

A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc
Executive Board meeting November 14, 2015
VFW Post 755, Springfield, IL
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Executive Board present:

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| 1. State Coordinator- Ryan Hubbard | 7. Office Manager- Pauli Ward |
| 2. Asst. State Coordinator- Jim "Legs" Korte | 8. Bike Raffle- Howard "Carmel" Nation |
| 3. Secretary- Kat Conner | 9. Activities- Roger Leach |
| 4. Treasurer- Julie Bacon | 10. Activities- Barb Leach |
| 5. Products- Julee Thurman | 11. SE Region- Mick Eddington |
| 6. Public Relations- Shirley "Swirl" Lacock | 12. SW Region- Wayne Cornick |

Executive Board absent:

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| 1. Newsletter-Carla Enburg- excused | 6. NE Region- Ray Heck |
| 2. NW Region - Dennis "Cleaver" Yeager- excused | 7. NE Region- John Bloch |
| 3. EC Region-Scott Carter- family | 8. SE Region- Ted Zackro |
| 4. Legislative- Bob Myers-family | 9. WC Region- Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal |
| 5. Safety & Education- Mike Koester | |

Guests present:

1. Martha Patterson- Piasa-Gateway
2. Tracey Eddington- Southern Illinois 27
3. George "Bud" Lein- Open Roads

Meeting was called to order at 10:30 with Ryan leading in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence for fallen members.

Mick Eddington motion, Shirley "Swirl" Lacock 2nd, to accept minutes from the October meeting with correction, discussion, motion carried. Correction on page 3: Pauli opposed to motion #28.

State Coordinator: Ryan is concerned with the amount of negatives he has been hearing from both boards. We need to remain as professional as possible. This affects our entire organization and membership. Following our bylaws, policy and procedures, and Robert's Rules would help us ensure we keep on a more positive track. Our focus is on motorcycle rights and we need to stay on task. Ryan discussed the possibility of needing a sergeant in arms. He would like to see the region coordinators take on this task when needed. Shirley & Legs is having a breakout session on social media and feels it is important that all attend. If used correctly, social media could help our image.

Assistant State Coordinator: "Legs" has the schedule tentatively in place for the break-out sessions. He asked for the name and contact information for the person who did the invocation last year. Roger will contact him. Shirley suggested Ben Madigan. Mike Hickey was suggested by Howard. Speakers have been contacted by John "Hunter John" Harris. Bob also gave some suggestions of legislators. The MRF speaker "Legs" contacted cannot come. Pauli suggested having our MRF rep do the session, but "Legs"

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said he didn't have all the information that we would like presented. Rod Taylor is not on for a workshop yet, he could also do a general session. "Legs" went over what he has so far for break-out sessions. Mick suggested a round table on running a successful chapter meeting. "Legs" would like to see the region coordinators be session door greeters. Pauli said we need one more room paid for a person who helps set up the Hospitality room. Pauli received two checks from Hupy & Associates. She was concerned about what to do with them. He would be able to advertise with a banner at the seminar, but not advertise in the state paper. **Mick Eddington motion, Howard "Carmel" Nation 2nd, to hold checks until the BOD meeting for their input.** Discussion: Mick has heard things that have happened at the chapter level. Shirley is concerned that we are not staying focused. Howard's chapter is very concerned at what has happened. Julie expressed the concern that there will be a conflict at the seminar over this. Ryan checked in the policy & procedures on the legal services advertising restrictions made in Nov. 1991. **Opposed: Kat, Roger, Shirley, Wayne. Motion carried. EB2015-30**

Secretary: Kat reported that she had had two requests. One was to get the meetings back on the third Saturday of the month and one to change the December meeting for next year to the second weekend. She asked for input from the board. It was decided to put both weekends on the college schedule and ask the BOD what they prefer.

