

A.B.A.T.E. of ILLINOIS, INC

**Board of Directors Meeting, October 20, 2018**

UIS, Brookens Library Auditorium

Springfield, Il 62701

**Minutes approved December 15, 2018**

**A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc. Office**

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Galesburg, Il 61401

**Cathy Brush - State Secretary**

5138 Illinois St

Loves Park, IL 61111

**Chapters present:**

Black Diamond	Lincolmland
Blackhawk	Midstate
Central	Northern Illinois
Chicago	Old River
Dukane	Open Roads
Eastern Illinois	Pathfinders
Embarras Valley	Peo-Taz
Flatlanders	Piasa-Gateway
Freebird	Prairieland
Freedom Riders	Shoal Creek
Freedom Valley	South Suburban
Freeport	Southern Dupage
Great River	Southern Illinois 27
Heart of Illinois	Spoon River Riders
Heartland	Starved Rock
Iron Riders	Thunder Rock
Kaskaskia Valley	Twin Rivers
Lamoine Valley	Will County
Liberty	Windy City

**Executive board present:**

State Coordinator-Ryan Hubbard

Assistant State Coordinator-Jeff Marsh

Office Manager-Paula "Pauli" Ward

Legislative Coordinator-Josh Witkowski

Bike Raffle Coordinator-Howard Nation

Activities Coordinators-Mark Werries

Newsletter Coordinator-Janet Thompson

Products Coordinator-Tracey Eddington

Northeast Region Coordinator-Dennis Byron

Northwest Region Coordinator-Sandy Murrell

South East Region Coordinator-Bob Stout

South East Region Coordinator-Mick Eddington

Southwest Region Coordinator- Dennis Kinnikin

East Central Region Coordinator-Scott Carter

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Secretary-Cathy Brush

Treasurer-Paul Truax

Safety & Ed. Coordinator- Mike Brush

West Central Region Coordinator-Don Boland

East Central Region Coordinator-John Gambrill

**Guests present:**

Liz Lawson – Kishwaukee Valley

Legs Korte – Piasa-Gateway

Paulette Korte – Piasa-Gateway

Clark Faris – Thunder Rock

Josh Deshazo – Thunder Rock

Kevin Smith – Open Roads

Chris Zimmerman – Freeport

Donna Mills – Eastern Illinois

Barbara Isaacs – Southern Illinois 27

Randy Martin – Pathfinders

Rob McHugh – State

Bonnie Kendall – Great River

Tony Erwin – Embarras Valley

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 1:00 p.m. Central Time.

**Motion made by Thunder Rock to accept secretary minutes, Southern Illinois 27 2<sup>nd</sup>, no further discussion or corrections noted. Motion carried.**

**State Coordinator:** Ryan Hubbard – Talked about Facebook bites again. We are working to keep the garbage off Facebook. Things that are to be dealt with at a chapter meeting need to stay at the chapter meeting and not Facebook. MRF donation \$3502.00 was given at the Meeting of the Minds. We received a recognition at the Meeting of the Minds: Certification of appreciation of recognition of your tireless efforts in promoting and protecting motorcycle rights and awareness, this is for recognition of supporting two MRF board members to attend meetings. We also received the 2018 Ron Shepard recognition award. Last one that we should be proud of Life Member Outstanding Achievement was given to Jim “Legs” Korte. Jim thanked all the mentors that he has worked with through the years.

**Assistant State Coordinator:** Jeff Marsh – Legs achievement is well desired, personally thanked him. State seminar we need to get people registered and the earlier the better. The website has a link to pay and sign up. We need to push to get attendance for this even to get information out there, we have a lot of sessions on how to run a good chapter and position specific sessions. Come learn and have fun. Ron coming back with simulator and will do a few classes. We have had donations to the seminar coming in which helps us.

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**Secretary:** Cathy Brush - excused

**Treasurer:** Paul Truax – excused – IRS is sending letters that said your chapter did not file. Send these to the State office and Pauli will send to the CPA to handle. 990 are being mailed in December to chapter address. Due by end of January would like handed in at Seminar. Training at seminar will include budget and 990's.

**Legislative:** Josh Witkowski – Issues: Peoria Cty issue of the biker killed by a driver with revoked license has not had a license for 15 years – under Illinois law he is looking at 3 years in prison, the least 18 months he may serve less than a year. He was not drunk at time of accident so there are no aggravated factors to make it a Class 2 felony. If anyone kills someone while driving unlicensed or while suspended needs to be a Class 2 felony reckless homicide. We need to look at this.

Another Village of Northbrook has passed an ordinance to wear a helmet under 16, which they could graduate to include motorcycles and adults.

Elections November 6<sup>th</sup> please get out there and vote we have friends that are running tight races and we need to support them. Went through all the races that we need to help.

