

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

**Board of Directors Meeting, August 18, 2018**

Brookens Library  
Springfield, IL 62701

**Minutes approved October 20, 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 (1:10 p.m.)	Liberty
Backroads	Lincolnland
Black Diamond	Midstate
Blackhawk	Northern Illinois
Central	Old River
Chicago	Open Roads
Dukane	Pathfinders
Eastern Illinois	Peo-Taz
Flatlanders	Piasa-Gateway
Freebird	Prairieland
Freedom by Choice	Shoal Creek (left at 2:05 p.m.)
Freedom Riders	Southern Dupage
Freedom Valley	Southern Freedom (1:10 p.m.)
Freeport	St. Clair (1:01 p.m.)
Heart of Illinois (1:01 p.m.)	Starved Rock
Heartland	Thunder Rock
Heritage Trail	Twin Rivers
Kaskaskia Valley	Union Jack
Kishwaukee Valley	Will County
Lamoine Valley	Windy City (1:20 p.m.)

**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  
Activities Coordinators- Mark Werries  
Newsletter Coordinator- Janet Thompson  
Northeast Region Coordinator- Dawn Winterfeldt  
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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Bike Raffle Coordinator- Howard Nation  
Northwest Region Coordinator- Sandy Murrell  
Products Coordinator- Tracey Eddington  
South East Region Coordinator- Mick Eddington  
East Central Region Coordinator- John Gambrill

**Guests present:**

Nora Kleckner – Starved Rock  
Shane Hesse – Backroads  
Liz Lawson – Kishwaukee Valley  
Amanda Gotte – Dukane  
Jewels Branger – Piasa-Gateway  
Pam Boland – Central  
Nick Harrison – Kaskaskia 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.am Central Time.

**Motion made by Old River to accept secretary minutes, Embarras Valley 2<sup>nd</sup>, no further discussion or corrections noted. Motion carried.**

**State Coordinator:** Ryan Hubbard – Talked about Facebook and how need to keep the negative off there. He is receiving phone calls about people bashing people or chapters, we need to stop. Go to President if that does not work go to Region Coordinator and if there is a still a problem the Region Coordinator will bring to State for guidance.

**Assistant State Coordinator:** Jeff Marsh – Moving forward on State Seminar and working on Heartland Steam. He agrees with Ryan we need to move in a positive direction and stop the bashing people and chapters.

**Secretary:** Cathy Brush - nothing

**Treasurer:** Paul Truax – Will not be at October meeting. Talked about the article he submitted in paper regarding previous conversations. Also mentioned at the Seminar he is going to do a session on being a Great Chapter.

**Legislative:** Josh Witkowski – see hand out given at meeting (3 pages). Take back to your chapter for 2019 Legislative Issues we should be involved in. Also agreed with Ryan about Facebook we also need to be careful about posting political issues on chapter or state page.

**Office Manager:** Pauli Ward – Call to get labels for members that have been gone for a while and send them a renewal form.

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**Safety & Education:** Mike Brush – 71 fatalities this year all ready. We need to be out there getting word out to watch for us and be aware of our surroundings.

**Products:** Tracey – absent. Sounds like she did well with product sales on the State Party.

**Newsletter:** Janet Thompson – Work to get business sponsors and will be ordering window clings for these businesses to hang on their doors. Looking to get a letter that can be submitted with the application to be a business sponsor.

**Public Relations:** Brian Dukes – Working on proclamations. Looking at more promotional materials to give to chapters.

**Bike Raffle:** Howard Nation – absent. Per Pauli need all tickets in by August 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Break – 2:00 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.**

**Activities:** Mark Werries – Talked about State Party and how we did. Still waiting to receive additional money from a sponsor, Josh also did state he will not use his whole budget so there will be money there on the records. Talked about things that he has learned from doing the party this year as far as getting sponsors to sign when they state they will donations. Talked about the free tickets being given out and that a minimal was turned back in, may not do this again like we have done in the last 2 years. May only give them away if asked from the chapter.

**Motion made by Heartland to open State Party to public again in 2019, Lincolnland 2<sup>nd</sup>, further discussion was had, motion passed. BOD2018-06**

**Unfinished Business:**

None listed.

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

**New Business:**

1. **Announce Scholarship Winner** – no one for this year.
2. **Annual MRF Pledge** -

**Motion made by Embarras Valley to send the amount of money collected by chapters as the MRF pledge, Dukane 2nd, further discussion made. Black Diamond, Central, Eastern Illinois, Freeport, Lamoine Valley, Open Roads, Peo-Taz, Starved Rock opposed. Motion passed. BOD2018-07**

**Motion made by Embarras Valley to extend the date to 9/13/18 for chapters to send money to state office for the MRF pledge, Pathfinders 2nd, no further discussion. Opposed Starved Rock. Motion passed. BOD2018-08**

**Motion made by Thunder Rock to donate to MRF pledge a \$1 per State member, Dukane 2nd, no further discussion. None opposed. Motion Passed. BOD2018/09**

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**3. 1<sup>ST</sup> round of nominations for E-Board -**

State Coordinator –  
Asst State Coordinator –  
Secretary – Charissa Reed  
Treasurer – Paul Truax  
Legislative – Josh Witkowski  
Safety & Ed – Mike Brush (will think about it)  
Products – Tracey Eddington – mentioned but absent could not accept  
Newsletter – Carla Enburg  
Public Relations – Brian Dukes  
Bike Raffle – Howard Nation – mentioned but absent could not accept  
Activities – Mark Werries  
NE Region – Dawn Winterfeldt (will think about it)  
NW Region – Sandy Murrell  
WC Region – Janet Thompson  
EC Region – Scott Carter if John Gambrill runs – John was absent  
SE Region – Bob Stout if Mick Eddington runs – Mick was absent  
SW Region – Dennis Kinnikin

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

In December it will be time to recommendations for PAC's send letters to E-Board soon. AMA and MRF will be reseated also bylaw review committee.

**Region Reports:**

**NE Region** – Dawn talked about upcoming events in the area.

**NW Region** – Sandy Murrell absent. Roger talked about Convergence Run and thanked everyone for coming to Freeport bar at State Party.

**EC Region** – Scott talked about upcoming events in the area.

**WC Region** – Don talked about upcoming events in the area.

**SE Region** – Bob talked about events in the area

**SW Region** – Dennis

**PAC Reports**

**ABATE PAC** – Neal – Excused. Financial report given. Done with grading session and list of people who we endorse was given in packet.

**Fed Pac** – Elizabeth – no report. Excused. Financials in BOD packets.

**Panel Reports**

**MRF** – Dennis – no report. Per Ryan – Meeting of the minds September in Denver, CO.

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

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**Motion made by Thunder Rock to adjourn the meeting, Twin Rivers 2<sup>nd</sup>, no further discussion, motion carried.**

**Meeting closed at 3:46 p.m.**