

A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc.
Brookens Library, UIS, Springfield, IL
Board of Directors meeting December 16, 2017
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311 E. Main St. Suite 418
Galesburg, IL 61401

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

Chapters present:

Apple Creek	Old River
Big River	Open Roads
Black Diamond	Pathfinders
Blackhawk	Peo-Taz
Central Illinois	Piasa-Gateway
Chicago	Prairieland
Crawford County	Richland County
Dukane	River Valley
Embarras Valley	Salt Creek
Flatlanders	Shawnee Hills
Freebird	Shoal Creek
Freedom by Choice	South Suburban
Freedom Riders	Southern Dupage
Freedom Valley	Southern Freedom
Freeport	Southern Illinois
Great River	Spoon River Riders
Heart of Illinois	St. Clair County
Heritage Trail	Starved Rock
Kishwaukee Valley	State Line Riders (1:14 arrived and left at 3:12)
Lamoine Valley	Ten Mile Creek
Liberty	Thunder Rock
Lincolnland	Twin Rivers
Mid-State	Will County
Northern Illinois	

Chapters absent:

Backroads	Iron Riders
Eastern Illinois	Kaskaskia Valley
Franklin County	Tri-County
Heartland	Union Jack
Hubbard Trail	Windy City

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

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Safety & Ed. Coordinator- Mike Brush
Bike Raffle Coordinator-Howard Nation
Activities Coordinators-Dennis Byron
Newsletter Coordinator-Carla Enburg
Products Coordinator-Tracey Eddington
Northeast Region Coordinator-Dawn Winterfeldt
Northwest Region Coordinator-Sandy Murrell
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
East Central Region Coordinator-Scott Carter

Guests present:

Rod Carter – Crawford
Mariah Williams – Richland
Dwight Foss – Shawnee Hills
Kathy Wellman – Great River
Kurt Husen – Kishwaukee Valley
Judy Kaenel – Dukane
Chris Zimmerman – Freeport
Rob McHugh – Heart of Illinois
Tracy Matherly – Ten Mile Creek
April Matherly – Ten Mile Creek
Liz Lawson – Kishwaukee Valley
Roy Lawson – Kishwaukee Valley
Tony Erwin – Embarrass Valley
Barbara Isaacs – Chapter 27
Connie Murphy – Freedom Riders
John Umgelden – South Suburban
Kevin Smith – Open Roads
Pam Boland – Central Illinois
Henry Magee – Liberty
Janet Thompson – Lamoine Valley
Jewels Branger – Piasa-Gateway

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 1:37 pm.

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Motion to accept the secretary notes made by Southern Dupage, Freedom by Choice 2nd, no further discussion, motion passed. None opposed.

Officer Reports:

Guest Speaker – Dawn Truden – Came to answer any questions about letter that is sent out to all members and schedule any claims that have not been sent to Pauli. Unfortunately, the dollar amount of claims was \$236,475.91 since 2004, for 2017 \$18,000, six people have had an accidental death and filled claim. Wants to know if there are any problems or concerns will come to chapters if asked. If reply card sent back they will be contacted by an agent to discuss further options on coverage. Offered discount card for prescriptions. Ryan thanked her for the \$500.00 they donate to the Christmas Party.

State Coordinator: - Ryan Hubbard – Main thing seminar is coming up. Only 24 chapters have reserved rooms, it is pretty sad not even half could come to seminar. Membership down and we need to do something to create interest and bring back old members.

Assistant State Coordinator: - Jim “Legs” Korte – Seminar we have an agenda which is tentative, we removed a membership slot to add something else, not sure yet. We need sponsors for the seminar so please talk to people about doing this.

Sandy talked about the motorcycle simulator and that there will be one there. Ron is looking for people to train to take to events and learn how to run.

Secretary: - Cathy Brush – Went through the dates for 2018 that was included in their packets. Went over the 2018 meetings and location, talked about the current location and then Wyndham and Lincoln that are down the street, we would save money on meetings. Did talk about the parking ramp that does charge \$.50 and \$.75 at another ramp and street parking.

