

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

**Board of Directors Meeting, April 14, 2018**

University of Illinois Brookens Library

Springfield, Il 62703

**Minutes approved at June 16, 2018**

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

311 E. Main, Ste 418

Galesburg, Il 61401

**Cathy Brush - State Secretary**

5138 Illinois St

Loves Park, IL 61111

**Chapters present:**

Apple Creek	Midstate
Black Diamond	Northern Illinois
Blackhawk	Open Roads
Central	Pathfinders
Chicago	Peo-Taz
Dukane	Piasa-Gateway
Eastern Illinois	Salt Creek (left at 2:50 p.m.)
Embarras Valley	Southern Dupage
Freebird	Southern Freedom
Freedom Valley	Spoon River Riders
Freeport	St. Clair
Heart of Illinois	Starved Rock
Heartland	Thunder Rock
Iron Riders	Twin Rivers
Kaskaskia Valley	Will County
Kishwaukee Valley	Windy City
Lamoine Valley	
Liberty	
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  
Public Relations-Brian Dukes  
Safety & Ed. Coordinator- Mike Brush  
Activities Coordinators- Mark Werries  
Newsletter Coordinator- Janet Thompson  
Northeast Region Coordinator- Dawn Winterfeldt  
Northwest Region Coordinator- Sandy Murrell  
West Central Region Coordinator- Don Boland  
Southwest Region Coordinator- Dennis Kinnikin  
East Central Region Coordinator- Scott Carter  
East Central Region Coordinator- John Gambrill

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Bike Raffle Coordinator- Howard Nation

Products Coordinator- Tracey Eddington

South East Region Coordinator- Mick Eddington

South East Region Coordinator- Bob Stout

**Guests present:**

Roger Treend – Southern Dupage

Rob McHugh-Heart of Illinois

Donna Mills – Eastern Illinois

Chris Zimmerman – Freeport

Brian Collman – Midstate

Kevin – Open Roads

Amanda Gotte – Dukane

Carol Wannermacher – Liberty

Pam Boland – Central

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 1:01 p.m. Central Time.

**Motion made by Piasa Gateway to accept secretary minutes, Eastern Illinois 2<sup>nd</sup>, no further discussion or corrections noted. Motion carried.**

**State Coordinator:** Ryan Hubbard talked about good job on membership the last 3 month have been positive we have 99 members added. American Income Life had a sit down with Dawn there has been issues with a rogue agent. We may lose this program all together as the numbers are dropping for returning card and we are at 1% of returns and they look for 5% rate of return. It has been brought to my attention that Paul Burden has stepped away due to health issues, so the history of A.B.A.T.E. is on hold right now.

**Assistant State Coordinator:** Jeff Marsh talked about seminar and working on prices. Having a meeting with Pam soon regarding lunch on Saturday for seminar. The price is getting too expensive and we need to find something to help our bottom line. Embarras Valley asked about having someone else bring food in like Subway, he must get the approval as they have a banquet facility. Contacting chapters that do not have banners that are hung up and ask if they would like to donate to the seminar and have their name up. Dawn and I are talking about revisiting the NPV list and making revisions. Looking at having something no later than December meeting. Found some old plate designs that he is looking to use at seminar for the auction.

**Secretary:** Cathy Brush lunch room moved from the building to Union Hall. I will be stepping down after this term. Please if anyone interested to talk with me.

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**Treasurer:** Paul Truax almost all 990's completed. Richland County talk to me after meeting. Project being run under a chapter and not had anything to do with motorcycle rights. Chapter has changed the way they handle the money they use for this project. Scholarships issue....what can we do and not do to stay with IRS laws? All scholarships need to be for motorcycle related reasons. If you do benefits do not run the funds through the chapters checking account. Paul will get all the facts on paper and get to all chapters before next meeting so that this is all clear.

