

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

Board of Directors Meeting, February 17, 2018

Wyndham Springfield City Centre

Springfield, Il 62701

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Cathy Brush - State Secretary

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Chapters present:

Backroads	Midstate
Blackhawk	Northern Illinois
Central	Old River
Chicago	Open Roads
Crawford County	Pathfinders
Dukane	Peo-Taz
Eastern Illinois	Piasa-Gateway
Flatlanders	Prairieland
Freebird	Shoal Creek
Freedom Riders	South Suburban
Freedom Valley	Southern Dupage
Freeport	Southern Illinois 27
Great River	Spoon River Riders
Heart of Illinois	St. Clair (2:04 p.m.)
Heritage Trail	Starved Rock
Iron Riders	Ten Mile Creek
Kaskaskia Valley	Thunder Rock
Kishwaukee Valley	Twin Rivers
Lamoine Valley	Will County
Liberty	Windy City (1:50 p.m.)
Lincolnland	

Executive board present:

State Coordinator- Ryan Hubbard

Assistant State Coordinator- Jeff Marsh

Secretary- Cathy Brush

Treasurer- Paul Truax

Office Manager- Paula "Pauli" Ward

Legislative Coordinator- Josh Witkowski

Safety & Ed. Coordinator- Mike Brush

Bike Raffle Coordinator- Howard Nation

Activities Coordinators- Mark Werries

Newsletter Coordinator- Janet Thompson

Northeast Region Coordinator- Dennis Byron

Northwest Region Coordinator- Sandy Murrell

West Central Region Coordinator- Don Boland

South East Region Coordinator- Bob Stout

Southwest Region Coordinator- Dennis Kinnikin

East Central Region Coordinator- Scott Carter

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Executive board absent:

Public Relations Coordinator- Shirley "Swirl" Lacock

Products Coordinator- Tracey Eddington

South East Region Coordinator- Mick Eddington

East Central Region Coordinator- John Gambrill

Guests present:

Barbara Isaacs – Chapter 27

Brian Collins – Midstate

Chris Zimmerman – Freeport

Darrell Best – Old River

Rob McHugh – Heart of Illinois

Shane Hesse – Backroads

Kevin Smith – Open Roads

Bonnie Kendall – Great River

Pam Boland – Central Illinois

Joe Barnes – Dukane

David Myers – Liberty

John Joplin – Prairieland

Eddie Drews – Northern Illinois

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 1:03 p.m. Central Time. Turn cell phones down or off and meeting is being recorded for accuracy.

Motion made by Freedom Valley to accept secretary minutes, Thunder Rock 2nd, no further discussion or corrections noted. Motion carried.

State Coordinator: Ryan Hubbard went through the feedback from seminar, there were a few that said it was negative and that could be from my talk on Saturday. We need to grab shovel and start digging ourselves out. I felt it had to be said so I said it

Assistant State Coordinator: Jeff Marsh talked about seminar the dates for 2019 will be January 18 – 20. He will be getting started on the seminar right away, looking for suggestions on what people would want to hear. Attendance was 235. We need to work on pre-registration due to spending too much money on food and are wasting on money on food we are not eating. Trying to get more people involved and attend. Ryan presented the certificates that did not get picked up at seminar.

Treasurer: Paul Truax gave the number of who has not turned in 990. Heard from 53 chapters only. The most common problem are minor errors that he could clear up. Old River and Southern Freedom need to get a hold of me.

