

Board of Directors Meeting April 25, 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 | 11. Public Relations- Shirley "Swirl" Lacock |
| 2. Asst. State Coordinator- Jim "Legs" Korte | 12. Safety & Ed- Mike Koester |
| 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- Scott Carter |
| 7. Newsletter- Carla Enburg | 17. SE Region- Mick Eddington |
| 8. Office Manager- Pauli Ward | 18. WC Region- Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal |
| 9. Activities- Barb & Roger Leach | 19. SW Region- Wayne Cornick |
| 10. Bike Raffle- Howard Nation | 20. SE Region- Ted Zackro |

Chapters present:

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| 1. Applecreek | 18. Freeport | 35. Peo-Taz |
| 2. Backroads | 19. Great River | 36. Piasa-Gateway |
| 3. Beaucoup Bottoms | 20. Heart of Illinois | 37. Prairieland |
| 4. Big River | 21. Heartland | 38. Richland County |
| 5. Blackhawk | 22. Heritage Trail | 39. River Valley |
| 6. Central | 23. Iron Riders (left 3:30) | 40. Salt Creek |
| 7. Chicago | 24. Kaskaskia Valley | 41. Shoal Creek |
| 8. Crawford County | 25. Kishwaukee Valley | 42. South Suburban |
| 9. Crooked Creek | 26. Lamoine Valley | 43. Southern Freedom |
| 10. Crossroads | 27. Liberty | 44. Southern Illinois |
| 11. Dukane | 28. Lincolnland | 45. Spoon River Riders |
| 12. Eastern Illinois | 29. Lost Creek | 46. Starved Rock |
| 13. Embarras Valley | 30. Midstate | 47. Thunder Rock |
| 14. Ford County | 31. Northern Illinois | 48. Twin Rivers |
| 15. Freebird | 32. Old River | 49. Will County |
| 16. Freedom by Choice (left 3:30) | 33. Open Roads | |
| 17. Freedom Valley | 34. Pathfinders | 49. Windy City |

Chapters Absent

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| 1. Black Diamond | 6. Hubbard Trail | |
| 2. Children of the Corn | 7. Jasper County | |
| 3. Flatlanders | 8. Shawnee Hills | |
| 4. Franklin County | 9. Southern Dupage | 11. Tri County |
| 5. Freedom Riders | 10. St Clair County | 12. Union Jack |

Guests Present:

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| 1. Christine Rohrer- Thunder Rock | 8. Emily Gomez-Chicago |
| 2. Roxanna Behnke- Richland County | 9. Nancy Glover- Open Roads |
| 3. Eddie Drew- Northern Illinois | 10. Lyn Pelker-Backroads |
| 4. Lauren Rutledge- Ford County | 11. Barb Amling- Midstate |
| 5. Julie Pratt- Heartland | 12. Bonnie Kendall- Great River |
| 6. Kurt Husen-Kishwaukee Valley | 13. Rosie Goudschaal- Pathfinders |
| 7. Anna Marie Nobbe- Shoal Creek | |

Ryan called the meeting to order with a moment of silence for fallen members and then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Thunder Rock, Freeport 2nd, to approve the February BOD minutes with Kat's corrections, no discussion, motion carried. Assistant State Coordinator's report was left off, heading for treasurer incorrect.

State Coordinator: Ryan said he would like to come to some chapter events, please let him know of some dates.

Assistant State Coordinator: Jim "Legs" Korte is the Legal Service liaison, please let him know of any good or bad contacts that occur so the plan will do what it should for all members. Heartland STEAM is in North Dakota May 8-10. April 30th will be the cutoff date for cheaper registration. He has phone numbers for hotels if you need them. He discussed some of the seminar topics and panel discussions for next year. He missed the last deadline for the paper so he went through some tips for getting new members. Constant reassessment of your values (what you deliver to your members), communication & feedback from members helps you improve your chapter. You should send out upcoming events with renewals to encourage them to renew.

