

A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc.
Brookens Library, UIS, Springfield, IL
Board of Directors meeting February 18, 2017
Approved at April 22, 2017 meeting:

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**311 E. Main St. Suite 418
Galesburg, IL 61401**

Paulette Korte-State Secretary

**15817 Old Trenton Rd.
Trenton, IL 62293**

Chapters present:

Apple Creek
Black Diamond
Blackhawk
Central Illinois
Chicago
Crossroads
Dukane
Eastern Illinois
Embarras Valley
Flatlanders (left 4:27pm)
Freebird (left 3:10pm)
Freedom By Choice
Freedom Riders (left 3:10pm)
Freedom Valley
Freeport
Great River
Heart of Illinois
Heartland
Heritage Trail
Hubbard Trail
Iron Riders
Kaskaskia Valley
Kishwaukee Valley

Lamoine Valley
Liberty
Lincolnland
Midstate
Northern Illinois
Old River
Open Roads
Peo-Taz
Piasa-Gateway (left 4:34)
Prairieland
River Valley
Salt Creek
Shoal Creek
South Suburban
Southern DuPage
Southern Illinois
Spoon River Riders
St. Clair County
Starved Rock
Thunder Rock
Twin Rivers
Will County
Windy City

Chapters absent:

Backroads
Big River
Crawford County
Franklin County
Jasper County
Pathfinders

Richland County
Shawnee Hills
Southern Freedom
State Line Riders
Tri-County
Union Jack

Executive board present:

State Coordinator: Ryan Hubbard
Asst. State Coordinator: Jim "Legs" Korte
Secretary: Paulette Korte
Treasurer: Julie Bacon
Legislative: Dan Harper
Office Manager: Paula "Pauli" Ward
NW Region: Sandy Murrell

Safety & Education: Mike Brush
Products: Tracey Eddington
Newsletter: Carla Enburg
Public Relations: Shirley "Swirl" Lacock
Activities: Dennis Byron (left after report)
NE Region: Dawn Winterfeldt
SE Region: Bob Stout

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EC Region:	Scott Carter	EC Region:	Brian Pratt
SW Region:	Wayne Cornick		
<u>Executive board absent:</u>			
Bike Raffle	Howard Nation (sick)	WC Region:	Don Boland (Work)
SE Region:	Mick Eddington (sick)		

Guests present:

Carol Wannemmacher	Liberty
Barry Autery	Piasa-Gateway
Kathy Wellman	Great River
Lisa Lambert	Heartland
Don Peterson	Southern DuPage
Tony Erwin	Embarras Valley
Josh Witkowski	Lincolnland
Beth Dorr	Blackhawk
Dennis Yeager	Freeport
Nora Kleckner	Starved Rock
Kevin Smith	Open Roads
Theresa Griffiths	Lamoine Valley
Danny Griffiths	Lamoine Valley
Anna Marie Nobbe	Shoal Creek
Cathy Brush	Kishwaukee Valley
Dwayne Rudolph	Lincolnland
Gus Miller	Heart of Illinois
Jewels Branger	Piasa-Gateway

SECRETARY NOTE: THE FOLLOWING CHAPTERS CANNOT VOTE IN TODAY'S MEETING DO TO THE PAPERWORK FOR THE 990'S HAS NOT BEEN TURNED IN TO THE STATE TREASURER:

<u>CHICAGO</u>	<u>HUBBARD TRAIL</u>
<u>DUKANE</u>	<u>JASPER COUNTY</u>
<u>EASTERN ILLINOIS</u>	<u>KASKASKIA VALLEY</u>
<u>EMBARRAS VALLEY</u>	<u>LAMOINE VALLEY</u>
<u>FLATLANDERS</u>	<u>NORTHERN ILLINOIS</u>
<u>FREEBIRD</u>	<u>OLD RIVER</u>
<u>HEART OF ILLINOIS</u>	<u>WINDY CITY</u>

The meeting is being recorded for accuracy.
Turn off all cell phone.

Meeting opened at 1:12pm Central Time by State Coordinator Ryan Hubbard leading the Board of Directors and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance followed with a moment of silence for fallen brothers and sisters.

St. Claire County donated a check to the general fund for a member who passed.
As stated above for chapters who cannot vote today in the meeting.