Treasurer:

1. 990's will go to chapter mailboxes on December 1st.
2. The assistant coordinator budget has a shortfall. Shirley asked to wait till the 15th, then will know her balance and could possibly use hers. **Motion by Roger, Julie 2nd, to pay the shortfall to the assistant coordinator's budget. Opposed: none EB2015-31.**
3. Two chapters have still not paid their insurance. Dukane did offer to use an overpayment to pay for the one chapter. George "Bud" Lein feels it would be good for other chapters to help pay in the name of brotherhood and a fund has been started. Ryan asked that all the region coordinators get together and put together a fund to help when there is a problem.

Legislative: Bob is absent. Roger asked if Bob was running because of his health. He is. Mick would like to encourage all to thank their congressmen for working on the highway safety plan which removes the funding for motorcycle only safety checks and a study on safety rather than helmets.

Safety & Ed: Mike not here. Ryan is trying to get Theresa Bates' information out to the chapters that are affected. Wayne would like Mick to send him the information as he has not received it from Mike. Pauli asked that Mike reformat his report so it is easier to send out.

Products: Julie trying to get things organized for her replacement. She will not be at the next meeting and thanked all for working with her. Julie is working on her end of the year inventory.

Newsletter: The deadline is today. Carla is not here as she is heading out tomorrow. Ryan asked that articles have a positive tone.

Public Relations: Shirley thanked Ryan for bringing up problems with Facebook. She is ready for the Awareness Rally in 2016. Shirley has supply sheets for chapters to use. She also has sheets to track the

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chapters' use of the supplies. She still has problems with chapters not turning in proclamations and she will discuss that at the state seminar. Julie asked about chapter's getting May is motorcycle month supplies. Shirley said she brought enough for all the chapters to pick up after the BOD meeting this past May.

Bike Raffle: Howard has the 2016 schedule on the website. He has some open spaces from February-June. Mick said DuQuoin is going to do races again this year. He will get the dates for Howard. Ryan suggested doing other than motorcycle events, like home shows, etc. Mick suggested gun shows.

Office Manager: Pauli asked about room in the storage shed for old newspapers. What should she do with old receipts? The IRS & CPA says keep them for seven years. Pauli has money to get a good shredder. Shirley has a contact that she will check with on getting one cheaper if possible. Roger suggested having a company come in and take them to shred. Then just keep current from then on. Shirley commended Pauli on her idea of getting inactive members back. She has gotten some positive calls on it.

Activities: The Swap Meet is Feb 21, 2016. Everything is lined up. Advertising is being worked on. Pauli talked to previous vendors. Roger went over the pricing for the swap meet and also for the state party. He has had some responses from vendors already. The set-up has been changed to 2-7 on Saturday. He discussed the times open on Sunday. Wayne needs to know how many radios are needed.

Break: 11:55-12:15

Unfinished Business:

1. Cash Raffle: Julie Bacon suggested \$5000 for 1st prize. The winner would be drawn at the state party. If the winner was there; he would get the full amount, but only \$3,000 if not. She suggested we sell the tickets at three dollars apiece or two for five dollars. Howard said that was too much to explain, people will not buy. Shirley felt it was a good idea, but do not reduce the prize. Wayne has gotten a suggestion that we have more than one prize. If you do three prizes it will get more people to buy. He suggested we do \$5,000 as the total, but break it down. Mick wondered if we could get items donated for more prizes. Pauli said we need the tickets at the next BOD meeting. Shirley wondered if we could use donated items for those who were at the state party. Julie said products could do an ABATE basket. Wayne suggested a five year membership. Pauli said we need to figure out how many tickets to have printed. She thinks 5,000 tickets to start. Should we give chapters tickets based on their membership? We discussed how many tickets need to be sold to cover the budget shortfall predicted for 2016. Discussion as to whether executive board is eligible. Howard thinks tickets should be sold from seminar to seminar in order to get as many sold as possible.

Julie motion, Shirley 2nd, to have a cash raffle given out at the state party with increments of \$3,000, \$1500, \$500. Tickets would sell two for \$5.00.

