

A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc.
Brookens Library, UIS, Springfield, IL
Board of Directors meeting February 20, 2016
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Paulette Korte-State Secretary

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Chapters present:

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| 1. Backroads | 22. Mid-State |
| 2. Beaucoup Bottoms | 23. Open Roads |
| 3. Black Diamond | 24. Pathfinders |
| 4. Blackhawk | 25. Peo-Taz |
| 5. Central Illinois | 26. Piasa-Gateway |
| 6. Chicago | 27. Prairieland |
| 7. Crossroads | 28. Richland County |
| 8. Dukane | 29. River Valley |
| 9. Eastern Illinois | 28. Shoal Creek |
| 10. Embarras Valley | 30. South Suburban |
| 11. Flatlanders | 31. Southern DuPage |
| 12. Freedom Riders | 32. Southern Illinois |
| 13. Freedom Valley | 33. Spoon River Riders |
| 14. Great River | 34. St. Claire County |
| 15. Heart of Illinois | 35. Starved Rock |
| 16. Heartland | 36. Starved Rock |
| 17. Iron Riders | 37. State Line Riders |
| 18. Kaskaskia Valley | 38. Thunder Rock |
| 19. Kishwaukee Valley | 39. Twin Rivers |
| 20. Lamoine Valley | 40. Will County |
| 21. Lincolnland | 41. Freeport |

Chapters absent:

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| 1. Apple Creek | 11. Jasper County |
| 2. Big River | 12. Liberty |
| 3. Children of the Corn | 13. Lost Creek |
| 4. Crawford County | 14. Northern Illinois |
| 5. Crooked Creek | 15. Old River |
| | 16. Salt Creek |
| 6. Franklin | 17. Shawnee Hills |
| 7. Freebird | 18. Southern Freedom |
| 8. Freedom by Choice | 19. Tri-County |
| | 20. Union Jack |
| 9. Heritage Trail | 21. Windy City |
| 10. Hubbard Trail | |

Executive board present:

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| 1. State Coord.-Ryan Hubbard | 10. Safety & Ed. Coord. -Mike Koester |
| 2. Assist. State Coord. -Jim "Legs" Korte | 11. Products Coord. -Tracey Eddington |

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| 3. Secretary-Paulette Korte | 12. NE Region Coord. -Dawn Winterfeldt |
| 4. Treasurer-Julie Bacon | 13. NW Region Coord. -Sandy Murrell |
| 5. Office Manager-Paula "Pauli" Ward | 14. EC Region Coord. -Scott Carter |
| 6. Newsletter Coord. -Carla Enburg | 15. SE Region Coord. -Mick Eddington |
| | 16. SE Region Coord. -Bob Stout |
| 7. Public Relations Coord. -Shirley "Swirl" Lacock | 17. SW Region Coord. -Wayne Cornick |
| 8. Legislative Coord. -Bob Myers | 18. WC Region Coord. (appointed)
Phil "Pacman" Cornel |

Executive board absent:

1. Activities Coords. -Barb Leach
2. Activities Coord-Roger Leach
3. NW Region Coord. -Bud Lein
4. Bike Raffle Coord. - Howard "Carmel" Nation

Guests present:

1. Pam Hedden-State
2. Kevin Smith-Open Roads
3. Diana Rebechini-Southern DuPage
4. Nora Kleckner-Starved Rock
5. Mark Earney-Heartland
6. MikeThompson-Lamoine Valley
7. Janet Thompson-Lamoine Valley
8. Danny J. Griffiths-Lamoine Valley
9. Roxanna Behnke-Richland County
10. Eva Fulk-Crossroads
11. Lauren Rutledge-State Line Riders
12. Kathy Wellman-Great River Riders
13. Charles Wieszorek-Lincolnland
14. Mellissa Brinhschroeder-Lamoine Valley

Meeting opened by the State Coordinator Ryan Hubbard leading in the Pledge of Allegiance followed with a Moment of Silence for those fallen brothers and sisters since last meeting at 1:02pm.

The Following chapter are read into the minutes as their 990's has not been turned into the State Treasurer therefore per the By-Laws cannot vote in today's meeting:

Apple Creek, Children of the Corn, Dukane (per vote of last meeting), Emarras Valley, Flatlanders, Hubbard Trail, Lamoine Valley, Lost Creek, Old River.

Motion made by Freeport to accept the minutes as written, St. Claire Co. 2nd, o further discussion, motion passed.

State Coordinator: Ryan Hubbard state that at the State Seminar that a lot of theft occurred and will continue to look into more helpers during the auction times, along with the hospitality room.

Assistant State Coordinator: Jim "Legs" Korte looking for feedback from those who participated in the Seminar. Things were changed as suggested from past years' seminar. Will collect and present to the next board meeting. Some trouble with rooms but seemed to have worked itself out.

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Secretary: Paulette Korte reported that the transition of secretary items went well. Thank you for the Secretary laptop.

Treasurer: Julie Bacon is requesting to the chapters to get their 990's tuned as soon as possible.