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Motion to approve the Secretary notes (minutes) made by Freeport, Southern DuPage 2nd, no further discussion, motion passed.

If you are a new board rep, please stand and be recognized and welcomed.
At Board meetings please make sure that you are signing in. The paperwork needs to be signed for the chapter to be counted as attending a meeting.

State Coordinator: Ryan Hubbard stated that this is about motorcycling and need to focus on that and not personal attacks. If you want to do personal attacks go outside of the meeting as we are here to conduct business for the organization.

Gave out awards that did not get handed out at the seminar as not being present.

Membership still a concern.

Folks still ask what A.B.A.T.E stands for.

Ryan will not be present at the Executive Board meeting in March do to surgery.

Still plans on attending Heartland Steam the first of April.

Assistant State Coordinator: Jim "Legs" Korte stated that the dates for next year's State Seminar will be January 19-21, 2018 at the Northfield Inn.

Points from the seminar were regional workshops. Needs to make it worthwhile by having attendance for travel aspects.

Secretary: Paulette Korte that the packets given out today are for the Chapter Secretaries that asked for direction of what the secretaries are responsible for. Membership card application out ready for members present today to take home and use. Chapter attendance issues options is to do role call to make sure attendance is correct.

Treasurer: Julie Bacon talked about a member who sold tickets at the seminar donated the money to A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc. Thank you to the folks who attended the break out session. Children of the Corn is no longer a chapter but still need paperwork filed

Legislative: Dan Harper presented items that are going on in Springfield. Will not get involved in the State budget process. Talked about bills going on now. (see Attachments').

Legislative Day is March 8, 2017. Will meet at the State House Inn at 9am to start off. Debrief around 4pm after everyone has gone to the offices. For the reception, there will not be a band as there is no budget money for it.

Office Manager: Paula "Pauli" Ward stated that the updated chapter officer information needs to be sent to the state office. We have new board members who have not been listed as the chapter representative. Current membership is down.

Safety & Education: Mike Bush is asking the chapters to send the updated info for the chapter Safety & Education Coordinators. Sent info to the chapters in regards to the video, need input and more participation on what is wanted in the video. This is going to be up to a 3-year project for input and donations to make the video. Need reports and supply orders a week before meetings to be able to things prepared.

Products: Tracey Eddington needs money for the rest of the year as she has spent her budget already. She still needs to order shirts for the Awareness Rally and the State party.

Motion made by Blackhawk to have a \$2500 increase to buy products for the state party and awareness rally, Kishwaukee Valley 2nd, no further discussion, motion passed. BOD2017-01.

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Newsletter: Carla Enburg stated that the next newsletter deadline will be March 11, 2017. Carla is also asking the chapter to send in the chapter meeting and event dates to be published in the newsletter.

Public Relations: Shirley "Swirl Lacock stated that the ads are running for the swap meet, awareness rally. New order forms are available on the state website. Please get the orders in a week in advance as to be able to prepare to bring to the meeting for the chapters. Proclamation forms are ready for 2017. Proclamation is also ready for the Governor. Regional reps also have access to the face book to do postings for the region and events.

Bike Raffle: Howard Nation not present but will have bike at the swap meet tomorrow.

Activities: Dennis Byron stated that he was corrected and posted on A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc. 501c status. Safety & Awareness Rally will be May 7, 2017, Lincolnland will be hosting a party the Saturday before.

Dennis proposed changes to make to the State Party this year.

Proposals summed up:

Taking 2 tickets and sending to chapters to auction off for folks to attend the party.

Events: throwing out to chapters for some regional challenges.

Looking at ATV events.

BANDS-open portion of the event for bands to the public, only being allowed to the concert and charging \$30-50 for them to attend.

Look for Corporate sponsorship that would pay for the band.

Vendors only for the public attendance.

Questions on crowd control, liability insurance, not enough tickets sold who would cover the lost coverage of payment.

Motion made by Blackhawk to postpone decisions of changes to the concept of the State Party to the April BOD meeting to take back to chapters for comment, Southern DuPage 2nd, discussion on there needs to be a write up sent with minutes to chapters for discussion, also discussed was the time frame for the presentation and preparing for the change of delayed motion passed with the following chapters voting no: Freedom Riders, Freedom Valley, Great River, Liberty, Lincolnland, Prairieland, River Valley, Shoal Creek, South Suburban, Spoon River Riders, Starved Rock, Will County. BOD2017-02.

