

A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc.
Brookens Library, UIS, Springfield, IL
Board of Directors meeting August 19, 2017
Minutes approved October 21, 2017 meeting

A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc.
311 E. Main St. Suite 418
Galesburg, IL 61401

Cathy Brush-State Secretary
5138 Illinois St.
Loves Park, IL 61111

Chapters present:

Apple Creek	Mid-state
Backroads	Northern Illinois
Black Diamond	Open Roads
Blackhawk	Open Roads
Central Illinois	Pathfinders (1:40 arrived)
Chicago	Peo-Taz
Dukane	Piasa-Gateway
Flatlanders	Richland County
Franklin County	River Valley
Freebird	Salt Creek
Freedom by Choice	Shoal Creek
Freedom Riders	South Suburban
Freedom Valley	Southern Dupage
Freeport	Southern Illinois
Great River	Spoon River Riders
Heart of Illinois	Starved Rock
Heartland	State Line Riders
Heritage Trail	Ten Mile Creek
Kaskaskia Valley	Twin Rivers
Kishwaukee Valley	Union Jack
Lamoine Valley	Will County
Liberty	Windy City
Lincolnland	

Chapters absent:

Big River	Prairieland
Crawford County	Shawnee Hills
Eastern Illinois	Southern Freedom
Embarras Valley	St. Clair County
Hubbard Trail	Thunder Rock
Iron Riders	Tri-County

Executive board present:

State Coordinator-Ryan Hubbard
Assistant State Coordinator-Jim "Legs" Korte
Secretary-Cathy Brush
Treasurer-Julie Bacon
Office Manager-Paula "Pauli" Ward
Legislative Coordinator-Dan Harper
Safety & Ed. Coordinator- Mike Brush

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Bike Raffle Coordinator-Howard Nation
Activities Coordinators-Dennis Byron
Newsletter Coordinator-Carla Enburg
Products Coordinator-Tracey Eddington
Bike Raffle-Howard Nation
Northeast Region Coordinator-Dawn Winterfeldt
Northwest Region Coordinator-Sandy Murrell
East Central Region Coordinator-Scott Carter
West Central Region Coordinator-Don Boland
South East Region Coordinator-Mick Eddington
South East Region Coordinator-Bob Stout
Southwest Region Coordinator- Wayne Cornick

Executive board absent:

Public Relations Coordinator-Shirley "Swirl" Lacock

Guests present:

Chris Winkler – Freedom Riders
Roxanne Behnke – Richland County
Janet Thompson – Lamoine Valley
Chris Zimmerman – Freeport
Kathy Wellman – Great River
Pam Boland – Central Illinois
Barbara Isaacs – Chapter 27
Jewels Branger – Piasa-Gateway
Sheri Dobyms –
Shane Hesse – Backroads
Carol Wanhenmachen – Liberty
Bob McHugh – Heart of Illinois

Meeting being recorded for accuracy
Turn off cell phones

Ryan Hubbard started the meeting off with the Pledge of Allegiance followed with a moment of silence at 1:05pm.

Motion to accept the secretary notes made by Freedom Valley, Richland County 2nd, no further discussion, motion passed. None opposed.

Officer Reports:

State Coordinator: - Ryan Hubbard – Advised the American Income Life will come to local chapters if invited to answer any questions.

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Assistant State Coordinator: - Jim “Legs” Korte- Seminar will January 19 – 21st, 2018. Ramada 50 rooms \$86/night over flow.

Secretary: - Cathy Brush – Looking for alternative location for BOD meetings for 2018.

Treasurer: - Julie Bacon - Windy City no paperwork.

Legislative Coordinator: - Dan Harper – We are losing friends at the state level and will need to work with new people running to become our friends. Will be doing report cards for the new DNR money approved in budget but not allowed to spend the money. Thinking we may face a fund sweeping. March 20, 2018 is date of primary.

Office Manager - Paula “Pauli” Ward – Down Rider cards as they are out of date and do we want to keep them it is \$.10 to print. Is there a need for this card? Ryan mentioned something about maybe doing them a different way. A list of chapters that have not paid insurance, Black Diamond, Flatlanders, Freedom Valley, Eastern Illinois, Kaskaskia Valley, Mid-state, Spoon River Riders and Windy City. Reminds everyone to throw old applications away cannot charge the \$2 if it does not say that on form.

Safety & Education - Mike Brush – Need to be safe when out there riding accidents up this year and need to work on getting the word out.

Products - Tracey Eddington – Nothing

Newsletter - Carla Enburg – Deadline September 9th.

Public Relations - Shirley “Swirl” Lacock – absent.