Please get people to the Seminar I will be holding sessions on how to approach people and get you better tools to engage more on the local level.

Legislative Day is hoping to be early March waiting for schedule to be released.

DC trip is going to be in April looking at 2 – 3 of April, sending 6 people. If interested, please do this trip. Travel is covered and looking to get some per diem for people going.

The Awareness ride is now changed to the Freedom Ride. Working on trying to get camping grounds to try and draw people in and having more accommodations. Working to get people to line streets like they used to.

Time to pick a Legislative agenda:

1. Off road – support getting more parks – no oppositions
2. Protect off highway vehicle trails fund – no oppositions
3. Oppose any mandates on protective equipment on off road vehicles – no oppositions
4. Opposing municipalities for off road vehicles on private property – no oppositions
5. Do we want to support a state-wide law to allow side by sides on county highways which would allow dirty bikes and ATV's? discussion was had on this issue. This is for county highways were speed limits could be up to 55 mph.

**Motion from Open Roads to oppose this, Northern Illinois 2<sup>nd</sup>. No further discussion. Kishwaukee Valley opposed. Motion passed. BOD2018-10**

6. General mood – Side by sides do we want to engage with that community. Help with anything as a case by case basis. All in agreement.

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7. Continue to oppose helmet laws - yes
8. Profiling - yes
9. Oppose tax credits on E15 fuels - yes
10. Continue to push labeling – yes
11. Dedicated pumps for E15 E85 – yes
12. Motorcycle riding training funds – yes
13. Autonomous vehicles propose without safe guards for motorcycle awareness – yes. This will be our big fight coming January.
14. Continue to participate in Autonomous vehicle talks with committees – yes
15. Ethanol do we want to push for testing on small engines. - There is testing out there that we need to review and use to help us in our fight. - no
16. Cycle Rider training fund pursue Legislation to protect – Ryan was asked to set up a meeting with our lobbyist and Harley’s lobbyist about our concerns and Ryan did tell her that they may not like what is said.

**Motion made by Blackhawk to pursue legislation banning private companies from being able to access these funds and or issue their own completion cards, Eastern Illinois 2nd, discussion had. Motion passed. BOD2018-11**

17. LED lighting to include red and blue – yes
18. Written test is 1/3 questions on alcohol, do we want to approach SOS to update this – yes
19. Elderly riding test – 72 yr old discuss with SOS
20. Push to clear up Poker Run Bill language – yes
21. Distracted driver increases penalties – yes all-inclusive no motorcycle specific
22. DUI suspended license fatality – yes
23. Processions recognized runs –
24. Lane sharing – Level 1. Shoulder riding – yes. Level 2. Filtering – no. Level 3. Lane splitting – no

**Office Manager:** Pauli Ward – Memberships we have had some come in that are 2 – 3 months old. People are calling me asking why their checks have not been cashed. Liability insurance has gone down. Christmas party at VFW behind Hall’s Harley Dealership, Mark Werries and his family are making the food and we will have enough to go around. Rich Neb nominations are due to office by December 1<sup>st</sup> so that the Eboard can review in December and announce at State Seminar.

**Safety & Education:** Mike Brush – excused. Ryan there is supplies see Mark Werries. Fatalities by county in your packets over 100 for the year.

**Products:** Tracey Eddington – Could not hear what was said.

**Newsletter:** Janet Thompson – Paper will be a week late due to getting nominees in there. Will put the Rich Neb information in next paper. Up to 52 sponsors for the paper, great job.

**Public Relations:** Brian Dukes – ABATE Steel (Seminar to educate empower and lead) is being floated around to change the name of Seminar. Working and looking for graphics for this.

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**Bike Raffle:** Howard Nation – Posters are made, and Region Coordinators have them. Schedule is light and have not heard from some people that had events last year. Bike Raffle sales awards given to: Ten Mile Creek, Piasa-Gateway, Lamoine Valley, Open Roads, Kishwaukee Valley, Southwest Region chapters, Lincolnland, Starved Rock and Freeport. Sell, Sell, Sell! This is the biggest fundraiser we must support our organization.

**Activities:** Mark Werries – Wrapped up for the year. Working on Seminar with Jeff on the hospitality room part.

Break 20 mins @ 2:16 p.m.