Secretary note: There is a printed information that has been sent to the chapters for the proposal from Activities.

Committee Reports:

1. Membership Coordinator Exploration committee

By-Law proposal was read to the Board of what changes that they are recommending.

This process will go to the By-Law review committee for consideration to be made to the board of Directors at the April Board meeting.

All information will be sent and printed in the newsletter for chapter and Board involvement.

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(See attachment of By-Law Proposal)

2. NPVL Committee

Some changes were made to the document. Other areas not changed as there was not agreement and not enough committee members to make any more changes. There are currently only 3 committee members. Open Roads volunteered to join the committee.

Old Business:

1. Seat FEDPAC

Motion made by Will County to accept the Executive Board recommendation to seat Cindy Lannom (FEDPAC Treasurer) and Mike Scoval (Trustee) to FEDPAC, Freeport 2nd, no further discussion, motion passed. BOD2017-03.

2. Newsletter combination of issues

Motion made by Kishwaukee Valley to combine the November-December issues for 2017, Spoon River 2nd, discussion on the savings. Motion passed with the following chapters voting against: Central Illinois, Liberty, River Valley, South Suburban, Will County. BOD2017-05.

Motion amended made by Will County to postpone this decision until the April BOD meeting, Iron Riders 2nd, motion failed. BOD2017-04.

3. Cash fund raiser.

Reported that there was only a loss of \$667.
Looking for the winner of the quilt from the fund raiser.

Motion made by Kishwaukee Valley to raffle the quilt at the next A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois event, Open Roads 2nd, discussion of who the original winner was tickets were misplaced, motion failed. BOD2017-06.

4. Membership Drive.

The membership drive for 2017 will go back to the original which is 10 new memberships per person for 1year free membership to the person who successfully gets 10 new members.

Motion made by Blackhawk to close Old Business, Piasa-Gateway 2nd, no further discussion, motion passed.

New Business:

1. Review NPVL – Committee report given earlier

Motion made by Will County to remove the NPVL totally, River Valley 2nd, discussion, motion failed. BOD2017-07.

2. American Income Life (AIL) AD&D Program Renewal

Motion made by Piasa-Gateway to renew the AIL contract, Freedom By Choice 2nd, no further discussion, motion passed. BOD2017-08.

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3. Charter Review Old River

Motion made by Kishwaukee Valley to take no action on Old River, Liberty 2nd, no further discussion, motion passed. BOD2017-09.

4. Presentation of Lane splitting from member from Lincolnland.

Motion made by Iron Riders to take back to the chapters whether to changes position which is neutral on Lane Splitting and discuss at the April BOD meeting, Will County 2nd, no further discussion, motion passed with Freedom By Choice voting against. BOD2017-10.

Motion made by Freedom By Choice to close New Business, Spoon River 2nd, no further discussion, motion passed.

Panel Reports:

ABATE PAC: Report given by Amanda Gotte on the state of ABATEPAC

FED PAC: Dennis Yeager gave report on the state of FEDPAC

MRF: Jim "Legs" Korte stated that keeping an eye on the MAC panel seating, folks trying to exclude motorcycle when it is about motorcycling.

Bylaw Review: By-law proposal ready earlier from membership committee.

Dist. 17 AMA: No report to be given.

Region Reports:

NW: Sandy Murrell reported on the Chili cook off

NE: Dawn Winterfeldt reported on events going on in the region.

EC: East meets West Chili Cookoff on March 4, 2017, come join in.

WC: Nothing to report

SE: Reported on events going on in the region

SW: Marble Run Books are complete and the Marble Run starts March 1, 2017.

**Motion made by Freedom By Choice to close meeting, Will County 2nd, no discussion, motion passed.
Meeting closed at 5:13pm.**

Next meetings are:

Executive Board meeting March 18, 2017 starting at 10:30am at the VFW

Executive and Board of Directors meeting will be April 22, 2017.

Executive meeting starting at 10:30am

Board of Directors starting at 1:00pm

Held at the University of Illinois, Springfield, Illinois.