Roger motion, Shirley 2nd, to amend the motion to make a \$3.00 single ticket price and add various other donated items. Discussion- Mick sees as bookkeeping problem.

Roger withdrew the \$3.00 ticket part of the amendment, but keep the extra items. Mick 2nd. Motion carried. EB2015-32

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Motion to sell tickets at one for three dollars or two for five dollars carried. None opposed. EB2015-33

Howard amended motion to start selling tickets at the Dec 2015 BOD meeting to the Dec. 2016 BOD with the drawing at the 2017 state seminar, Roger 2nd. Opposed: Shirley, Mick, Julee, Julie. Motion carried. EB2015-34 Discussion- Bud thinks a year would be better, members can sell at all sorts of events, not just ABATE events.

Motion with all amendments concerning ticket prize amount, ticket prices and dates to sell carried. Opposed Mick, Shirley. EB2015-35

Tickets will be printed up for the BOD meeting in December. **Roger motion, Shirley 2nd, to order 7500 tickets at this time with the okay to order more if needed, discussion, motion carried. None opposed. EB2015-36** There would be 10 tickets in a book.

Pauli asked about wording for donated items. Wayne said just tell them. Julee suggested mystery prize. It was decided to leave the wording up to her.

Bike Raffle:

Mick brought up that 26 chapters did not sell any tickets last year. Could we mail them 100 tickets each? Pauli said the cost would be minimal. **Mick motion, Roger 2nd, to send each of the chapters (who don't sign out any tickets) a determined amount of bike raffle tickets, discussion, motion carried. Opposed: Shirley. EB2015-37** Bud suggested a percentage based on chapter population.

Roger amended the motion, Mick 2nd, to send 100 tickets to every one of those chapters, no discussion, motion carried. Opposed: Howard, Shirley. EB2015-38

Howard said he had an idea. If the cash raffle doesn't work, could we possibly add \$5.00 to each membership which results in a bike raffle ticket. It would be a onetime only deal. Wayne asked about a small letter asking for a \$5.00 donation. Roger said wait one year and see what happens with our cash raffle and our other increases. "Legs" suggested instead of putting on the membership application, do another level of membership. \$100 gets the membership, bike raffle ticket; like a sustaining type of membership similar to MRF. Wayne asked about the reduction of 10 to 5 free members- Operation Free Ride. Ryan said Brian's idea needs to be brought up at the BOD meeting by a chapter representative.

Shirley motion, Roger 2nd, to close unfinished business, no discussion, motion carried.

New Business: Ryan did not have any.

Julie motion, Wayne 2nd, to close New Business, no discussion, none opposed, motion carried.

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Region Reports

NW Region- Sandy called Ryan and she and Bud have agreed to work as co- coordinators rather than run against each other.

EC Region- absent.

WC Region: Julee asked about a letter that needs to go to Crooked Creek members. She was concerned about getting the 990 form done. Julee is going to continue to do the safety & education at schools.

SE Region: Mick still has a few problems with some of the smaller chapters. Franklin Co. is going to try to hold at least one real meeting this year. He is working with Theresa Bates on safety & education.

SW Region: Marble Run is done. Next year's is being worked on. They do have a sponsor for the books. Wayne has chapters who want to do stunt riding competition and use as PR opportunity for ABATE.

Shirley asked to reopen New Business:

1. Off Road Committee: What ever happened to the Off Road riding committee? "Legs" said it was disbanded years ago. The park itself is state funded, there is not anything we can do about that. The southern area was reclaimed strip mines which we cannot use for off road activities. Bob needs to be contacted, which Ryan will do.
2. Howard asked about pamphlets to hand out with bike tickets. He would like some more. Legislative, Safety & Ed, and Public Relations share those costs.

Roger motion, Julie 2nd, to adjourn, no discussion, motion carried.

Submitted by Kat Conner

State Secretary

Time: 1:28