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Legislative: Josh Witkowski - Legislative day is April 25th, 2018 handed out flyers. We are having live band at reception afterwards. We will be in there in the morning around 12:30 p.m. would like a group picture before the day starts. DC trip May 13 – 20, 2018 if you want to go fill out application and send to me as soon as possible. During the time the Biker's in the Beltway will be going on Tuesday that same time. Will attend that reception that is that day so that we can learn from others. Mailchimp that is the legislative alert system that we are using so you get the updates. Please sign up today. Need the following chapters Legislative coordinator: Eastern Illinois, Embarrass Valley, Iron Riders, Stateline Riders, Heartland, Hubbard Trail, Twin Rivers, Richland County, Crawford County, Crossroads, Franklin County, Shawnee Hills, Southern Freedom, Black Diamond, Union Jack, Backroads and Great River needs email address and phone numbers. We are still working on the profiling issues and working to write a state level bill but need everyone to fill out or contact myself if something happens. Autonomous vehicles IDOT is pushing for them heavily, I filed to get all reports on this to see if and where motorcycles are in this. Autonomous vehicles only see motorcycles 40% of the time if in front of them. HB2747 SAFE AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE ACT. Ethanol E15 about directions we go what I propose: tax credits on ethanol we will oppose, other thing seeking guidance on is if you see pumps take a picture of pump and where and send to me, I am looking to create a google map. We are not going to beat ethanol it is out there. Ryan stated that MRF is pushing federally to ensure we have E10 and E0 available, not pushing separate pumps/tanks. Separate lines for the E15. SB2883 we are opposed to going for E20 fuel. I need to know when and where flyers for poker run flyers being torn down in establishments. Also need to know any counties refusing to issue poker run permit. Off road issues: SB2233 RECORDS ACT-POLICE MISCONDUCT appropriations bill this is for the money to be dispersed. Bill will be thrown into the budget not a pass/fail one. This will need witness slip filled out and can be found on ilga.gov if we have them they look at with the more witness slips. They are wanting to license side-by-sides for county highway use. Hunter John and myself looking into this. Recreational trail allotment funds this is Federal money has been given and trail started. Electric motorcycles HB4734 gives rebates back for purchasing these types of motorcycles. This treats bikes equal to cars. Working on writing a bill for the profiling issues, we need good language and examples to go with, if we don't they won't even look at a bill.

Office Manager: Pauli Ward Office will be closed March 26 – 30th.

Safety & Education: Mike Brush – Needs all 2017 reports so we can complete the report and get to Pauli. Talked about upgrading the pens we currently are purchasing for handouts for the Safety & Education presentations:

Motion made by Eastern Illinois to allow Safety & Education to upgrade the pens that are given out, Open Roads 2nd, no further discussion. Motion Passed. BOD2018-01

Also, I have been approached to put the Safety & Education classroom video on youtube.com and our website.

Motion made by Freedom Riders to leave Safety & Ed video as is and not appear on line anywhere, Eastern Illinois 2nd. Motion passed. BOD2018-02

We are going to start video with the awareness rally so looking to get a good attendance.

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Public Relations: Brian Dukes – At April BOD supplies will be provided to chapters. Kishwaukee Valley asked if this will be the only time we can get, and Ryan advised we are working on this currently. The form was taken down from the website and we are working on this.

Products: Tracey Eddington – absent

Newsletter: Janet Thompson deadline for submission to the newsletter will remain the same 2nd Saturday of the month. Working with Carla to get file done to submit to publishing company, may be a little later than normal.

Bike Raffle: Howard Nation – absent. Ryan mention Howard is looking to fill August 20th - 31st with the bikes. SELL SELL SELL SELL.

Activities: Mark Werries – absent was at the Swap Meet. Ryan mentioned May 6th is the Awareness Rally. At the seminar passed out the state tickets and the sponsorship information, if you were not there we have your envelope here today and was in your packet given to you by Pauli. The concert will be Colt Ford on Saturday night.

Secretary: Cathy Brush talked about the meeting space we were in and that this is what it will be ever time. I have not signed the rest of the contracts for the Wyndham location and can cancel the remainder of the meetings, I do have the contracts for the University and they are waiting for me to sign. Will discuss with them about pricing in June not going up. The next two meeting prices are set. August and December remember cafeteria is closed at University.

Motion made by Spoon River Riders to move meetings back to University of Illinois, Eastern Illinois 2nd. Discussion had about pricing. Opposed Thunder Rock and Old River. Motion passed. BOD2018-03

For BOD minutes if you want them emailed please give Pauli your email address. We are going to try this again.

Break – 20 minutes taken at 2:24 p.m.

