everyone appreciates what Freeport has done. If another organization did come in, they would have to donate some back. The thought was that it might generate more funds and increase attendance. Salt Creek said that a local bike club would like to set up at the Swap Meet, but doesn't know how to do that. Roger said that any vendor who comes to the Swap Meet can set up at the state party for half price.

Products: Not here today, no report.

Newsletter: Today is the deadline. In your packets today are forms for listing chapter meeting dates so she can put them on the calendar. Please give them to her today. Beginning in the next newsletters there will be an area for memorializing people or businesses. She has also been looking into electronic format for the newsletter. It will take some time, but she is working on it. Carla would appreciate any information on doing that conversion. Freeport asked about the deadline for January. Carla said that she talked to Neal and the conflict has been resolved so it will still be the second Saturday of the month.

Public Relations: Shirley thanked all for their support during this year. She has supply order forms, which will be on the website. She would like a week's advance notice before the BOD or executive meeting since she works full time. If you need supplies sooner she will try to meet you somewhere. Proclamations and the letter have been updated and put on the website. Also she has been working with the Illinois Press Association and is getting lists of all the local press people throughout the state. She is going to divide them by regions and get the list out to all. IDOT has agreed to change their electronic signs to put up Watch for Motorcyclists at different times and locations throughout 2016.

Bike Raffle: Howard had to leave earlier today. Pauli has the tickets with her today. If you want to advertise on the trailer you need to pay by Dec 31st. Howard has a few weekends open, but he's pretty well booked. Backroads said that dates are being added to the website.

Office Manager: Pauli has tickets today for the new cash raffle. It goes through the December meeting 2016. She went over the prize amounts. We had a 5% return on the inactive membership offer, which wasn't as good as she hoped, but we still made a profit. After the first of the year she will

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be sending out insurance forms. Hubbard Trail already paid theirs. Midstate asked if all chapters had paid for 2015. Pauli said all but one. Midstate also asked if any chapters had missed all the board meetings this year. Kat checked with Pauli on today's attendance and they determined that all chapters had attended at least one meeting this year. Ryan said that the office received a check for the seminar from Hupy & Abrahams. He reminded all that at the BOD meeting in October it was decided Hupy can sponsor, but not advertise. **River Valley motion, Northern Illinois 2nd, to accept the checks from Hupy & Abraham, no discussion, motion carried. BOD2015- 27. Opposed: Freeport, Heartland, Kishwaukee Valley, Piasa-Gateway, Southern Illinois, Starved Rock, Thunder Rock, Twin Rivers.**

Safety & Ed: Mike has met with a producer and his intent is to start production on a new video in May and have it ready in the fall. He has also talked to his counterpart in Iowa and would like to work with him in order to save money. He is open to suggestions and he will have two mistakes put in on purpose for the students to look for, just like the last time. He would like to change some of the camera angles and do them from the motorcyclist's perspective rather than the car driver. He would like to use our people in the video, and do more sport bike emphasis. He will bring it up at the state seminar for more feedback. Freedom by Choice recognized Roz and she would like to see trikes included. Mike said that was a good idea. He is working on making a map with all the schools in each chapter's area and will work with the Illinois High School Drivers association to do this. He does not have enough copies of his report with him today for all the reps, but will email them. Southern Dupage asked about instructor T shirts. Mike said they had gone by the wayside, but he has a few of the larger sizes if anyone wants them. Midstate asked if supplies were here; yes Mike has them outside.

15 minute break. 2:15-3:35 Turn in ballots to Kat so she can count them.

Mike said he had several chapters who said he did not note their reports. He repeated his email address and phone number which are also in the paper. When you send the report, make sure he responds that he got it.

Election Results: Ryan said that Kat had counted the ballots and all were elected or re-elected by a majority.

Old Business: 1. Dukane Sanction letter- The BOD asked Dukane's board to show up today to address a violation. Ryan went over the bylaw that pertained. Several Dukane officers said they did not get the letter. Judy Kaenel asked to come up with her board to make a statement. She said Dukane was accused of taking advertising money from Hupy & Abraham, who were removed from the NPV. Prior to her event she was asked by the state coordinator about taking advertising money. This was a special event to promote Safety & Ed. She went over the event and the membership it generated. According to their rules, the president took it to their board and they approved the event. Since it was the BOD who requested Dukane to be here today, Ryan asked if there was any disciplinary action they wanted to take. Kishwaukee Valley said her chapter discussed this and they do feel that Dukane did act willfully. Eastern asked about the NPV list. Ryan went over the relevant sections. He did say the committee will be working on rewording the NPV list. **Eastern Illinois motion, Chicago 2nd, to set aside the previous motion to sanction Dukane chapter since Hupy & Abraham are now off the NPV list. Opposed: Freebird, Shawnee Hills, Spoon River, Children of the Corn Freedom Valley, Great River,**

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Prairieland, Southern Freedom, Flatlanders, Starved Rock, Freedom by Choice, Heartland, Tri County, Heritage Trail, Central, Beaucoup Bottoms, Southern Illinois, Embarras Valley, Piasa-Gateway, St. Clair, Lincolnland. Motion failed.