Motion made to move meetings to Wyndham/Lincoln for 2018, made by Freedom By Choice, Thunder Rock 2nd. Opposed Freepart. Motion Passed. BOD2017-35

Ryan Hubbard talked about the Statehouse holding rooms for us for Legislative Day, which may change due to the different groups being in session. March 7th only the House in session, March 14th on the Senate is in session and then April 25th both are in session. He asked the Statehouse to hold rooms for the April 25th date just in case. Talked with Todd he said that with our issues that April 25th to see both groups and he would not have a problem with that.

Treasurer: - Julie Bacon – 990's have been sent to chapter's treasurers. The next treasurer will do seminar. Thank you everyone for their support over the last 18years. This is a great organization don't let it die.

Legislative Coordinator: - Dan Harper – Apologized that he forgets about the 90-day rule for turning in expense report. He has expenses from Jan, Feb, March, April and May for gas and lodging. Lobbyist

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registration. \$2236.73 is the total for these expenses. Asked for a motion to get repayment of these expenses.

Motion made to reimburse Dan Harper for expenses for receipts over 90 days old, made by Kishwaukee Valley, Pathfinders 2nd. Discussion had. Opposed Piasa-Gateway and River Valley. Motion passed. BOD2017-36

Legislative report we do not have anything pressing. SB2233 which is in committee this the DNR to release money for off-road trail funds, we tried to get through in the Veto session but did not happen. HB2402 sound bill amended for just ambulances, they could table the amendment and start it back at square one. Don't see that happening. Talked to Illinois State Police about blue lights on bikes and will talk to other area municipalities and let us know. There will be a push from Harley Davidson to get the rider completion cards. Autonomous vehicles are here, working on a semi-tractor trailer combo. Car parks itself and brakes itself those are the start of autonomous vehicles. Volvo is working getting these cars out there, working on the sensors. E15 is here stations have it be careful, we need legislation to keep C10. Introduced Todd our lobbyist.

Bob Myers stood up and stated his contacts at the Illinois State Police have said that blue or red lights will not be agreed upon, he talked to them within the last month. Ryan stated that there are two stories behind this.

Office Manager - Paula "Pauli" Ward – Membership slowly on the decline, hopefully get some good ideas from seminar workshops. Christmas Party after meeting at Route 66.

Safety & Education - Mike Brush – Mike Brush helmets only save you 37% of the time. More deaths this year up by 10% -161 deaths in Illinois as of November 2017. Will be receiving an updated trouble stops list and we need to get out there and get in front of the public. Talked about that all classroom information needs to be turned in Friday before meeting so he can turn it into Pauli, so she can print and have in your packets. For supplies I will take then until the Wednesday before the meeting.

Products - Tracey Eddington – Products catalog will be on website to order products. Seminar shirts and legislative shirts are made and if date changes will need to figure out what to do.

Newsletter - Carla Enburg – Deadline January 13th. Will remain 2nd Saturday of the month. In your packet is a list to write your local chapters meetings. All new officers please get to here right away, so she can get in next paper. Bake sale she is doing the Friday night which is ABATE PAC if you have anything please have room by 6:00 p.m. She thanked everyone for the support that last 5 years and she will be helping Janet in this role.

Public Relations - Shirley "Swirl" Lacock – absent

Bike Raffle - Howard Nation – Ryan provided. End of December money is due for the bike trailer.

Activities - Dennis Byron – Things are going great for swap meet new vendors along with new food vendor. State party we are in negotiations with band and the sponsorships. Working with them and we will know the band once contract signed. In constant contact with sponsors and will not know exact amount until after the first as they will receive their budgets to know what they can spend.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1. Charter Review** – Ryan stated that monthly 990's for Windy City now has been turned in. Martha from Windy City texted Ryan that she had to turn around and go back home. No one from chapter are here. Dawn Winterfeldt will try to answer any questions about the chapter. Dawn has been working with them to get their paperwork done and turned in at November E-board meeting and chapter has sent them in for December. Dawn will do her best to help them with this paperwork. Discussion was made on which way to go with this review. Chapter has 18 members. Dawn has put great effort in trying to get things right and keep them going per Ryan she has gone above and beyond. Dawn would like copy of letter that is sent.