Bike Raffle - Howard Nation – advised last date for bike raffle ticket turn to office is 8/28/17 or at the Springfield Mile day of drawing September 2nd by noon. Has 2018 calendar ready to be filled out let him know of dates you wish to book bike.

Activities - Dennis Byron - Attendance was up this year. Will be changing ice vendor next year. Talked about doing the free ticket to party passed out early and to be used and chapters have enough time. Discussion was had about how to report the money in the books. Deferred account for sponsorship money. Golf carts for State Party will be handled differently next year due to misuse.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business

Motion made to close old business made by Piasa-Gateway, Freedom by Choice 2nd, motion passed. None opposed.

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NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Announce Scholarship Winner – no winner this year**
- 2. Annual MRF Pledge**

Motion made to donate \$1.00 per member using end of August membership count (\$7800.00 roughly) made by Mid-state, Freedom by choice 2nd, discussion had. Motion Failed BOD 2017-26

Motion made to donate \$3500.00 to MRF, made by Freedom Valley, Dukane 2nd, Opposed Starved Rock, State Line Riders and Ten Mile Creek. Motion passed BOD 2017-27

15-minute break @ 1:59 p.m.

- 3. 1st round of Nominations for E-Board**

**SW REGION – Open
SE REGION – Mike Eddington will think on it
WC REGION – Don Boland will think on it
NW REGION – Sandy Murrell
NE REGION – Dawn Winterfeldt
EC REGION – Scott Carter and Co – Scott Gambrill
ACTIVITIES – Mark Werries
BIKE RAFFLE – Howard Nation
PUBLIC RELATIONS – Open
NEWSLETTER – Open
PRODUCTS – Tracy Eddington
SAFETY & ED – Mike Brush
LEGISLATIVE – Dan Harper
TREASURER – Open
SECRETARY – Cathy Brush
ASST. STATE COORDINATOR – Dennis Byron and Jeff Marsh
STATE COORDINATOR – Ryan Hubbard**

- 4. Newsletter combining**

Motion made to postpone with combining November/December issue and January/February issue made by Dukane, Midstate 2nd. Discussion had to postpone taking back to chapters and bring back up at October meeting. Motion Passed. Opposed Freeport, Freedom by Choice and Blackhawk. BOD2017-25

- 5. Products – Tracy Eddington brought up the information will be on website to contact herself or Pauli and she will have products to meetings.**

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Motion to close New Business made by Heart of Illinois, Freedom Valley 2nd, no further discussion. Freedom by Choice opposed. Motion passed.

PANEL REPORTS

AMA.DIST. 17 – Nothing going on right now.

MRF – Jim “Legs” Korte - Meeting of the minds is September 28-30th, Williamsburg, VA. Anyone interested in updates from MRF got to website and sign up for updates. Will not be running for MRF PAC director or MRF State rep so we need someone to step up. MRF bid for having in Illinois, states but in bids and there is not one in for Illinois. Illinois does every 7 years the Heartland Steam meeting and we are getting close to that time. No article in MRF as there was nothing much going on legislative wise.

PAC REPORTS –

ABATE PAC report in the board packets. Hunter John Harris brought a quilt that was donated for the raffle for state seminar. Thank Starved Rock, Freeport and Piasa-Gateway for donation. All donations are needed for this coming year. Grading session is coming up and survey needs to be done so they know how to grade. The voter’s guide usually is in State paper but with combining the paper Jan/Feb this will be hard if grading in December and information will be needed early December. Carla talked about the time limit for getting information to her for the issue. After discussion made on combining paper they will decide what to do about voters’ guide. Wayne asked how much it would cost to just send a voters’ guide separately.

FEDPAC report in the board packets. Hunter John Harris state in the same boat as ABATE PAC with money.

Hunter John Harris said state riding park will be up and running as this is federal money. Sierra Woods is by Harrisburg, IL in between this and Marion, IL

REGION REPORTS –

NE REGION - Dawn Winterfeldt – brought up events in area. Will County 14 new member and 7 renewals congratulations.

NW REGION - Sandy Murrell - brought up events in the area. Convergence run money donated to FEDPAC. February Chili Cookoff goes to ABATE PAC.

WC REGION - Don Boland – could not heard very well. Talked about events in the area.

EC REGION - Scott Carter – brought up events in area. East vs West Chili Cook off are in the works, in Springfield, IL more info to come.

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SE REGION – Mick Eddington – Crossroads chapter folded talked about remembering why we are here.

SW REGION -Wayne Cornick – Marble run party on October 7th. St Clair BOD state rep was hit and killed past Saturday.

Secretary Cathy talked about the minutes when approved will be posted on line within a week.

**Motion made to adjourn the meeting made by Heart of Illinois, River Valley 2nd, motion passed.
Mid-Sate opposed.**

Adjourned at 3:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Brush
Secretary