Freedom by Choice called point of order. Freedom by Choice said that this has happened in the past and sanctions were given. It was a conscious decision to go against the NPV list. River Valley asked if they were being charged with accepting money for advertising. Ryan said it was for not following the policy. Chicago asked to call the question, but Ryan said not everyone has had a chance to talk. Ryan was asked for clarification as to the name on the flyer in comparison to the NPV. He said it was not exactly the same name as on the list. Embarras Valley, disagrees respectfully, that we need to stay consistent in daily activities. If it was wrong when it happened we need to follow through with that. Heritage Trail asked if we can we sanction them, then remove at same meeting? Ryan says yes you can, but is it worth doing? Judy Kaenel had the flyer, it says Hupy & Abraham SC. Windy City feels it is not advertising, and the names do not match. Thunder Rock said he has been a member for a long time. Several years ago we wrote bylaws for the whole organization to follow. We have a chapter who is not following the bylaws, if this continues his chapter may take their charter and leave. South Suburban said recently a lot has been said about standing on bylaws. Ryan said the name of Hupy's corporation changed in 2009 and the NPV was never updated. River Valley made a point of order- no clapping. Eastern anticipated several of the arguments today, he said we as an organization need to follow our bylaws so we work as a whole, but we have to remain fluid. River Valley said we should be following the bylaws, but earlier in the meeting we said we wanted to suspend them. Embarras Valley asked about what sanctions have been done in the past. Ryan said it is up to the BOD, and gave an example.

Kishwaukee Valley motion, Thunder Rock 2nd, to suspend Dukane's voting privileges, discussion, motion carried. BOD2015-28 Opposed: Freedom by Choice, Northern Illinois, River Valley, South Suburban, Starved Rock, Thunder Rock, Will County, Windy City. Kishwaukee Valley said she hedges on how long suspension should be. Kishwaukee Valley had discussed a full year, but she doesn't feel that's appropriate. She was thinking two BOD meetings. **Embarras Valley made an amendment to the motion, Southern Illinois 2nd, that Dukane would have no voting privilege for one meeting, and would like to see the minutes of chapter meetings sent to state office for review for one year so we know they are following the rules, discussion, motion failed. Opposed: Apple Creek, Beaucoup Bottoms, Black Diamond, Blackhawk, Chicago, Children of the Corn, Crossroads, Eastern Illinois, Embarras Valley, Flatlanders, Freedom by Choice, Freedom Valley, Freeport, Great River, Heartland, Iron Riders, Kaskaskia Valley, Kishwaukee Valley, Lincolnland, Northern Illinois, Open Roads, Piasa-Gateway, Prairieland, River Valley, Salt Creek, Shawnee Hills, Shoal Creek, South Suburban, Southern Dupage, Southern Freedom, Spoon River Riders, St. Clair Co., State Line Riders, Starved Rock, Thunder Rock, Tri County, Twin Rivers, Will County, Windy City.**

Chicago recognized Pat Jones, who feels one month is fine. He would suggest they write we had a meeting and that's it. He said it's an undue strain on the chapter. Great River said most chapters' secretaries are not fulfilling their jobs if they do that. Chicago said that was not what he was saying. Northern Illinois said there should not be a double punishment, he feels that we need to get back to the business of supporting motorcycle rights. River Valley asked if we chose to do the sanction, would Dukane still be counted as present. Yes, it's the same as not doing 990's on time. Will Co. recognized Robert "Gopher" Gophinski who explained why ABATE set up the legal services agreement. Punishment will not do anything positive for the organization. You can put a disclaimer that ABATE of Illinois, Inc. does not endorse them.(Hupy & Abrahams) Freedom by Choice feels this is a moot point

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as the organization is split by what has happened in the last year at the BOD meetings. Heritage Trail feels it is not a bad sanction as far as the voting goes. They made a mistake, they won't do it again.

Blackhawk motion, Freedom by Choice 2nd to call the question on the amendment. Motion to call the question carried.

Heritage Trail motion, Chicago 2nd, to amend that Dukane lose voting privileges for one BOD meeting, discussion, motion carried. BOD2015-29 Opposed: Blackhawk, Chicago, Children of the Corn, Freedom by Choice, Great River, Northern Illinois, River Valley, South Suburban, Starved Rock, Will County, Windy City. (Secretary note: 47 chapters present, 2/3vote =32)

Piasa-Gateway motion, Tri County 2nd, to close Unfinished Business.

