

Executive Board present:

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| 1. State Coordinator: Ryan Hubbard | 8. Office Manager- Pauli Ward |
| 2. Assist. State Coor.: Jim "Legs" Korte | 9. Activities: Roger & Barb Leach |
| 3. Secretary: Kat Conner | 10. NW Region- Dennis "Clever" Yeager |
| 4. Treasurer: Julie Bacon | 11. EC Region- Scott Carter |
| 5. Safety & Education: Mike Koester | 12. SE Region- Ted Zackro |
| 6. Products: Julee Thurman | 13. SW Region- Wayne Cornick |
| 7. Newsletter:- Carla Enburg | 14. WC Region- Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal |

Executive Board absent:

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| 1. Legislative: Bob Myers | 4. NE Region- John Bloch |
| 2. Public Relations: Shirley "Swirl" Lacock | NE Region- Ray Heck |
| 3. Bike Raffle: Howard "Carmel" Nation | |

Chapters present:

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| 1. Backroads | 14. Heritage Trail | 28. Salt Creek |
| 2. Blackhawk | 15. Kaskaskia Valley | 29. Shoal Creek |
| 3. Central | 16. Kishwaukee Valley | 30. South Suburban |
| 4. Chicago | 17. Liberty | 31. Southern Dupage |
| 5. Children of the Corn | 18. Lincolnland | 32. Southern Freedom |
| 6. Dukane | 19. Midstate | 33. Spoon River Riders |
| 7. Eastern Illinois | 20. Northern Illinois | 34. St. Clair County |
| 8. Franklin County | 21. Old River | 35. Starved Rock |
| 9. Freebird | 22. Open Roads | 36. Thunder Rock |
| 10. Freedom by Choice | 23. Piasa-Gateway | 37. Twin Rivers |
| 11. Freedom Valley | 24. Prairieland | 38. Will County |
| 12. Freeport | 25. Richland County | 39. Windy City |
| 13. Heartland | 26. River Valley | |

Chapters absent:

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| 1. Apple Creek | 9. Flatlanders | 17. Lost Creek |
| 2. Beaucoup Bottoms | 10. Freedom Riders | 18. Pathfinders |
| 3. Big River | 11. Great River | 19. Peo-Taz |
| 4. Black Diamond | 12. Heart of Illinois | 20. Shawnee Hills |
| 5. Crawford County | 13. Hubbard Trail | 21. Southern Illinois |
| 6. Crooked Creek | 14. Iron Riders | 22. State Line Riders |
| 7. Crossroads | 15. Jasper County | 23. Tri County |
| 8. Embarras Valley | 16. Lamoine Valley | 24. Union Jack |

Guests present:

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| 1. Kurt Husen-Kishwaukee Valley | 6. Amanda Gotte-Dukane |
| 2. Shane Bice- Starved Rock | 7. Barb Amling- Midstate |
| 3. Emily Gomez- Chicago | 8. Judy Smith- Midstate |
| 4. Patty Bach-Richland County | 9. Jim Heatherton- Freedom by Choice |

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5. Jack Merreighn-Salt Creek

10. Cindy Lammon-St. Clair County

Meeting was called to order at 1 pm by Ryan with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

Approval of minutes:

Motion by Freeport, Piasa-Gateway 2nd, to approve June minutes as written, no discussion, motion carried. None opposed.

State Coordinator: Governor's Ride: Ryan reminds all that next Saturday the Governor is promoting a ride from Chicago to Springfield with a dinner at the mansion to follow. Some people are not too happy because of the current budget situation in Springfield. It can be used as an ABATE PR event which would be a positive for us. There will be a donation requested which will go to area veteran's groups. Amanda Reising is here today and has more details if you want them. Starved Rock asked if it was an ABATE event. Ryan said no, it is the governor's. It is supposed to be a rather small event. Dawn Winterfeldt and Judy Kaenel also have information that you can on the ride.

Rider Training Courses: There has also been a rumor circulating that all rider training courses are being canceled because the budget appropriations have not been approved. Ryan has checked on this and found that colleges from Springfield north will go ahead with their classes and hope to be reimbursed later. SIU is taking money out of their own account to finish out the fiscal year. The question was raised; should we be making calls? Ryan says not yet. If you do hear of any classes being canceled- let Ryan know.

