

A.B.A.T.E. of ILLINOIS, INC
Executive Board Meeting, February 20, 2016
Brookens Library, Room 417
Springfield, Il 62701
Minutes Approved March 19, 2016
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Galesburg, Il 61401

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

Executive board present:

State Coordinator-Ryan Hubbard
Assistant State Coordinator-Jim "Legs" Korte
Secretary-Paulette Korte
Treasurer-Julie Bacon
Office Manager-Paula "Pauli" Ward
Legislative Coordinator-Bob Myers (arrived 10:49am)
Safety & Ed. Coordinator- Mike Koester
Public Relations Coordinator-Shirley "Swirl" Lacock
Bike Raffle Coordinator-Howard Nation
Activities Coordinators-Barb and Roger Leach
Newsletter Coordinator-Carla Enburg
Products Coordinator-Tracey Eddington
Northeast Region Coordinator-Dawn Winterfeldt
Northwest Region Coordinator-Sandy Murrell
East Central Region Coordinator-Scott Carter
South East Region Coordinator-Mick Eddington
South East Region Coordinator-Bob Stout
Southwest Region Coordinator- Wayne Cornick

Executive board absent:

Northwest Region Coordinator-Bud Lein

Guests present:

Gus Miller-Heart of Illinois
Felicia Herron-River Valley
Roger Larson-Freeport
Brian Enburg-Blackhawk
Chris Zimmerman-Freeport
Martha Patterson-Piasa-Gateway
Phil Cornel-Lincolnland
James Lacock-Peo-Taz

Meeting was called to order by Ryan Hubbard leading the board and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance followed with a moment of silence for fallen brothers and sisters at 10:30am Central Time

State Coordinator: Ryan Hubbard followed with a couple of notes concerning newsletter delivery issues. Most sound as if to deal with specific post offices themselves in **handling** 3rd class mailings.

Assistant State Coordinator: Jim "Legs" Korte following up on feedback of results of the ABATE seminar in January. Comments brought up about being able to have better access of legislation on the website,

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suggestion of a video explanation on how to use. Follow up with Pauli Ward on registration for Heartland Steam. Pauli Ward stated there was a profit from the January 2016 Seminar. Jim "Legs" Korte brought up that there were several items taken at the seminar this year, this will also be brought up at the Board of Directors meeting this afternoon and how to better address help in the future.

Secretary: Paulette Korte had nothing to report other than receiving all of the Secretary stuff from Kat Connor and the purchase of a laptop.

Treasurer: Julie Bacon reported on who will not be able to vote in the Board of Directors Meeting do to 990's not yet turned in.

Legislative: Bob Myers not present at this time for report. Report sent in and will be given at the Board of Directors meeting. Bob Myers arrived at 10:49am and states there is a box of Illinois Government Handbooks for the Board of Directors meeting today.

Safety & Education: Mike Koester reported he has registered for Life Savers Conference in April

Products: Tracey Eddington reported that the webstore is under construction and working out the bugs. Also have banner made up for the products trailer for the sponsors who have paid.

Newsletter: Carla Enburg stated the deadline for the March newsletter will be March 12, 2016

Public Relations: Shirley "Swirl" Lacock there will be a local Peoria Area Marble Run April 1-October 1, 2016 for a couple who died in a motorcycle crash in 2015 and asked ABATE of Illinois for \$50 for advertising for ABATE of Illinois, the fee was paid out of the PR budget. The couple were members of ABATE of Illinois. Shirley has been working with a marketing company for quotes on availability of list of registered motorcyclist to expand the possibility of promoting membership. There are 3 different prices for amount of motorcyclists. Conversations are still going on at this time.

Bike Raffle: Howard Nation brought up about the chapter advertising on the Bike trailer when it travels around the state with the ABATE of Illinois prizes. He also had made up a board with the state on it with stars representing chapters for \$80. The bike is being asked to be present in Peoria, Illinois March 4-6, 2016 at the Convention center for an event.

Office Manager: Pauli Ward brought questions up about the "Operations Free Ride" brought up and dropped at the last board meetings for membership promotion. Will be brought up under new business at the Board of Directors meeting today. The ABATE of Illinois **February Financial** report needs to have some corrections made and will be brought to the next meeting. The **individual at the CPA office** who has been doing our records has retired. Pauli Ward also brought questions about the By-Law proposal and calls that have been made to the ABATE of Illinois office with some confusion of language, the proposal is being pulled by the author to clean up language and represent to the By-Law Review Committee. Office will be closed from March 11-25, 2016 **in part** to travel to Arizona to pick up the Ride Smart program from Mike Myers. Pauli Ward also stated that there are rooms reserved at the Northfield Inn for the April meeting to be followed by the Awareness Rally.

Activities: Barb and Roger Leach reported that the plans for the Swap meet are going well. Plans for the Rally are on Track. They currently need judges for the swap meet for tomorrow, volunteers presented themselves at the Executive Board meeting. Radio advertising will be available at the Swap meet and

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offering for a dollar amount advertising for ABATE of Illinois at the Springfield Mile for \$900. The board agreed and this money will come out of the PR budget. Barb and Roger will not be present at the April board meetings. 4 bands booked for the State Party and advanced tickets are here for sale. Heart of Illinois has the items for the bike games for the State Party. Need to follow up with the electricity for the Bike Memorial at the Awareness Rally

Unfinished Business:

Follow up with the chapters who will not be able to participate today as their chapter 990's not turned in.

Motion made by Shirley "Swirl" Lacock to close unfinished business, Mike Koester 2nd, no further discussion, motion passed.

New Business:

Discussion on moving the State Seminar to another hotel or booking more rooms at the Ramada by the Northfield In. Clarification that not all rooms were used at the hotels and that registration didn't change.

The 30th Anniversary is next year for ABATE of Illinois and wanting to invite past State Coordinators and having a forum at the Seminar. 11 total 3 gone, 3 are out of state, pay for room and banquet. Need to add 5 rooms to the hotel list for 2017.

Motion made by Pauli Ward to close New Business, Mike Koester 2nd, no further discussion, motion passed.

Region Reports:

NE Region

NW Region

EC Region

WC Region

SE Region

SW Region

All region reports to be given at the Board of Directors meeting today.

Motion made by Pauli Ward to close the meeting, Julie Bacon 2nd, no further discussion, motion passed. Meeting closed at 12:05pm

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