

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

**Executive Board Meeting, August 18, 2018**

Brookens Library

Springfield, IL

**Minutes approved at September 15, 2018 meeting**

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

311 E. Main, Ste 418

Galesburg, IL 61401

**Cathy Brush - State Secretary**

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**Executive board present:**

State Coordinator- Ryan Hubbard

Assistant State Coordinator- Jeff Marsh

Secretary- Cathy Brush

Office Manager- Paula "Pauli" Ward

Treasurer- Paul Truax

Safety & Ed. Coordinator- Mike Brush

Legislative Coordinator- Josh Witkowski

Public Relations – Brian Dukes

Activities Coordinators- Mark Werries (10:46 a.m.)

Newsletter Coordinator- Janet Thompson

Northeast Region Coordinator- Dawn Winterfeldt

South East Region Coordinator- Bob Stout

Southwest Region Coordinator- Dennis Kinnikin

South East Region Coordinator- Mick Eddington

**Executive board absent:**

Bike Raffle Coordinator- Howard Nation

Northwest Region Coordinator- Sandy Murrell

Products Coordinator- Tracey Eddington

East Central Region Coordinator- John Gambrell

West Central Region Coordinator- Don Boland

East Central Region Coordinator- Scott Carter

**Guests present:**

Liz Lawson – Kishwaukee Valley

Roy Lawson – Kishwaukee Valley

Jill Perry – Pathfinders

Howard Peppers - Lincolnland

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 10:30 a.m. Central Time.

**Motion made by Jeff Marsh to accept secretary minutes, Paul Truax 2<sup>nd</sup>, no further discussion or corrections noted. Motion carried.**

**State Coordinator:** Ryan Hubbard – Discussion about Franklin County later in meeting. Talked about Facebook and it needs to stop talking bad about people and chapters apart. Work with your chapter and if not your region coordinator if unhappy. We will be talking about the financial for state party at BOD.

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**Assistant State Coordinator:** Jeff Marsh – Agree with the complaining and calls being received and if at chapter level need to deal with chapter level, the state officers will listen but can't assist and get involved unless channels followed.

**Secretary:** Cathy Brush - nothing

**Treasurer:** Paul Truax - nothing

**Legislative:** Josh Witkowski – working on a new website for Legislative only to make things readily there for all to see what we have done and what we are working on. Our current website is older and is hard to work with and change. Ryan did post for a webmaster in the paper. Will give at BOD potential issues and have them take back to their chapter to get their opinion. When we talk membership numbers he wanted to know if we can not say it is up or down, I have had legislators mentioned that heard we were having membership issues. We need to really work with our candidates.

**Office Manager:** Pauli Ward – Asked about Xmas Party.

**Motion made by Dennis Kinnikin to hold Xmas Party on Dec 15th at VFW in Springfield, Mick Eddington 2nd, no discussion. None Opposed. Motion Passed. EB2018-04**

Asked if anyone else going to Meeting of the Minds so she can book rooms if needed. No scholarship being awarded this year. Hubbard Trail still owes for insurance still.

**Safety & Education:** Mike Brush – I am not going to the Governor's conference as there is nothing motorcycle related. 2 people should do Lifesaver's Conference to cover everything. IDOT is not sending anyone down either. Continuing to find someone to do the new video. Send email to everyone for fatalities.

**Products:** Tracey Eddington - absent

**Newsletter:** Janet Thompson – I did receive 3 quotes for the window clings to give to business sponsors.

**Motion made by Pauli Ward to order window clings for business sponsors in the State Paper, Dawn Winterfeldt 2nd, no discussion. None opposed. Motion passed. EB2018-05**

**Public Relations:** Brian Dukes – Motorcycle registrations down. Working with some business to provide A.B.A.T.E. members discounts on products. Work on a letter for a business sponsor.

**Bike Raffle:** Howard Nation – absent. Was discussed that information needs to be passed along regarding any alarms on the prizes. Ryan will be present. Pauli needs ticket by August 28.

**Activities:** Mark Werries - nothing. Paul thanked Mark for all he did. Per Ryan we rise together and sink together. 117 free tickets and only get 30 back is sad. 275 people total at party.

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**Unfinished Business:**

1. **Plaques for Seminar – Dennis** – Pauli has asked to see a sample and has not seen anything. Depending on how many outgoing officers. 8 plaques left. Pauli will see if she can get a sample

**No motion to close.**

**New Business:**

1. **Franklin County** – talked about what guidelines we have for number of people. There will be a meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> with them. More to come. Only rules we have is 5 people to keep a chapter. Talked about changing Bylaws this must be done by committee and taken to BOD.
2. **Legislative Day** – Josh talked about Statehouse Inn is having issues. Looking to move to another location for 2019. Will work on getting quotes. Also investigate buses to bring people to event.

Josh asked why name of May parade name was changed from Freedom Rally to Awareness Rally. Wants to change back to Freedom Rally no one opposed.

**No motion to close.**

**Region Reports:**

**NE Region** – Dawn - nothing

**NW Region** – Sandy - excused

**EC Region** – Scott – excused John - absent

**WC Region** – Don - excused

**SE Region** – Mick – talked about things going on in area/.

**SW Region** – Dennis – Gun raffle tickets still available.

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

**Meeting closed at 11:52 a.m.**