

A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc. Executive Board meeting March 14, 2015

VFW Post 755, 2211 Old Jacksonville Road, Springfield, IL

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Executive board present:

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| 1. State Coordinator- Ryan Hubbard | 9. Public Relations – Shirley “Swirl” Lacock |
| 2. Asst Coordinator- Jim “Legs” Korte | 10. NE Region- Ray Heck |
| 3. Secretary- Kat Conner | 11. NE Region- John Bloch |
| 4. Activities-Roger Leach | 12. WC Region-Kevin “Cap” Goudschaal |
| 5. Carla Enburg- Newsletter | 13. NW Region- Dennis “Cleaver” Yeager |
| 6. Products- Julee Thurman | 14. SW Region- Wayne Cornick |
| 7. Office Manager- Pauli Ward | 15. SE Region-Ted Zackro |
| 8. Legislative- Bob Myers | 16. EC Region- Scott Carter |

Executive board absent:

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| 1. Safety & Education- Mike Koester (work) | 4. Activities- Barb Leach |
| 2. Howard “Carmel” Nation- Bike Raffle (parade) | 5. Treasurer-Julie Bacon-benefit |
| 3. SE Region-Mick Eddington | |

Guests present:

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| 1. Dawn Winterfeldt | 3. Jeff Marsh |
| 2. Brian Enburg | 4. Lauren Zackro |

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

Motion by Scott Carter, Kevin “Cap” Goudschaal 2nd, to approve February executive board minutes with correction, discussion, motion carried. Corrected Secretary Report- Kevin “Cap” Goudschaal was speaking not Mick Eddington.

State Coordinator: Ryan got a call from the Princeton radio station WZOE about being a guest. He will give the information to Shirley “Swirl” Lacock. The Midwest Exposition is April 17 & 18. Rich Kinkade is doing some presentations along with Ryan. Ryan has also been asked to be live on Fox TV’s morning show on April 16th. They are still working on what will be discussed.

Assistant State Coordinator: Some discussion was held on the idea of changing the type of lunch. Roger suggested talking with the manager to work with items not listed on the menu. Jim “Leg” Korte is ready to book the motel for the weekend of January 15-17, 2016.

Treasurer: Julie sent the report today. Pauli Ward said there are some chapters who do not have their 990’s done and they will have to be dropped when state papers are filed.

Legislative: Bob Myers reports there are a lot of new legislators and things are moving slowly. Our bills are filed. There are two new ethanol bills in committee, but he has been told they will not go anywhere. He questions why the public is expected to do the research on these. At this point only flex fuel engines can run on the ethanol blends like E20. The accent lighting bill will be in committee Wednesday. He is

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working on setting up a meeting with the police as they are opposed to this bill. They feel the lights will get mixed up with those on emergency vehicles. Right now the bill will exclude certain colors. He is getting support from Senator Morrison and Rich Brauer of IDOT. He also has a motorcycle dealer from Missouri who will tell how the lighting works in his state. HR21 is a Federal ethanol bill. SB127 is the motorcycle only checkpoint funding bill. As far as the idea of lane splitting, all but one group he has contacted is against having it in Illinois. The Washington D.C. trip will be April 26-May 2. Wayne Cornick asked about Vision Zero & car radio anti-collision technology. There are no bills on the Vision Zero at this time. We are keeping an eye on the radio technology. Jim "Legs" Korte asked about a house bill that changes where the road money goes. Bob will look into this, but thinks this will not go far. Discussion was held on Legislative Day and how some changes should be made for next year. Bob thanked Julie Thurman for all the work she did that day taking pictures. Ryan thanked Bob for being quoted in the AMA magazine.

Secretary/Bylaw Report: Kat pointed out that there were two handouts in today's packets. One was the proposed bylaw which will be reported on at the April BOD meeting. The second was a summary of what was discussed by the committee. She asked the board to look it over as the bylaw committee feels that it does not need to be a bylaw, but in the chapter's operations manual. The question of age was raised, but there is no age currently listed in the bylaws or anywhere except on the application. Jeff Marsh also talked briefly to help explain the committee's position. Pauli Ward pointed out the only age concern at the time of ABATE's inception was to be old enough to vote.

