

A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc.
Brookens Library, UIS, Springfield, IL
Board of Directors meeting April 30, 2016
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A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc.
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Galesburg, IL 61401

Paulette Korte-State Secretary
15817 Old Trenton Rd.
Trenton, IL 62293

Chapters present:

Apple Creek
Backroads
Beaucoup Bottoms
Big River
Black Diamond
Blackhawk
Central Illinois
Chicago
Dukane
Eastern Illinois
Flatlanders
Franklin
Freedom Riders
Freedom Valley
Freeport
Great River
Heart of Illinois
Heartland
Heritage Trail
Kaskaskia Valley
Kishwaukee Valley
Lamoine Valley

Liberty
LincolInland
Mid-State
Northern Illinois
Open Roads
Peo-Taz
Piasa-Gateway
Prairieland
Richland County
River Valley
Salt Creek
Shoal Creek
South Suburban
Southern DuPage
Southern Freedom
Spoon River Riders
St. Clair County
Starved Rock
Thunder Rock
Twin Rivers
Will County
Windy City

Chapters absent:

Children of the Corn
Crawford County
Crossroads
Embarras Valley
Freebird
Freedom By Choice
Hubbard Trail
Iron Riders

Jasper County
Old River
Pathfinders
Shawnee Hills
Southern Illinois
State Line Riders
Tri-County
Union Jack

Executive board present:

State Coordinator-Ryan Hubbard
Office Manager-Paula "Pauli" Ward
Treasurer-Julie Bacon
Secretary-Paulette Korte
Legislative Coordinator-Bob Myers
Public Relations Coordinator-Shirley "Swirl" Lacock

NW Region Coordinator-Bud Lein
EC Region Coordinator-Scott Carter
SE Region Coordinator-Mick Eddington
SE Region Coordinator-Bob Stout
SW Region Coordinator-Wayne Cornick

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Newsletter Coordinator-Carla Enburg
Products Coordinator-Tracey Eddington
NE Region Coordinator-Dawn Winterfeldt
Safety Education Coordinator-Mike Koester (Not present until 2:53pm)

Executive board absent:

Assistant State Coordinator-Jim "Legs" Korte-excused
Bike Raffle Coordinator-Howard Nation-excused
Activities Co-Coordinators-Bar, Roger Leach-excused
NW Region Coordinator-Sandy Murrell-excused
WC Region Coordinator-Phil "Pacman" Cornell-excused

Guests present:

Amanda Gotte	Dukane
Darin Green	Salt Creek
Janet Thompson	Lamoine alley
Jorge Solis	Chicago
Gilbert Acurio	Chicago
Eddie Drews	Northern Illinois
Carol Wannemacher	Liberty
Kurt Husen	Kishwaukee Valley
Kathy Wellman	Great River
Roxanne Behnke	Richland County
Rhonda Pinkard	South Suburban
Ravi Shaw	Windy City

Meeting started at 1:03pm with State Coordinator leading in the Pledge of Allegiance followed with a moment of silence for the fallen brothers and sisters since the February meeting.

Motion made by Freeport to accept the minutes as written with corrections, Piasa-Gateway 2nd, no further discussion, motion passed.

State Coordinator: Ryan Hubbard reminded the board and folks in attendance that we are here to conduct business about motorcycling and motorcycling issues, conduct ourselves accordingly. Ryan also read from the by-laws on chapter formation, that chapter officers need to review the by-laws for ABATE of Illinois, Inc. The IDOT kickoff for May Motorcycle Awareness will be May 3, 2016 starting at 10am at the Old Capital Building.

Questions about selling of Bike raffle tickets: Any event that the bike is there and these tickets are turned into Howard Nation the tickets are being sold 5 tickets for \$20. Again these tickets are being turned into Howard Nation to take care of the tabulation of sales.

AIL-Dawn will be present at the next Board of Directors in June to bring information to clarify the calls being made to the membership.

Assistant State Coordinator: Jim "Legs" Korte not present. The Legal Service Plan review was printed and given to all of the Board of Directors present of the activity for the last year.

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Secretary: Paulette Korte had nothing to report at this time.

Treasurer: Julie Bacon stated that all of the chapter's taxes have been turned in. Julie also mailed a letter to the chapters to inform of the changes made for the coming year. If there are any questions, please contact her.

Legislative: Bob Myers read off the status of the bills currently in legislation or committee. Please see attachments. Bob is asking that when alerts are being put out for letters or calls to be made please respond and do this.

Bob reported that the Washington, DC was a great success for the organization. A full report will be posted and printed. The meeting with NHTSA, ABATE of Illinois, Inc. and the MRF was very enlightening for NHTSA. Bob asked for 4 volunteers to read thru the 400 pages of the Fast Act. Bob also requested that there be more participation in the Lobby Day for ABATE of Illinois, Inc.