Office Manager: Membership is up to 9,000, but some will be taken off at the end of the month. Chapters that are working on getting inactive members to renew are showing some success. July 1st is the deadline to pay the insurance fee. You can get your state party tickets today. The state office will be closed July 6-17.

Treasurer: Children of the Corn does not have their 990 turned in. Heritage Trail and Lost Creek have theirs in, but they are not correct. Julie has to turn in the paperwork to our accountant on Monday so they have time to file with the state by the deadline. Embarras Valley asked if the two chapters were here & if they could get them corrected today. Julie doesn't know if they have the information with them to fix it. She explained to the BOD what will happen if the papers are not done & how much the chapter would have to pay to file on its own. **Motion by Heart of Illinois, Open Roads 2nd that Julie Bacon turns in the paperwork she has and the other chapters file on their own, discussion, motion carried. Opposed: Dukane, Embarras Valley, Lamoine Valley, Midstate, Northern Illinois, Old River, River Valley, Salt Creek, South Suburban, Southern Illinois, Windy City.** BOD2015-03. Discussion included Lincolnland asking if Julie could amend the file later as individuals do with their taxes. She will check on that. Open Roads asked if Julie thinks the chapters understand what is at stake. She thinks

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only one chapter is having real problems. **Twin Rivers motion, Thunder Rock 2nd to call the question, motion carried.**

Secretary: Kat explained that the college is booked for June and our meeting on June 13th will be at the VFW Post which is located behind Hall's Harley Davidson. The address and change of date will be included on the next cover sheet when the BOD gets their draft notes and minutes.

Legislative: Bob Myers asked for a show of hands of all who attended Legislative Day and thanked them for coming. He asked all who attended to bring their friends next time. Bob apologized for the way the food situation was handled and explained what he had intended. On a positive note, the senators and representatives were introduced to all and that worked well. The picture taking was very successful and will be moved into the building next year so all can see. He would like to have a powerpoint made of the evening to show other chapters what we have accomplished. Several legislators have a band called the Drunk Vote Caucus and Bob would like chapter reps to think about having them play next year. He thinks it would also get more legislators to attend. He would like to see more legislators attend from the Northeast region. Some legislators were there earlier, but had to leave to attend an event at the governor's mansion. The accent lighting and blue dot bills went through very well. Bob urged all to get on On-D-Go in order to communicate better. The poker run bill is still not quite right and some of the senators are still not too sure about it. He read off who voted no and hopes to talk to them. He did congratulate Rep. DeLuca who voted yes on all our bills without needing any encouragement from ABATE of IL. HB3626 is not worded well, so we will let it go back to rules and work on it for this fall or next year. We are opposing HB0676 and SB1948 which support all mid-level blends of ethanol. We will keep our eyes on them.

The Washington D.C. trip begins tomorrow. Bob said a lot of prep work had been done and he thanked all who are participating. There are two bills out to stop using federal money for motorcycle only checkpoints. We are also working on S0766 and S685 which concern the black box privacy act and the autocycle safety act. He is working with Terry Redmon from IDOT about the stats concerning autocycles. His concern is that NTSHA wants to put autocycles in with motorcycles. Bob asked regional coordinators to go over the legislative agendas at the state, federal and MRF level. They need to talk to their chapter legislative coordinators about the agendas and turn in any questions, comments to Bob. He needs this by June for approval in August. The governor has raided some funds, but so far our motorcycle training fund has not been used. It does not mean it won't happen.

Bike Raffle: Howard said all is going well. He got the help he needed for the Memorial Day race.