State Office: Pauli reports membership monies are up. She has rooms booked at the Northfield for the next BOD meeting which is the day before the Awareness Rally. She is looking for rooms for the date of next year's swap meet and Bob Myers suggested the State House Inn. She will be gone July 6-17th on vacation. **Motion by Bob Myers, Shirley "Swirl" Lacock 2nd, to cancel the July executive board meeting, no discussion, none opposed. Motion carried. EB2015-02**

Newsletter: Today is the deadline. Carla will start sending out supporting business renewals. She has received a lot of fliers, so the paper may be bigger this time. Ryan discussed an editorial comment issue and said it is not something we would normally print.

Bike Raffle: Howard "Carmel" Nation is showing off the raffle bike in the Springfield St. Patrick's Day parade today.

Public Relations: Shirley has notified chapters that proclamations need to be sent in a specific way so she can print them out. Some are still not listing their chapter's names on them. Eyeglass wipes should be ready by the April meeting. Chapters need to contact her for supplies. Press releases for Motorcycle Awareness Month have been sent to the Springfield area. Ryan will deal with the media at the Awareness Rally. IDOT has not given out any information on what they plan to do for their kickoff.

Safety & Awareness: Mike Koester is at the Lifesaver's Conference in Chicago. We did not get asked to help at this and Ryan is rather disappointed in that. He has asked Mike to be sure to do updates on the classes at the BOD meetings.

Activities: As far as the Swap Meet goes there was a lot of positive feedback on the location change. Roger thanked Barb Fitzpatrick for setting that up. He is going to make some setup time changes for

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next year. He has booked the site for Feb 21, 2016, Feb. 19, 2017, & Feb 18, 2018. We only have to pay the deposit one year at a time. The food vendor donated 10% of his profit to us. The Girl Scouts sold 400 boxes of cookies and have already booked for next year. 98 out of 134 spots were sold this time.

The Awareness Rally is pretty much set up. Roger hopes to have food vendors at the parking lot. The sound system has been purchased. The podium should be done soon. Parking in the fire memorial parking lot was discussed as was parking for handicapped and four wheelers.

He will meet with Menard County Fairground people this week. Discussion on giving the swap meet vendors a break to come to the state party was discussed. Roger can not get rental campers, but can get RV's. A lot of money was spent on tents for the state party and Roger is working on a possible deal with the fair board to build a pavilion that both could use. "Cap" has contacted law enforcement and said they were very pleased with us last year and there will be less protection visible this year.

Products: Sales were down a little from last year at the Swap Meet. The legislative day shirts sold very well, were very visible, has more ordered. Julee plans to do the same type of shirt for the Awareness Rally. Shirley asked about women's; they can be preordered. She will do the same for sweatshirts and hoodies.

Motion by Julee Thurman, Shirley "Swirl" Lacock 2nd to accept officer reports, no discussion, motion carried.

Motion by Pauli Ward, Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal 2nd to take break.

John Bloch contacted Jim Harrison over break, hopes to have his chapter 990's done by Monday. It was suggested he call Julie Bacon for help.

Unfinished Business:

1. Sound System- has been purchased. Bob Myers thanked West Central region for their generous donation to do this.
2. Membership committee- Ryan has talked to Jim "Legs" Korte about setting this committee up. He suggested one person and saw in one chapter's newsletter that we are looking for people.
3. Seminar lunch costs update- discussed above
4. Hupy discussion- In addition to sending the executive board material to look over for today's discussion, Ryan has also talked to Bob "Korg" Ward and Rod Taylor. At the December BOD meeting the executive board was asked to have this discussion and then make a recommendation. We need to see what is in the best interest for ABATE of IL Inc. Ryan feels the main issue started with the exclusivity agreement for the Legal Service advertising. It was mentioned by many executive board members that they were disappointed Mr. Hupy did not come to the meeting today and they feel if he really wanted to make things right he would have attended. The concern was expressed as to a monopoly versus rights/freedom. It would not be good business to open to bids each year and have a different lawyer each year. No one was sure why Rod Taylor would have any problems with opening up advertising in the state paper. A question was raised as to ABATE of IL Inc. getting reimbursed for any lost advertising. Ryan said that he was unaware of any personal injury ads that were refused. Rod Taylor does donate to