Motion made to have Windy City continue monthly the previous motion to have 990 reports and review again at February meeting and have a charter review with them in attendance, motion made by Embarras Valley, South Suburban 2nd, discussion made on this. Called to question made by Freedom by Choice, Thunder Rock 2nd, Opposed Will County, Northern Illinois, Southern Dupage. Back to original motion. Opposed Apple Creek, Freedom by Choice, Freedom Riders, Great River, Piasa-Gateway, Prairieland, Richland County, Shoal Creek, Southern Illinois, Spoon River Riders and Ten Mile Creek. Motion passed. BOD2017-37

- 2. Candidates for contested races (@ 5 minutes per)**
Assistant State Coordinator position:

-**Jeff Marsh**, I have been a member since 1992, have been Asst. State Coordinator and BOD rep for Freedom by Choice for the past few years. Have done legislative day and many other events to stay active with the organization. Go back to old ways on certain things and do them again very well like we have done before. Back to grassroots and political lobbying, we were a force to be reckoned with back in the day. We must be selective in what issues we chose to work on. We must work together.

-**Dennis Byron** current Activities coordinator. You took a chance on me for that position. This is a team effort and work together. We need to be all inclusive. We have hardly any sport bike riders in our chapters. Motorcycle class participation average age is 37 years old. We need to work with getting membership back up to where it was. Work on what we are good at and stick to it. I accomplished what I said I would do as activities and would like to change to do Asst. State Coordinator. 50% of riders now ride with helmets and this law does not bother them. More interested in LED lights and other issues.

-**Dan Harper** due to some health problems I will not seek re-election.

-**Josh Witkowski** legislative coordinator for Lincolnland chapter for the last 3 years and was an Asst to George Tinkham 1 ½ yr and for 3 years before that outreach director for gun rights organization. 9 years' legislative advocacies experience has a lot. Get back to basics and people will join you in your fight. I have no opponents only people who I have not brought to see it in another way. Will work on

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autonomous vehicles not being put on streets. Will work on the profiling issues. I have visited 25 chapters and will if elected visit the remainder of the chapters. I have learned a lot of what is happening elsewhere.

-Amanda Gotte Clay read a letter from Amanda. She apologized for not being here due to a wedding. In 2016 I did not feel I would be able to dedicate time to Legislative position due to going to school. I did earn my Master's Degree in Political Science. I feel I would be a great addition. Worked with Bob Myers and Dan in helping with seminar.

35-minute break @ 2:50 p.m.

3. Election of Executive Board

STATE COORDINATOR – Ryan Hubbard
ASST. STATE COORDINATOR – Jeff Marsh
SECRETARY – Cathy Brush
TREASURER – Paul Truax
LEGISLATIVE – Josh Witkowski
SAFETY & ED – Mike Brush
NEWSLETTER – Janet Thompson
BIKE RAFFLE – Howard Nation
ACTIVITIES – Mark Werries
PRODUCTS – Tracy Eddington
PUBLIC RELATIONS – Shirley Lacock co-chair Brian Dukes
NW REGION – Sandy Murrell
WC REGION – Don Boland
EC REGION – Scott Carter co-chair – Scott Gambrill
SE REGION – Mike Eddington co-chair Bob Stout
SW REGION – Dennis Kinnikin
NE REGION – Dawn Winterfeldt

Julie for the chapters that received paper from IRS please make a copy and send to state office and we will take care of this.

NEW BUSINESS

1. E-board Recommendation for Webmaster:

Motion made to keep Rich Kinkade as webmaster, made by Piasa-Gateway, Liberty 2nd. Opposed Salt Creek. None opposed. Motion passed BOD2017-38

2. Annual contracts:

a. Webmaster

Motion made to approve Webmaster contract, made by Freedom by Choice, Heart of Illinois 2nd. None opposed. Motion Passed. BOD2017-39

b. Lobbyist

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**Motion made to accept Lobbyist contract, made by Freedom by Choice, Embarras Valley 2nd.
None opposed. Motion Passed. BOD2017-40**

Todd did introduce himself and thanked us for the contract to be our lobbyist again. I will also be working with a gun association this year. Look forward to working with Josh.