Legislative: Bob Myers reported that not a lot going on in Springfield at this time other than a lot of budget issues. Everyone will be back in session the first week of March. This will be in time for Legislative Day. Bob reported on Bill status that we are watching and keeping track of. (see attachments). One bill that we need to make a change on as an organization is HB5987 Vehicle usage stamps:

Motion made by Open Roads to reconsider motion from June 13, 2015, BOD2015-08(Motion by Southern Freedom, Thunder Rock 2nd, to get rid of off road sticker from DNR, motion passed), Will County 2nd, no further discussion, motion passed. BOD2016-01

Motion made by Open Roads to completely strike the previous motion made from June 13, 2015, BOD2015-08, Thunder Rock 2nd, this action will help the continuing of the bill, motion passed. BOD2016-02

Activities: Barb and Roger Leach are over at the fairgrounds getting set up for the Swap meet tomorrow. Everything else on track for Awareness Rally, State Party.

Products: Tracey Eddington stated that there are Legislative shirt for this year available and to get them now. Have Sponsors on banner that is on the products trailer. Web store down for revamping.

Newsletter: Carla Enburg states that the deadline for the next newsletter is March 12, 2016

Public Relations: Shirley "Swirl" Lacock reports that the proclamations for the chapters to use are available on the state website. Please make sure that when turning in proclamations to write the chapter that it is coming from to get credit. Copies of the Public Relations are available for the asking if anyone interested. Order forms are available to chapters for supplies. Working with the marketing department at Bradley and will give a presentation in the future.

Bike Raffle: Howard "Carmel" Nation not present. Howard came up with a state board that shows locations of chapters across the state the cost was \$80. Other suggestions were made that can be addressed at a later date. Need to keep in mind the size of the board.

Office Manager: Paula "Pauli" Ward Bike Raffle tickets available, Cash drawing tickets available, State Party tickets available. The office will be closed from March 11 to the 25, 2016 so get what you need a head of time. Pauli is asking that anyone wishing for a copy of the minutes to make sure to get to her the e-mail for it to be sent to.

Safety & Ed: Mike Koester asked a show of hands who road to the meeting today and who of those who road did the "T-Clock" on their bike. Mike state he will be going to the Lifesavers Conference in April out in California. Mike also stated that he will have a completed list of presentations for 2015 and the beginning of 2016 at the March executive Board meeting. Conversation on the status of the new video for presentation to the classroom. Mike will be presenting an Instructor prep to anyone interested in a DeKalb chapter.

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Shirley "Swirl" Lacock showed a board that cost around \$20/board of what ABATE is about and member benefits. This board is metal and suggested that the chapters have at least one. Will continue to get quote for pricing of making this board.

Ryan Hubbard handed out certificates that were not picked up at the state seminar.

Break: 1:56pm

Returned: 2:09pm

Old Business: None to be presented.

Motion made by Crossroads to close old business, Freeport 2nd, no further discussion, motion passed

New Business:

A committee has been formed to do the revamping of the Non-Preferred Vendors list.

By-Law that was presented has been pulled for re-writing.

The position of the WC Region Coordinator is vacant:

Motion made by Lincolnland to open nominations for the position of WC Region

Coordinator and nominate Phil "Pacman" Cornell, Freedom Valley 2nd, no further discussion, motion passed. BOD2016-03

Motion made by Spoon River Riders to appoint Phil "Pacman" Cornell to fill the WC Region

Coordinator position, Central Illinois 2nd, no further discussion, motion passed. BOD2016-04

Operation Free Ride

Motion made by Starved Rock to accept the proposal of "Operation Free Ride" which is 1 free membership after signing up 5 new members to run to December 31, 2016, couples would need to sign up 10 new members, St. Claire County 2nd discussion which an amendment to be the following:

Motion made by Kishwaukee Valley to make this retroactive to January 1, 2016, Richland County 2nd, no further discussion, motion passed on the amendment. BOD2016-05. Motion passed on Operation Free Ride. BOD2016-06.

Motion made by Freedom Valley to close New Business, Thunder Rock 2nd, no further discussion, motion passed.

Panel Reports:

ABATE PAC: Questions about the grading period and how it is conducted, what information is used on the candidates. Process was explained. Corrected printing will be available in the next newsletter.

FED PAC: No report given. Financial statement sent to the board.

MRF: Denny Lange gave report of Federal issues. Denny also thank everyone who gave donations to the MRF Reps. (state level). The highway bill has been passed with motorcycle friendly items attached such as no checkpoints, an advisory panel to be formed. Discussion on e-15, renewable fuels. Also

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brought up that Jeff Hennie retired and that the MRF will be posting a job search to fill the position.

Events coming up to mark our calendar:

Heartland Steam: April 1-3, 2016 in South Dakota

Bikers in The Beltway: May 12, 2016 in Washington, DC

Meeting of the Minds: September 22-24, 2016, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Bylaw Review: nothing to report

Region Reports:

NE: Nothing to report

NW: visiting chapters, chili cook off was February 6, 2016. **NW Region donated \$2490 to STATEPAC**

Freeport 30th anniversary party September 24th, 2016

EC: April 2nd will be the region meeting. Embarras Valley will be having an anniversary party

WC: send your events for the region to the state secretary so the information can be gathered

SE: encourage chapters to get on the websites of politicians' and get active. Go to the events and participate

SW: Region Marble run up and running

Motion made by Crossroads to close the meeting, Thunder Rock 2nd, no further discussion, motion passed. 3:10pm