the state seminar yearly. Ryan pointed out that this discussion was not a Hupy versus Rod Taylor comparison, but about the non preferred vendor list & whether or not Hupy would stay on it. Hupy has stated he wants to be a viable member of his chapter and he certainly can be. He just can't advertise as a personal injury lawyer. He can write any personal checks if he wants to donate. This needs to be clarified to the BOD. All agreed. Consensus was that Hupy needs to rectify his actions. He has in the past misrepresented his affiliation with ABATE of IL Inc. We need to do what's best for the organization as a business. Can we get more from another law firm; should we be openly advertising yearly? It was asked who started ABATE legal; George Tinkham. We are talking of specific things- Legal Service Plan, NPV, Policy & Procedure. The Legal Service Plan is ABATE's. It is more than just a personal injury plan. The only thing not allowed to be in the state paper is the personal injury ad. Our plan does not say a member can only use ABATE Legal Service lawyers. Anyone is free to use any lawyer they choose, but you do get a discount if you use ours. If there are problems when a member uses the service, please let Ryan and Jim "Legs" Korte know. **Motion by Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal, Scott Carter 2nd, to recommend to the BOD that Hupy & Abrahams SC Personal Injury remain on the NPV list, discussion.** Most agreed again that Mr. Hupy should be present if he wants this to change. Ryan did make it very clear to him that it was an executive meeting, not a full board of directors today and it mainly concerned the advertising issue. **Opposed: John Bloch. Motion carried. EB2015-03**

Motion by Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal, Ray Heck 2nd to recommend to the BOD that we open up our Legal Service Plan to bids by any attorney who is a member in good standing in ABATE of IL Inc. Discussion: Jim "Legs" Korte explained that the plan was set up for review once a year, to present it to the BOD, review each June and open for bids if so desired. Bids are based not on money, but services available. Then it is put on file with the state supreme court and we need to be aware of their requirements. The plan was last updated in 1991. In April of 2005 there was a specific motion made to have Rod Taylor as the Legal Services Plan attorney. Dennis "Cleaver" Yeager asked that in the future attorney's have a time limit to reply to member's questions. Concerns were expressed if we do this yearly and change each year, the attorney will/may not be familiar with what we expect. It was thought a multi year term would be feasible with a yearly review and right to terminate clause. 3 years was mentioned as an appropriate term. **Opposed: Pauli Ward, Bob Myers. Motion carried. EB2015-04**

Motion by Bob Myers, Julee Thurman 2nd, to close Unfinished Business, none opposed, motion carried.

New Business:

- 1. Raise** – In order to keep from having to play catch up with Todd Vandermyde's salary again Bob Myer suggested we consider doing a COLA (cost of living adjustment) raise yearly. This would be easier to budget and would be taken from the federal adjustment posted.
- 2. Raffle**- Bob also asked if we would we want to do a yearly gun raffle with the money going to Todd's salary?

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- 3. On-D-Go:** Jean Hogan could use a back up; possibly Rich Kinkade? Pauli will talk to Jean about getting the list.

Motion by Julee Thurman, Ray Heck 2nd to close New Business, no discussion, none opposed, motion carried.

Region Reports:

West Central: Lamoine Valley will come to the April BOD meeting. They are working on getting reps to come and also working on their membership numbers. On May 9th there will be a four chapter run in memory of Mike Straker with proceeds going to ABATE PAC. The region is also working on a motorcycle/four wheeler party as an avenue of growth.

North West: Dennis "Cleaver" Yeager gave his report on the Trippin' Molly concert. They made a nice donation from the proceeds. May 1st in Freeport at the Chamber of Commerce will be a proclamation signing. He has FED PAC shirts today for \$15.00. The Convergence Run will end at the state party.

South East: Ted Zackro reported that he and Mick Eddington were very happy – they had seven members at Legislative Day.

East Central: May 2nd is the All Sport Bike Show at the Prairieland Building. March 28th is the region meeting. They are working on the details for a party July 25th. Dawn Winterfeldt has met with Hubbard Trail's president and spouse on keeping their chapter open. All present thanked her for her extra efforts.

South West- Wayne Cornick said the date for their region meeting is March 19th. The Marble Run sales are going well. April 18th will see St. Clair have an information booth set up for the show.

Ryan reminded all that unapproved E board business is not to be discussed outside E board meetings and not to be put out on any type of media.

Motion by Scott Carter, Bob Myers 2nd to adjourn, no discussion, none opposed, motion carried.

Time: 1:47 pm

Submitted by:

Kat Conner, State Secretary