3. E-Board Recommendation for ABATE PAC and FEDPAC trustees

**Motion made to accept recommendation from E-board for ABATE PAC the following people:
Hunter John Harris, Mike Fisher, Bob Myers, Rich Kinkade, Dave Krueger and Neil Toepfer, made by
Freedom by Choice, Kishwaukee Valley 2nd, no discussion. None opposed. Motion passed.
BOD2017-41**

**Motion made to accept recommendation from E-board for FEDPAC the following people: Bob
Myers, Elizabeth Winters and Hunter John Harris, for FEDPAC made by Freedom by Choice,
Thunder Rock 2nd, no discussion. None opposed. Motion passed. BOD2017-42**

4. Appointment of panel (MRF, AMA/District 17)

**Motion made to have Hunter John Harris reseated for AMA and District 17 rep, made by Freedom
by Choice, Thunder Rock 2nd, no discussion. None opposed. Motion passed. BOD2017-43**

**Motion made the MRF Representative for Illinois to be Dennis Byron, made by Dukane, River
Valley 2nd, no discussion. None opposed. Motion passed. BOD2017-44**

**Motion made that the Bylaw Review Committee chair be reseated the same as now, made by
Piasa-Gateway, Will County 2nd, no discussion. None opposed. Motion Passed. BOD2017-45**

**Motion to close New Business made by Freedom by Choice, Heart of Illinois 2nd, no further discussion.
None opposed. Motion passed.**

PANEL REPORTS

AMA.DIST. 17/DNR – Hunter John Harris membership dropping just like us in AMA. Off road stuff press release on the park opening the park, designing and making rules. DNR contacted me to go to a meeting another committee about more horse trails. A resolution made us come up with a committee and have answers from December 31st. This resolution talked about ATV's, so we were called. SB2233 everyone to tell senators to get this passed so we can have the money released to us.

MRF – Jim “Legs” Korte chapters please renew your sustaining membership. MRF works to get bills to be passed or not passed in the Congress. Meagan is in DC and is really getting things up and keeping it going at the Federal level. Only fundraiser is the Meeting of the Minds, only other funds come from members and chapters from renewing and being members.

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PAC REPORTS –

ABATE PAC – Copy in your packet. **Hunter John Harris** thank you to Freedom Riders and Freeport for donations made. We will need money as this is an election year. Kishwaukee Valley did a donation to the PAC at the meeting. We cannot grade politician's if you don't turn in the surveys.

FEDPAC – **Elizabeth Winters** putting my name for the coordinator for the FEDPAC. Went over the treasurer report. Southern Dupage thank for your donation. Kishwaukee Valley made donation to the Pac at the meeting. We need auction items for the seminar. Please find form online and fill out before coming. A chapter can not donate to the PAC directly per FCC laws.

REGION REPORTS –

NE REGION – Dawn Winterfeldt sad to report River Valley will be closing at the end of the year.

NW REGION – Sandy Murrell talked about the Northwest Region Chili Cookout Feb 3rd at VFW in Dixon and all proceeds go to ABATE PAC.

WC REGION – Don Boland talked about a donation (hard to hear)

EC REGION – not present.

SE REGION – Bob Stout talked about some different issues with raffle license. Mick Eddington update on profiling in Johnson City, we got reassurance this will not happen any longer, the officer has been talked to. We should be all good with this.

SW REGION – Wayne Cornick January 7th winter swap meet. January 14th meat shoot, gun raffle tickets for that event. Been 3 years in this position and recognized Dennis Kinnikin to come talk as he will be the new SW Region coordinator. Dennis has been a member since 1986.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting made by Ten Mile Creek, Pathfinders 2nd. None opposed. Motion passed.

Adjourned at 4:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Brush
Secretary

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