2015 Scholarship: Ryan explained that we received one entry, but it did not meet the requirements.

2015 Rich Neb Awards open now, they are due at the state office by December 1st.

Eyeglass wipes: An order was made for eyeglass wipes and they have been paid for up front. Unfortunately the person did not deliver them and now their business is bankrupt. We have not been able to contact this person. Ryan is going to talk to Rod Taylor and take the necessary steps to recover the money.

Assistant State Coordinator: January 15 & 16 are the seminar dates. It will again be at the Northfield Inn. Jim "Legs" Korte hopes to find an interesting speaker at the MOTM that we could also use.

Secretary: Kat had nothing to report today.

Treasurer: The executive board turned in their proposed budgets today. Julie will put them together and the executive board will work on it at the September meeting. Then it will be mailed to the BOD to vote on in October. Prairieland has not turned in their tax papers, but they have filed for an extension until the end of August.

Activities: Roger said he and Barb appreciated all the chapters and region coordinators that helped out at the state party. Menard Co Fairgrounds people went way above and beyond in helping out with personal tractors to pull out trailers, etc. Roger is happy to say we did make a profit. They are open to suggestions for next year. He would like to get better bands, and to do this he may need some

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sponsors. They would like to make the party bigger & better to promote membership. Roger again thanked all who helped.

Legislative: Bob is Grand Marshal at the Peoria parade today and then will be at the races. Ryan went over his report. HB3538 Poker Run Bill has been sent to governor who has 60 days to sign. HB3944 Accent Lighting Bill- no red or blue lights while riding. Some said the colors were listed incorrectly on ON-D-Go. A question was raised about oscillating lights. It was later determined it is a law in Illinois. You can look up 12-201 A. The lights are only to oscillate during daylight hours. HB4105- Blue Dot Tail Light Lens- will be brought up at a later date. HJR 89-Ethanol bill. This asks the president to rescind the order to cut back on amount of ethanol to be put in the nation's fuel supply.

HR 21- calls for a study done on ethanol blending and its impact on engine performance.

HR1861 & S127: Supports legislation against motorcycle only checkpoints. We need to get congressmen to sign this and the next one.

HR2526 & S766: Supports black box ownership.

MOTM will be September 24-26 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. It's a good way to meet a lot of people.

Motion by Southern Freedom, Piasa-Gateway 2nd, to approve the State, Federal, & MRF agendas for 2016. Motion carried. BOD2015-12 Opposed: Freedom by Choice. Discussion: Dukane raised the concern of the number of accidents involving cell phone use and how municipalities are not enforcing the law because they have no incentive to do so because the majority of the fine goes to the state.

Motion by Dukane, Blackhawk 2nd, to amend the General Assembly agenda to include changing the cell phone law to make it more enforceable. Motion carried. BOD2015-11 Opposed: Backroads, Children of the Corn, Freedom by Choice, Heartland, Kaskaskia Valley, Piasa-Gateway, St. Clair County, Starved Rock, Twin Rivers.

Freedom by Choice: Motion to postpone vote on what was just changed. (GA cell phone) because Bob Myer is not here. 2nd- none.

Bob asks that you attend political events in your area.

Ryan reminded chapters that help is needed in the campaign for the 18th District.

There is an example of a letter from Ed Domine in your packet. Several chapters said the address was not good and their letters came back. There is a new address in the packet.

Poker Run issue: Dukane: The Northeast region report was read. Pat Jones reported on the poker run exemption and other issues with Cook County. Ryan reported that the request of exemption came from Senator John Cullerton's office, not Todd Vandermyde or Bob Myers.

Public Relations: Ryan gave the report for Shirley. If a chapter needs supplies, please email her. Shirley submitted a letter of intent to run for next year.

Products: Julee has nothing to report right now.

Newsletter: September 12th is the next deadline. The paper is still taking supporting businesses. Chapters can submit them also as a way to thank the businesses they work with.

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Bike Raffle: Howard is in Peoria and says to keep selling tickets. Turn in tickets today to Pauli. September 1st is the deadline to get tickets into the state office. Lincolnland will take the tickets from the dealerships today.

Office Manager: Membership staying about the same. Membership packets will cost 22 cents more. Pauli said the following chapters have not turned in state party tickets: Heart of Illinois, Southern Illinois, Dukane, and Embarras Valley.