**Unfinished Business:**

**1. 2<sup>nd</sup> Round of Nominations for E- board:**

**Coordinator – Dennis Byron – accepted or**

**Mick Eddington accepted**

**Co-Coordinator – Robert Ellinger – accepted**

**Secretary – Cathy Brush – accepted or**

**Charissa Reed – previously accepted**

**Treasurer – Paul Truax – previously accepted**

**Legislative – Josh Witkowski – previously accepted**

**Safety & Ed – Paulette Korte - accepted**

**Products – Sharilyn Kibler Russell – accepted**

**Newsletter – Carla Enburg – previously accepted**

**Public Relations – Brian Dukes – previously accepted**

**Bike Raffle – Howard Nation – previously accepted**

**Activities – Mark Werries – previously accepted**

**NE Region – Dawn Winterfeldt - accepted with co-coordinator John Paul Faulhaber – accepted**

**NW Region – Sandy Murrell – previously accepted**

**EC Region – John Gambrell – accepted with co-coordinator William Millis – accepted**

**WC Region – Janet Thompson – previously accepted**

**SE Region – Bob Stout - previously accepted with co-coordinator Bob Isaacs – accepted**

**SW Region – Dennis “Skinny” Kinnikin – previously accepted with co-coordinator Wayne**

**Cornick - accepted**

**Motion made by Heart of Illinois to close unfinished business, Thunder Rock 2<sup>nd</sup>, no further discussion, motion passed.**

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**New Business:**

**1. 2019 Budget Proposal**

**Motion made by Piasa-Gateway to accept budget as is with the amendment to make MRF Board Member line \$300.00, Iron Riders 2nd. Discussion had, and amendments made (see below). Motion passed. BOD2018-12**

**Amendment made by Iron Riders to move money from insurance surplus to MRF Board member expenses, Thunder Rock 2nd, discussion had, Freeport and Heartland opposed. Amendment passed.**

**Amendment made by Windy City to make the MRF Board Member line to be \$3000.00 which is moving \$2000.00 from insurance surplus, Old River 2nd, discussion had. Freeport opposed. Amendment passed.**

- 2. Webmaster** – Ryan went over the hand out on IP Dynamic Solutions and Josh elaborated on all the things that the Eboard will be able to update on the new site. Discussion was made that we need to modernize and move forward.

**Motion made by Dukane to accept the contract for IP Dynamic Solutions, Freedom Riders 2<sup>nd</sup>, discussion had. None opposed. Motion passed. BOD2018-13**

Legs talked about coming back from Meeting of Minutes and there was a ride in St Louis where sport bike riders that are riding horrible and not safe. We need to look at this and put out a statement that we do not promote this type of activity. Found a long list of people that are supporting this kind of activity. Ride of the Century is what it is called per Josh. He is talking to be people about working on this. We are working with heads to ensure this is done as a safe event.

Heart of Illinois brought up change minds of others that all we are about is anti-helmet when we are pro-choice, Ryan did state that Brian Dukes has been working on this and hoping this new website to get the word out. Ryan believes we are on a path to change the perceptions, which will be difficult to change everyone's minds. Make posters or flyers that will outline what we really are.

**Motion made by Heart Of Illinois to close New Business, Eastern Illinois 2<sup>nd</sup>, no further discussion, motion passed.**

**PAC Report:**

**ABATE PAC** – Hunter John recognized chapters for donations.

**Fed PAC** – Hunter John went over budget. Stated both Pac's are going to need money. Discussions were had about money being spent and where. These are used to assist with sending people to events for politician.

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**Panel Reports:**

**MRF** – Dennis went to Meeting of the minds and was eye opening for me. It has been a learning experience the whole year. Anyone can attend this meeting. Megan who is the MRF legislative person has moved on and is no longer with the MRF. We are interviewing for a new person to fill position. Possibility rolling out federal issues on the MRF site and state issues, this all is going to cost money for them. Increase in membership in May 2019 will be \$5.00. Paulette has stepped up to help me and show me the ropes. Paulette talked about the Hall of Fame, we have 13 people that over the years have been recognized as helping. This will in the Indiana office to see and will be on the website. There is a committee who will be managing this. Please join the MRF if you are not a member. Heartland Steam will be in Illinois 2020.

**AMA/District 17** – Hunter John really nothing going on right now. Working to get events situated with those that work with them.

We have tri-folds that explain what we do for the off-road vehicles. Please take some and get them out there. I am working to update these next year. State Park in the works right now looking for Spring 2019 to open.

Make sure to get your letter of intent to office by December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 for any of the panels.

**Region Reports:**

**NE Region – Dawn** – Talked about current events in area.

**NW Region – Sandy** – Talked about current events in area. Gave Paulette a check for Fed Pac that was raised by Convergence run.

**EC Region – Scott** - Asked that if you have problems with members or a chapter keep it off social media.

**WC Region – Don (excused)**

**SE Region – Mick** – We need to help the politicians, or we should go by helmets as they will be needed.

**SW Region – Skinny** – Talked about the carvings they have for the seminar, we should have a total of 4. Talked about events going on. Talked about a Queen of hearts drawing and working with Rod Taylor on this.

**Motion made by Southern Illinois 27 to adjourn the meeting, Starved Rock 2<sup>nd</sup>, no further discussion, motion carried.**

**Meeting closed at 4:06 p.m.**

Respectfully,

Cathy Brush  
State Secretary