Activities: Because of the weather, the Awareness Rally preparty will be moved inside. Roger reports that the Swap Meet had very good attendance and the same spot has been reserved for the next three years. The Awareness Rally is pretty well set up. There are supposed to be a lot of 4 wheelers coming and shuttles are available to get them back and forth from the parking lot to the capitol. He is looking for people to hold flags. Food vendors and products will be at the parking lot. Starved Rock asked about where the 4 wheelers will be parked. The state party is coming along. Improvements have been made to the showers and he has met with the fairboard about other changes. Roger will have some golf carts to rent for the entire weekend at \$125-\$150. Plans were discussed for the electrical sites. Freedom of Choice asked about open spots. Rates were set by Julie Bacon and Pauli Ward for the electrical based on

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the bill from last year. Vendors are still needed. If you were a vendor at the swap meet you will get a reduced rate. Twin Rivers asked how many attended the Swap Meet. Roger said about 1000. Roger Leach said that Lincolnland is not doing ice this year. If a chapter wishes to do it, they will get half the profit, the other can go wherever you would like to designate it. It will be first come first served.

Newsletter: May 9th is the next deadline and Carla will accept articles earlier.

Public Relations: Shirley "Swirl" Lacock asked all to bring your Motorcycle Awareness Month proclamations back to her so your chapter gets credit. If you need supplies please send her an email. 3 chapters have supplies here today. Midstate asked if the proclamations were available off the website. Yes, they are under public relations.

Safety & Education:

Mike Koester is waiting for Share the Road brochures from IDOT. When they come in he will contact region coordinators so they can pass them out for May. He had planned to have the 2014 report done for today, but thinks he did not get all the reports as the numbers seem off. He asked if you still have last year's to please resend them. If you do a stand alone presentation it does count, but please do not give out the supplies at these. His phone number in the state paper is still his home number not his cell. He will change that and gave out his cell number. Freeport asked about progress on the new video. It is still in the planning stages. Windy City asked about more individual training for instructors. Mike said give him a call. He went to the Lifesaver's Conference and expressed his concern over the testing of electronic devices for motorcycles to sense the car ahead of you which will then hit the brakes without your knowledge. He discussed it with one of the researchers and explained how our brake system differs from a car/truck. He sees these sort of devices as a way to send out electronic tickets. He has supplies for chapters after the meeting. He has requested those who have access to the shed to not remove things unless you tell him first. He did find some of Heartland reports from 2014 in the shed today.

Products: Julee has Awareness Rally shirts available today. They do not have dates on them, so we can add to them next year. She'd like to see everyone with the shirt on at the rally.

River Valley motion, Freeport 2nd, to approve officer reports, no discussion, motion carried.

River Valley motion, Windy City 2nd to take a fifteen minute break, no discussion, motion carried.

Break from 2:40 to 2:55.

Unfinished Business:

Ryan was contacted by Pat Jones who told him that he was going to send a letter for Ryan to read from Chicago, but he never received one. Basically Pat said that Chicago is over this and wants to see an end to this. He couldn't tell what all the chapter had to say since he didn't have the letter.

NPV/Hupy:

Kat read the recommendation from the executive board. **Heart of Illinois motion, Freeport 2nd to leave Hupy on the NPV list, discussion, motion carried. BOD2015-04 Opposed: Big River, Blackhawk,**

Chicago, Crawford County, Dukane, Eastern Illinois, Embarras Valley, Great River, Iron Riders, Kaskaskia Valley, Liberty, Northern Illinois, River Valley, Salt Creek, South Suburban, Southern Dupage, Spoon River Riders, Starved Rock, Will County, Windy City. Discussion: Open Roads asked why Gina Woods had been calling people to ask them to get Hupy off the NPV list. Gina explained it was not just Hupy, but all, just wants a fair shot for all on the lists. Embarras Valley felt we were doing ourselves a disservice by not allowing them to advertise. Ryan briefly answered questions about why Hupy is on the list. Ryan told the BOD that Hupy is not the only attorney who is not putting ads in the paper. Freedom by Choice said he had attended the March executive board meeting and was disappointed that Hupy chose not to come. Several chapters expressed their feelings that the entire list should be eliminated. River Valley asked if it was correct that members have a right to take a motion by secret ballot. Nothing was found in Robert's Rules of Order that stated that was the case.