Safety & Education: Mike has new yard signs. He thanked Lincolnland for taking them to the storage shed. They have shorter wires as requested. He is having computer issues, so he does not have numbers for safety & ed classes today. He will send them to Pauli as soon as he gets a new computer. He does have supplies here today. If you want yard signs, you will have to go to the shed. He currently has some supplies from IDOT, but he is trying to stretch them out because of the state budget issue, so please don't waste them. Starved Rock asked if chapters could buy supplies from IDOT. River Valley said they were told last year, that the state cannot sell them. S. Dupage asked how we were going to fund the new video. A fund is set up and some donations were promised. Central asked what about going in with other states to make one. Mike said Iowa is doing their own right now. Central asked if we could go in on it, we would cut costs and have a better video. Maybe he could discuss it at the MOTM. Mike thought that was a good idea and he could possibly get a celebrity in the beginning of the video. Mike said he is going, so will make inquiries. He wants to make equal emphasis with sports bikes in the video to get the younger people interested. He also wants to see members in the video rather than actors. River Valley said about two years ago there was a pledge from a chapter to help with the cost- is that still there? Julie Bacon said no.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business:

1. **Insurance Non-payment:** The cost to each chapter for insurance is \$120. Two chapters have not paid; Lost Creek & Hubbard Trail. **Freedom by Choice motion, Piasa-Gateway 2nd, that if chapters haven't paid insurance they don't vote at BOD meetings (until they pay). Motion carried. Opposed: Dukane, Children of the Corn, Eastern. BOD2015-13** Discussion: office has sent out 3 reminders, region coordinator has been in touch with them. Had told region coordinator that they would be here today, but are not. Possible actions: take membership money or bike raffle rebate. Open Roads reports that Hubbard Trail has lost some of their officers and the chapter has little money. Pauli said they only have 30 or so members.

Motion to call the question by Heritage Trail, Freedom by Choice 2nd. Motion carried. Discussion on how to help the chapters rather than punish them since we are a brotherhood. Ryan suggests that the region work together to see what they can do.

Motion by Children of Corn, Open Roads 2nd, for state to cover insurance costs for those two chapters this year. Motion failed. Opposed: Backroads, Blackhawk, Central, Chicago, Dukane, Eastern Illinois, Franklin County, Freebird, Freedom by Choice, Freedom Valley, Freeport, Heartland, Heritage Trail, Kaskaskia Valley, Kishwaukee Valley, Liberty, Lincolnland, Midstate, Northern Illinois, Old River, Piasa-Gateway, Prairieland, Richland County, River Valley, Shoal Creek, South Suburban, Southern

Dupage, Southern Freedom, Spoon River Riders, St. Clair Co., Starved Rock, Thunder Rock, Twin Rivers, Will Co., Windy City.

Discussion: other small chapters manage to pay. Bad example to other chapters by paying their bills. River Valley- do these chapters want to remain a chapter? Scott Carter- had a problem earlier this year with one chapter moving into another's area. He has talked to them several times, told they need to make some decisions. If there is not a president, then there is no chapter. Give them until October to get their chapter fixed. Have the region coordinators talk to the chapters. **Motion by Piasa-Gateway, Freedom by Choice 2nd, to call the question.**

2. **MRF donation:** Blackhawk asked what was donated last year and was told we took \$10,000 from savings.

Motion by Blackhawk, Midstate 2nd, to match last year's donation of 10,000.

Motion by River Valley, Freedom Valley 2nd, to amend the motion by taking out \$6,000. Discussion on amendment: River Valley was asked to clarify the amount and reason behind it. They felt since the lobbyist was given that amount for a raise, we need to reduce our MRF donation by same. Pauli was recognized and said we only have \$15,000 in savings. Thunder Rock how much in savings when made the last one? Julie is gone, so there was no answer to that. **Opposed to amendment: Backroads, Freedom by Choice, Heartland, Heritage Trail, Kaskaskia Valley, Midstate, Old River, Open Roads, Prairieland, St Clair Co., Starved Rock, Twin Rivers.**

Amended motion passed to send \$4000. to MRF. BOD2015-14 Opposed: Heartland, Heritage Trail, Midstate, Open Roads, Prairieland, Starved Rock, Twin Rivers.

3. Nominations:

State Coordinator- River Valley nominated Ryan Hubbard, 2nd by Dukane.

Asst State Coordinator- Freedom Valley nominated Jim " Legs" Korte, 2nd by Freedom by Choice.

Secretary- no nomination

Treasurer-Freeport nominated Julie Bacon, 2nd by Central.

Legislative- Piasa-Gateway nominated Bob Myer, 2nd by Freeport. Ryan said Bob is thinking about it.

Safety & Ed- Freeport nominated Mike Koester, 2nd by Kishwaukee Valley.

Newsletter- Freeport nominated Carla Enburg, 2nd by Starved Rock.