Activities: Barb and Roger Leach not present will be setting up for the Awareness Rally this Sunday.

State Party shift were read off as far what has been filled and requesting for any other chapters to sign up and help. Also security shifts need to filled.

Products: Tracey Eddington stated that she has Awareness Rally T-Shirts available.

Newsletter: Carla Enburg stated that the May issue is already out with a few errors noted.

The deadline for articles will be May 14, 2016 for the next issue.

Discussion of the cash raffle for today's promotion.

Public Relations: Shirley "Swirl" Lacock thanked the chapters for using the web form for ordering supplies for today.

Press releases were sent out for Motorcycle Awareness.

The proclamation has been sent back from the Governor signed.

Still working on pricing for the metal signs project.

Bike Raffle: Howard Nation not present but "SELL TICKETS"

Office Manager: Paula "Pauli" Ward asked that whomever took the pictures of the Bike Raffle to please return them to the table in the lobby.

Need to promote the cash raffle more.

State Party tickets available today.

Safety & Ed: Not present at this time. Came back to this department for a report.

Mike Koester brought in current numbers for 2016.

He has some supplies.

He placed an order the first of the month for supplies for the chapters.

Mike spoke a bit on the Lifesavers Conference.

Corrections on the numbers presented for 2015 will be sent to the State Office by Monday.

Motion made by Freeport to accept reports as given, Richland County 2nd, no further discussion, motion passed.

Break: 2:10pm

Resume: 2:35pm

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Old Business:

WC Region election: Nomination process closed for the election of the WC Region Coordinator. Phil "Pacman" Cornell has been elected into this position by the region chapters present.

Motion made by Freeport to close Old Business, Chicago 2nd, no further discussion, motion passed.

New Business:

1. Legal Service Review was read by the State Coordinator Ryan Hubbard during the Assistant State Coordinator's report.
2. By-law review: E-Board recommendation to the By-Law Committee to develop a job description for the Board of Directors.
Per the By-laws the Secretary read the proposal to the Board of Directors and will have it published in the next ABATE newsletter.
3. E-Board recommendation to the Board of Directors to continue the Ride Smart Program

Motion made by Blackhawk to accept the recommendation to continue the Ride Smart Program, Freeport 2nd, discussion, motion passed. BOD2016-01

4. E-Board recommendation to the Board of Directors for Paulette Korte to coordinate the Ride Smart Program and to be the IDOT contact person.

Motion made by Heart of Illinois to accept the recommendation for Paulette Korte to coordinate the Ride Smart Program and be the IDOT contact person, Blackhawk 2nd, discussion of content and other information, motion passed. BOD2016-02.

5. E-Board recommendation to the Board of Directors to address concerns with the S&E Department and the Coordinator actions. Questions were directed to Mike Koester the Safety & Education Coordinator from the Board of Directors.

Motion made by Blackhawk to follow the by-laws and send notification of a hearing of removal of an officer to the Safety & Education Coordinator to be held and the June, 2016 Board of Directors meeting, Open Roads 2nd, discussion as to notification being sent, motion passed with the following chapter voting no: Apple Creek, Black Diamond, Flatlanders, Heart of Illinois, Heartland, Heritage Trail, Kaskaskia Valley, Liberty, Mid-State, Richland County, Spoon River Riders, Starved Rock, abstaining: Freeport and Thunder Rock. BOD2016-03.

6. Kishwaukee Valley wanted to let the membership know that a Track sweeper truck will be used in the NASCAR races from a member and will be advertising ABATE of Illinois sticker on a driver side window panel free of charge

Panel Reports:

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ABATE PAC: Every present at the meeting today has a copy of the financial report for ABATE PAC. Report given on trustee actions that were addressed by the ABATE PAC committee on endorsements that were not done thru committee process. Since the time that the Committee addressed the action the trustees have resigned from the ABATE PAC. New processes are being looked at and discussed for future actions of the committee. 2 seats need to be replaced. 1 letter of intent has been handed in and will be looked at by the E-Board for recommendation at the June meeting. Will also be posted in the next newsletter.

FED PAC: Report given of current status.

MRF: Roz Lange gave report.

Bylaw Review: Proposal read by the Secretary Earlier in the meeting.

AMA: Hunter John Harris sent in a written report, he has been in touch with DNR on a weekly basis.

Region Reports:

NE: Report given of region activities.

NW: Report given of region activities.

EC: Report given of region activities. Anyone interested in a patch for Spam contact regional coordinator.

WC: Setting up for Awareness pre-party. Planning a memorial run for Cap July 23, 2016. Lost Creek has folded as a chapter.

SE: Report given of activities in the region.

SW: Report given of activities in the region.

Motion to close the meeting at 4:21pm by Will County, Heritage Trail 2nd, motion passed.

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