Motion by River Valley, Embarras Valley 2nd, to have a paper ballot concerning the motion as to whether or not Hupy stays on the NPV list, discussion, motion failed. Opposed: Apple Creek, Backroads, Beaucoup Bottoms, Black Diamond, Blackhawk, Central, Crawford County, Crooked Creek, Crossroads, Dukane, Eastern Illinois, Ford County, Freedom by Choice, Fulton County, Great River, heartland, Kaskaskia Valley, Lamoine Valley, Liberty, Lincolnland, Piasa-Gateway, Salt Creek, Shoal Creek, Southern Illinois, Spoon River Riders, Starved Rock.

Embarras Valley motion, Southern Dupage 2nd to get rid of NPV list, discussion, motion failed. Opposed: Apple Creek, Backroads, Beaucoup Bottoms, Big River, Central, Crawford County, Crooked Creek, Crossroads, Eastern Illinois, Ford County, Freebird, Freedom by Choice, Freedom Valley, Freeport, Great River, Heart of Illinois, Heartland, Iron Riders, Kishwaukee Valley, Lamoine Valley, Liberty, Lincolnland, Open Roads, Pathfinders, Peo-Taz, Piasa-Gateway, Prairieland, Richland County, Shoal Creek, Southern Freedom, Southern Illinois, Thunder Rock, Twin Rivers.

Motion by Open Roads, Thunder Rock 2nd to call the question on the above motion carried with none opposed.

River Valley expressed concern that we are the only ABATE organization that has a list such as this. Heart of Illinois expressed their concern that without this list we would open ourselves up to public criticism and would not be able to do anything about it. We lead the country in motorcyclist's rights.

Heart of Illinois asked where the NPV list was- not in bylaws, is it in policy? Ryan asked it is a stand alone. Starved Rock asked about the legality of the advertising ban? Freedom Valley recognized Ray Heck who explained since we are a private organization we would not be violating anything. A question was asked and Ryan answered that it has been a board motion since 1991 to give exclusive advertising rights to Rod Taylor. Embarras Valley wanted to clarify that this list hinders our growth. Pauli asked how we can vote to get rid of the list when we just voted to keep someone on it.

River Valley motion, Dukane 2nd to remove the following language from the Non Preferred Vendor List: "Any individual or group advertising personal injury services in competition with ABATE Legal Services, including but not limited to ...", discussion, motion failed. Opposed: Apple Creek, Backroads, Beaucoup Bottoms, Central, Crawford Creek, Crooked Creek, Crossroads, Eastern Illinois, Ford County, Freedom Valley, Freeport, Great River, Heart of Illinois, Heartland, Kishwaukee Valley,

Lincolmland, Old River, Open Roads, Pathfinders, Piasa-Gateway, Prairieland, Richland County, Shoal Creek, Southern Freedom, Southern Illinois, Spoon River Riders, Thunder Rock, Twin Rivers.

Discussion: Open Roads asked about our current contract with Rod Taylor. Ryan explained that it was actually a BOD motion from 1991 that gave Rod exclusive advertising rights. Backroads asked if the language was removed, would Hupy be allowed to advertise? Ryan explained that it would not change that. Motion by Freeport to call the question

Motion by Piasa-Gateway, Old River 2nd to close Unfinished Business, no discussion, motion carried.

New Business:

- 1. Lamoine Valley Charter Review.** This was called for non-attendance in 2014. The Vice President of Lamoine Valley is here today and explained that their chapter was unaware that their representative was not attending. He and the chapter president are going to make sure someone attends in the future. **Motion by Old River, Freedom Valley 2nd to keep Lamoine Valley as a chapter, discussion. River Valley motion, Heart of Illinois 2nd to call the question. Both motions carried with no opposition. BOD2015-05.**
- 2. Name change-** Ford County has requested that they be allowed to change their name to State Line Riders. The executive board recommends the BOD allow this. **River Valley motion, Freeport 2nd, that Ford County be allowed to change their chapter name to State Line Riders, motion carried, none opposed. BOD 2015-06.** Heart of Illinois reminded them if they change their logo they need to bring it to the board for approval.
- 3. Junior membership-** Kat briefly went over the bylaw conference report that was included in the chapter's packets. The bylaw review committee had asked the executive board if they felt this needed to be a bylaw and they do. **Freedom Valley motion, Thunder Rock 2nd that the BOD follow the executive board's motion to not pass the bylaw as written. Crawford County motion, Blackhawk 2nd to table the bylaw motion until it gets rewritten and bring it back in June, discussion, motion carried. Did not ask for those opposed. 35 chapters voted for the motion. BOD2015-07.**

