

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

**Executive Board Meeting, February 17, 2018**

Wyndham Springfield City Centre

Springfield, Il 62701

**Minutes approved March 17, 2018**

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

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**Cathy Brush - State Secretary**

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**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 (10:34 a.m. arrived)

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

**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:**

Bob Isaacs – Chapter 27

Barbara Isaacs – Chapter 27

Pam Boland – Central Illinois

Roy Lawson – Kishwaukee Valley

Chris Zimmerman – Freeport

Mike Thompson – Lamoine Valley

Sheila Stout – Heritage Trail

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.

**Motion made by Sandy Murrell to accept secretary minutes, Scott Carter 2<sup>nd</sup>, no further discussion or corrections noted. Motion carried.**

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**State Coordinator:** Ryan Hubbard talked about the new location and that we will discuss at the BOD meeting. Who is planning on attending Steam and who has made reservations, dates are March 23-25, 2018 in Albert Lee, MN. 11 rooms left at hotel as of Saturday 2/16/2018. He stated will be unable to attend the March meeting due to work meeting, either we move date of just have Jeff Marsh run and we were fine with him running meeting. A lot of changes going on this year and everyone takes change differently and it is all of us to help smooth out the bumps as we go. Have not heard about good or bad from seminar, he stated there were a couple of sessions comments and that it was a negative seminar this year and not sure if he started that with his speech.

**Assistant State Coordinator:** Jeff Marsh talked about the dates for 2019 seminar dates January 18-20<sup>th</sup>. He will start working on the seminar due to comments made on the survey. Getting classes in line and due to turn off right before and will have everything ready if there is a new Asst. State Coordinator. This is going take a lot of work by a lot of people and find those who are truly dedicated. Pauli said go with the dates and does not need approval.

**Secretary:** Cathy Brush stated that this is the way the meetings will be and that she has only signed this one contract and wishes to be moved to later in the officer reporting at the BOD meeting so that they can sit and see what it will be like to stay at location. Ryan agreed to move secretary report to after all officer's reports. This would be the way for every meeting for the year, Josh was told that they would be set up as theatre still which was not true. We did have a new location wanting to quote 2019 meeting space. Asked everyone to confirm that they received email from me. Next Eboard meeting is at Northfield Inn and Suites and will be for the rest of the year.

**Treasurer:** Paul Truax reported 53 chapters out of 55 chapters have submitted 990's only 49 of these have been accepted. The following chapters will not have voting rights at the BOD meeting to follow today: Kishwaukee Valley, Lamoine Valley, Midstate, Old River, Richland County and Southern Freedom. We need to be aware that we are not to be writing checks from our chapter check books to charities. Any questions please contact Paul Truax.

**Legislative:** Josh Witkowski talked about different legislative things coming up and will get approvals from BOD on which to support or not. Josh did ask if anyone has a county that will not issue poker run license to let him know right away. HB4429 bill for poker runs. Any profiling needs to be reported asap. HB4429 bill for poker runs. Ryan stated we need to determine how involved we are in specific issues with specific people, we need to do address at state level we can help get them information of who to talk to. We need to take all these pieces and take to capital and work with Todd to help write a bill on such issues. What level of profiling do we want? Comments were made to have 1 anti-profiling bill. Josh will be sitting with Todd with all this information and ask for the world and negotiate from there. Keeping in mind that we are for all the motorcyclists out there.

**Safety & Education:** Mike Brush was registered for Lifesaver's Conference.

**Products:** absent

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**Newsletter:** Janet Thompson dead line will stay second Saturday of the month. March and April combined. Asked about an email sent from Dennis Yeager freedom pledge and if we can put in paper and yes, we were all ok with that and anyone can add to paper just proof read for language used, nothing anti-A.B.A.T.E or inappropriate language can be put in paper. Having computer issues but will have paper to printer by Monday/Tuesday.

**Public Relations:** Brian Dukes is working to get information from Shirley and work to have supplies for April BOD meeting for May which is Awareness month. Working on getting everything together and up and running. Ryan stated that we need to work to get requests for what is needed and not bring a bunch of stuff and then haul back. Will work with Ryan to get supplies order and here for April meeting. Also, the website needs the PDF back on there to print for chapters to get supplies ordered.

**Bike Raffle:** Howard Nation looking to fill August 20<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> with the bikes. Sandy asked about bikes at Illinois State Fair per Howard the cost is roughly \$1000 if not more to have a booth. Sandy also brought up setting up a membership booth instead. The fair is 2 weeks and would have to get people to work the booth.

**Office Manager:** Pauli Ward in your packets the nonpreferred vendor list in there also the end of year budget and the new one for this year. We are \$16,000 under budget and would like \$10,000 to put back in savings. We have agreed this is everyday business. Talked about plagues that we do at seminar and being that we only do a few plagues now, do we do away with them or re-order. Dennis Byron offered to get quotes with breakdown in pricing. Will also need pricing on a plate to be added later with name. Non-voting BOD they will have a blue card.

**Activities:** Mark Werries greatly appreciated Pauli's help on the swap meet is starting and looks good. Has the packets for Pauli to put with BOD paperwork with free tickets for the State Party for the chapters. Any help for final set up tonight and in the morning.

**Unfinished Business:**

No Unfinished Business

Don Boland asked about an update on COC, Ryan and Hunter John are talking with them along with Josh talking to some clubs. It is all in the works.

**Motion made by Sandy Murrell to close unfinished business, Scott Carter 2<sup>nd</sup>, no further discussion, motion passed.**

**New Business:**

Seminar Prices – We need to decide on prices for registration for the 2019 seminar. We lost money this year on the seminar with the lunches and dinner. Will continue discussion at future meetings and look at other sponsorships to help offset costs.

**Motion made by Scott Carter to close New Business, Mark Werries 2<sup>nd</sup>, no further discussion, motion passed.**

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**Region Reports:**

**NE Region** – nothing reported

**NW Region** – Thunder Rock chapter has turned around and will work on getting members.

**EC Region** – Scott wanted to contact him if they can do judging for the East meets West Chili cook off.

**WC Region** – Lincolnland name change and logo. It was determined that this design has always been their logo and they just want to change the name in the logo. It was determined that this is not anything that needs us to approve as chapters can modify their name.

**SE Region** – nothing reported

**SW Region** – nothing reported

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

**Motion made by Pauli Ward to adjourn the meeting, Bob Stout 2<sup>nd</sup>, no further discussion, motion carried.**

**Meeting closed at 12:04pm**