Bike Raffle- River Valley nominated Howard Nation, 2nd by Starved Rock.

Activities- River Valley nominated Roger & Barb Leach, 2nd by Freedom by choice

Products- Kishwaukee Valley nominated Julee Thurman, 2nd by River Valley.

Public Relations- Chicago nominated Shirley Lacock, 2nd by Freeport.

Region Coordinators:

NW- no nomination

WC- Freedom Valley nominated Kevin " Cap" Goudschaal, 2nd by Spoon River.

EC- Freedom by Choice nominated Scott Carter, 2nd by Heartland.

SE -Heritage Trail nominated Ted Zackro, 2nd by Richland Co. Ted said he will accept if he has a co-coordinator. He will talk to Mick.

SW- Piasa-Gateway nominated Wayne Cornick, 2nd by Backroads.

NE Dukane nominated Dawn Winterfeldt, 2nd by Windy City.

Nominations closed until October, vote on in December.

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Freeport called for break, 2nd Windy City. Break from 2:30-2:45.
Kaskaskia left at break

4. **NPV List:** River Valley read a statement about motorcycling rights organizations and the non preferred vendor's list. The statement included examples to show it is not applied fairly.
Motion by River Valley, Chicago 2nd, to abolish the NPV vendor's list.
Motion by Thunder Rock, Franklin County 2nd, to table. Opposed: Chicago, Dukane, Eastern Illinois, Liberty, Northern Illinois, River Valley, South Suburban, Southern Dupage, Spoon River Riders, Will County, Windy City. Motion carried to table. BOD2015-15

Motion by Piasa-Gateway, Old River 2nd, to close new business.

PAC Reports:

ABATE: Jeff Marsh said the report is in the packet today. He gave the financial report. Jeff thanked Freedom Riders and Freebird who made donations.

FED PAC: Dennis "Cleaver" Yeager is the new chairman. He welcomed Elizabeth Winters to the FED PAC. Dennis gave the financial report. He thanked all who helped at the state party and Peo-Taz for their donation.

MRF- Denny Lange reminded us the MOTM is coming up in September in Wisconsin. They did a great job with HEARTLAND STEAM last year. You can go to the MRF website for an updated itinerary. Denny thinks they will be going to the HD museum which is a great place. Harley Davidson will supply the meal on Friday.

SB127- Denny thinks this will pass in the highway bill.

Denny also discussed MRF membership in Illinois and the low rate of ABATE members in it. He also discussed his concerns with the loss of income because of today's donation vote.

AMA/Dist 17 - Hunter John is not here and no report was sent.

Region Reports:

NW : The convergence run met at the state party. 4 regions signed in with 84 people. Certificates of participation were given to: NW region: Freeport, Starved Rock, Kishwaukee Valley, Twin Rivers, Thunder Rock. West Central region: Peo-Taz, Lincolnland, Freedom Valley, Freebird. East Central region: Heartland, Eastern Il, Freedom by Choice. SW Region: Shoal Creek. Dennis talked about the Joe Daviess Fair and how things have improved for them since we started working the gate. We had raffle bike there and the fairboard bought 10 books.

East Central: Heart of Illinois's Chiggerfest- September 11-13. Flatlanders and Liberty: Backwoods Biker Bash- September 25 & 26.

South West: Marble Run: October 3rd party. Backroads-Grizzly (AAA ball club) Bike Night Sept 3rd

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South East: September 12 Southern Freedom- bocce ball tournament. September 20th, Bike & Car show. September 26 -Heritage Trail is putting on a 4 wheeler ATV run.

West Central- Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal thanked all chapters and members who helped at the state party. Due to some problems the regional party has been postponed until spring. The National's races are at Peoria today and there will be bands, etc. tonight. The Central Illinois party will be at the end of August.

PAC Report-Ted says there is a vacancy for the SE trustee. Ted asked about filling the vacancy. No letter of intent has been turned in yet to Ryan. Pauli thinks it is in the office. **Old River motion, Midstate 2nd, to accept Terri Stobbs Ricci in ABATE PAC. Motion carried. BOD2015-16 Opposed: Southern Freedom.**

Motion by Will County, Freedom by Choice 2nd to add Elizabeth Winters to FEDPAC. Motion carried. BOD2015-17

Motion by Richland Co, Freeport 2nd to adjourn. Opposed: Southern Dupage. Motion carried.

Adjourn at 3:15

Submitted by:
Kat Conner
State Secretary