Discussion included Thunder Rock recognizing Judy Kaenel, author of the bylaw who said she began this 4 years ago with Mike Myer's okay (then state coordinator). Several executive board members were recognized and feel this is a good idea for expanding our membership as long as some restrictions are put in as far as attendance at events such as the state party. Southern Illinois feels ABATE is an adult organization and it is not a good idea.

- 4. Website-** Blackhawk is having a major problem with their website. They want to know if they can do one on their own and then link it in with the state's. Ryan said that would be fine.
- 5. 990's:** Heritage Trail got their 990's corrected today and wanted to know if they could vote now. Heart of Illinois said they had to wait until the next meeting as they had to when they didn't get theirs in on time.
- 6. River Valley motion, Northern Illinois 2nd, to follow the executive board's recommendation to open up the Legal Service Plan for bids, opposed: Beaucoup Bottoms, Central, Crawford County, Eastern Illinois, Embarras Valley, Freedom Valley, Freeport, Heart of Illinois, Heartland, Kishwaukee Valley, Liberty, Piasa-Gateway, Prairieland, Richland County, Shoal Creek, Southern Illinois, Thunder Rock Twin Rivers, motion failed.**

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Motion by Old River, Heart of Illinois 2nd, to close New Business, no discussion, motion carried.

PAC/Panel Reports:

ABATE PAC: Balances of funds were given. Big River gave a donation today.

FED PAC: Balances of funds were given. They will be getting busy soon. There will be a special election on July 7th for the 18th district. Freedom Valley recognized John Bloch who explained he had a letter for John "Hunter John" Harris today with a recommendation of Darrin LaHood for the 18th district.

MRF: Denny Lange said the MRF still needs more members, just as many organizations do at this time. He is happy with ABATE of Illinois, Inc. members who have kept Illinois in the top 3 positions as far as memberships go. Heartland STEAM is coming up in North Dakota. Bikers in the Beltway is a great time to meet with the federal level staff members who have a lot of influence on the congressmen they work for. The Meeting of the Minds will be hosted by ABATE of Wisconsin this September. Denny briefly discussed the Center for Disease Control (CDC), emissions standards, and global harmonization directives from the United Nations. He said we should look up the UN and article 50 which describes Working Party 29 (WP29) in detail.

Region Reports:

NW: Dennis "Cleaver" Yeager said in the interest of time to read his article in the paper.

WC: Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal thanked the BOD for their support of Lamoine Valley. They have had some problems, but are increasing their membership. Rally in the Valley is May 29-31. Jim was recognized and made a special announcement; May 9th will be a four chapter PAC run in memory of Mike Straker. Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal is doing security for the state party. Central Chapter is doing a lot for this party and is looking for other regions to help. He still needs two people to do shifts from midnight to 6 am each night. Other chapters are needed to empty trash barrels. He also needs someone who could contact a fairboard member if something breaks. Chicago recognized Bob Myers who reminded all that the sound system that will be used Sunday at the Awareness Rally was donated by the WC region. Ryan said there is a new podium from Freebird chapter.

SE: Mick listed events. Crawford County June 27, 4th Annual Children's Benefit Ride. Heritage Trails sold tickets at the Moonshine Rally and have been invited back next year. Freedom Riders are starting to do ABATE events again. Chapter 27 is having a memorial ride in May; details on Facebook. Be careful what you put on Facebook!

EC: There will be the East Central Region Sport Bike Show next Saturday at the Prairieland Building.

Motion by Thunder Rock, Freeport 2nd to adjourn the meeting. Time: 4:26

Submitted by:

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State Secretary

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