New Business:

1. **ABATE PAC:** The executive board recommended to accept all who have put in for ABATE PAC and those currently on, to be reelected. Mike Fisher, John "Hunter John" Harris, Mike Kinaid, and Pat Jones, Neil Toepfer, Patty Smith, Roz Lange, Amanda Gotte, Lester Tupper, Dave Kruger, Mad Maxx. Motion Freedom by Choice, Beaucoup Bottoms 2nd to accept the recommendation to reappoint, no discussion, opposed: none. BOD2015-30
2. **FED PAC:** The executive board recommended to accept all who have put in for FED PAC and those currently on, to be reelected. They include: Dennis "Clever" Yeager, Jim "Legs" Korte, John "Hunter John" Harris. Motion by Southern Illinois, Beaucoup Bottoms 2nd, to accept the recommendation to reappoint, no discussion, opposed: none. BOD2015-31
3. **Bylaw review committee:** Ryan read off the committee as it stands. Freeport motion, Freedom Valley 2nd, to reseat bylaw review committee. Motion carried as amended. Southern Dupage motion, River Valley 2nd to amend to take Ray Heck off, discussion, motion carried, none opposed. BOD2015-32

Ryan reported that the executive board recommends Jim "Legs" Korte as chair. Legs is currently on as SW rep, does the committee need another person? Ryan said that would be up to the SW region.

4. **MRF Reps:** Roz and Denny Lange sent in a letter of intent. Southern Illinois motion, Tri Co 2nd, to reseat Roz and Denny Lange as MRF reps., no discussion, motion carried, opposed none. BOD2015-33
5. **AMA/Dist 17:** John "Hunter John" Harris sent a letter of intent. Piasa-Gateway motion, Backroads 2nd, to reseat John "Hunter John" Harris to the AMA/District 17, no discussion, motion carried, none opposed. BOD2015-34
6. **Webmaster contract:** There is a copy in today's BOD packet. The only change was the date. Piasa-Gateway motion, Tri Co. 2nd, to accept the webmaster contract, no discussion, motion carried, opposed: Backroads. BOD2015-35
7. **Waco:** Eastern asked if there was any update on the Waco situation. Denny Lange said some of the bullets were police issue. Ryan had no official update.

Piasa-Gateway motion, River Valley 2nd, to close New Business, no discussion, motion carried.

Panel Reports:

ABATE PAC: 250 surveys were sent out to politicians. The panel will be grading on Jan 2nd. Their auction is Friday night at the state seminar. Iron Riders gave a donation today.

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FED PAC: Dennis "Clever" Yeager is sending a lot of people to events. If you want to attend one, please send the flyer to Dennis by email to present to committee. We do not send money without going to an event. Darren LaHood and Peter Roskam sent thank you's. Saturday is the FED PAC auction at the seminar.

MRF: Denny thanked the reps for their vote. They will do their best to help at the Federal level. He went over certificates that ABATE of Illinois received from the Meeting of the Minds. He will leave them up on the stage so members can look them over. We received second place on a lot of them when we used to be number one. Wisconsin is now ahead. He would like to challenge that we get back to the top. Jeff Henning was with the MRF for 11 years and is now retired. Shawnee Hills was recognized as they have 83 members in the chapter and they are all MRF members. He went over some issues: US Congress FAST act (Fixing America's Transportation) which deals with working on infrastructure. We need to petition the Secretary of Transportation to get on the Motorcycle Advisory Council. Congressmen will lobby to get the MRF on there. So we need to work for those politicians. The MRF is still against producing more renewable fuels since they have not been tested on our motorcycle engines. Midstate says it has been increased already, but he doesn't have any written facts on this. Will Co has also had some problems.

April 1-3- Heartland S.T.E.A.M. in South Dakota

May 12th is the Bikers in the Beltway.

Denny said they do not have the budget they need to be able to attend all the events they would like to in order to be effective and asked that chapters please donate. Southern Illinois asked how much the Langes need and if \$2500.00 would be adequate. Denny said yes.

The MRF Legislative Strategy will be in the next newspaper. They will be focusing on these things in 2016 & beyond.

Bylaw Review: Kat read the submission from Mick Eddington. It will be put in the state paper and the committee will meet and then give a recommendation to the BOD.

Region Reports:

NE: John Bloch said that this is his last meeting. Dawn Winterfeldt will be taking over as rep. His region needs more chapter participation at the region level and to help the other chapters.

NW: "Clever" reported the Chili Shootout is February 6th.

EC: Scott said the region meeting will be at the seminar. They have raffle tickets for the region.

WC: Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal thanked all who voted for him. They will revive their region party with an obstacle course for 4 wheelers. It is scheduled tentatively for the first part of May. Rosie & he just got the internet, so you will soon be able to contact him by email.

SE: Mick thanked Ted Zackro for the three years he has been co-coordinator. Mick thanked all for reelecting him.

SW: January 3rd is the first Swap Meet of the year at Cahokia Mounds. Wayne asked if anyone knew who brought the carvings and was told Rich picked them up. The Marble Run starts Feb 1st with the party Oct 1st at Jailhouse Rock.

River Valley motion, Tri County 2nd, to adjourn at 4:00, no discussion, motion carried.

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