**Motion made by Embarras Valley, to table this until all investigation done and we have a clear statement of what is what, Eastern Illinois 2<sup>nd</sup>, no discussion. Motion passed. BOD2018-05**

**Legislative:** Josh Witkowski gave a complete hand out of all issues on the table. The only issue we stated we were opposed to be the Motorcycle procession – Question was would we support a bill giving motorcycle processions the same rights as funeral processions? Please see BOD rep for the complete sheet of other issues.

**Office Manager:** Pauli Ward talked about bunch of applications on table, please take them. I have state party and bike raffle tickets if needed. In the paperwork you have membership stats and totals.

**Safety & Education:** Mike Brush has all the stuff for motorcycle awareness month. Signs and other items in car will hand out after meeting. IDOT 2016 stats: fatal crashed 147 of those crashes there were 154 fatalities. We have already had 5 crashes with 6 fatalities in 2017.

**Products:** Tracey Eddington - absent

**Newsletter:** Janet Thompson talked about getting people to put ads in the state paper to help offset cost. There is a form in the state paper for them to fill out and send in to Pauli and she sends to me to put in paper. Next deadline is May 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Relations:** Brian Dukes had PR supplies in the same parking lot as everyone else.

**Bike Raffle:** Howard Nation - absent

**Activities:** Mark Werries – May 6<sup>th</sup> awareness ride would like to see lots of bikes. Talked to 2 T.V. stations would like all 3 there. There is a pre-party the night before at VFW hosted by Lincolnland. State Party if you are wanting electric to get it early call Pauli and for golf carts. On Monday tickets go on sale to the public. If you want some tickets for the public, you can get some from me today. If you have members that want the public ticket tell them to buy a ticket on Saturday at the ABATE gate and is only \$25.00 public is more. Camping spots are first come first serve. Thursday night we are adding entertainment from an ABATE member, it will be a DJ set up. Working with radio stations to advertise the event on Saturday. Still accepting sponsors for the party if you have any. This is not tax write off for any company. Will have a banner and a few free tickets we are working with the different people that are submitting sponsorships.

**Break at 2:50 p.m. back at 3:10 p.m.**

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**Unfinished Business:**

**Motion made by Will County to close unfinished business, Southern Dupage 2<sup>nd</sup>, no further discussion, motion passed.**

**New Business:**

1. Legal Services Review – Jeff Marsh gave the report. January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017
  - Motorcycle related questions 10%
  - Wills and probate 15%
  - Minor traffic infraction advice 10%
  - Bankruptcy and creditor advice 5%
  - ABATE and MRF organization issue 5%
  - Criminal defense advise 5%
  - Crash cases 50%Cell Phone 317-727-4599 Rod Taylor

**Motion made by Dukane to close New Business, Thunder Rock 2<sup>nd</sup>, no further discussion, motion passed.**

**PAC Reports**

**ABATE PAC** – Neal – no report. Kaskaskia Valley gave a donation.

**Fed Pac** – Elizabeth – no report. Kaskaskia Valley gave a donation.

**Panel Reports**

**MRF** – Dennis – no report. Biker's in the Beltway is May 15<sup>th</sup>. Just had Heartland Steam. 2019 Heartland Steam will be in Omaha, NE. 2020 it will be in Illinois Jeff will start working on event space with hotel.

**AMA/District 17** – Hunter John absent.

Eboard meeting May 5<sup>th</sup> is at 1:00 p.m. at the Northfield Inn & Suites.

**Region Reports:**

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

**NW Region – Sandy** – Does mass email with all flyers for all the events in the area and if you want to be added please provide me with your email.

**EC Region – Scott & John** – Talked about events going on in area.

**WC Region – Don** – Talked about events going on in area. Be safe and watch out as out riding.

**SE Region – Mick & Bob - absent**

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**SW Region – Dennis** – Talked about the swap meets they have been doing. Talked about upcoming events.

**Motion made by Freedom Valley to adjourn the meeting, Iron Riders 2<sup>nd</sup>, no further discussion, motion carried.**

**Meeting closed at 3:06 p.m.**