Cathy read the BOD meeting dates for everyone: April 14th, June 16th, August 18th, October 20th and December 15th at the University of Illinois.

Unfinished Business:

1. Charter Review – Windy City

This came before us due to not having monthly 990's turned in. Dennis Byron introduced Marsha and the history is there and Marsha is here to answer any questions about chapter and 990 issues. President of the chapter, Marsha was present. She apologized for missing the December meeting due to work obligations. I was notified in June in doing the 990's and was advised incorrect and felt that communication was not being provided her. She was asked why the remainder of the officers were not in attendance as letter stated, they have family and work obligations that they were unable to attend. It was stated that the reason was 990's and she stated the end of year 990 was on time and she had an issue with her treasurer and has rectified

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this and will continue to be on time. Miss communication that if nothing was done with chapter no events or new members she still needed to turn something in. Promises to be better in getting 990's done and is greatly dedicated to this organization. Promises this will not be ongoing issue.

Pauli advised she received a text from Rich that the website had to be reconstructed and we need to email him at rkrkx2@hotmail.com. To update link for chapters from the state website.

Motion made by Dukane to close unfinished business, Central Illinois 2nd, no further discussion, motion passed.

New Business:

1. **Writing checks to ABATE** – Checks must be made out to ABATE of Illinois and in the memo put what it is for, do not make check payable to Safety & Education etc. Get a hold of Cindy Lannon if you are wanting to donate directly to FEDPAC new rules apply. Went over the budget in packet about where money shows that was received at seminar.

Paul Truax when we help a charity, IRS law is tricky we are a 501C4 we are out there to educate on motorcycle issues. We can not do a fund raiser for something else, we can not run through our bank account and give to the person/organization. Someone from the person/organization needs to be present to collect money and but through their accounts. We could be liable for all money collected and if we keep money for anything the person/organization can come back and want all money from us. So just make sure who the money is for is at the event.

2. **NPVL Review** – reviewed and below motion made.

Motion made by Piasa-Gateway to leave Non-Preferred Vendor List as is, no further discussion. Motion Passed. BOD2018-04

Motion made by Thunder Rock to close New Business, Freedom Riders 2nd, no further discussion, motion passed.

PAC REPORTS:

ABATE PAC – went over financial report that was in hand out you received at meeting. If you know of an event, make sure that information gets to Neal and they will decide which ones to go to.

Fed PAC – went over financial report that was in hand out you received at meeting. Cindy and Elizabeth are going through all paperwork to help chapters understand when/how they can donate. Also, if there is a federal event get in contact with them. March 20th primary election get out and vote.

PANEL REPORTS:

MRF – Dennis stated to get involved with MRF. Make sure we are filling out the profiling document on the mrf.org we need all this information. Heartland Steam in March 23 – 25 Albert Lee, MN, Biker's in the Beltway May 15th and Meeting of the Minds September 20-23 which is in Denver this year. St. Clair gave a donation to MRF. We will have 2 tables at Swap Meet to renew or join.

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AMA/DISTRICT 17 – Hunter John absent.

Region Reports:

NE Region – Planning and getting ready for Spring. ABATE bowling classic put on by Dukane coming up.

NW Region – Chili shootout in February not as many people as usually, this donation went to ABATE PAC. August 25th is the Convergence Run will be a poker run this year, meet at VFW in Dixon, IL this will go to FED PAC. The chapter with most members will receive a plague and it will be a traveling plague. Feb 24th Open Roads chili cook off/pool tournament in Plano, IL. I do mass email notification and if you wish to be included please let me know.

EC Region – could not hear his report. Chili shoot out east meets west March 3rd.

WC Region – could not hear his report. Chili shoot out east meets west March 3rd.

SE Region – April 14th is the moonshine lunch run.

SW Region – First thing St Clair donated to ABATE of Illinois general fund. Gun raffle tickets for sale for \$5.00.

Motion made by Piasa-Gateway to adjourn the meeting, Dukane 2nd, no further discussion, motion carried.

Meeting closed at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully,

Cathy Brush

Secretary

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