

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

Executive Board Meeting, September 15, 2018

Northfield Inn & Suites

Springfield, Il

Minutes approved on October 20,2018

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

Treasurer - Paul Truax

Office Manager - Paula "Pauli" Ward

Activities Coordinators - Mark Werries

Newsletter Coordinator - Janet Thompson

Public Relations - Brian Dukes

Northeast Region Coordinator - Dawn Winterfeldt

Northwest Region Coordinator - Sandy Murrell

West Central Region Coordinator - Don Boland

South East Region Coordinator - Bob Stout

East Central Region Coordinator - Scott Carter

South East Region Coordinator - Mick Eddington

Executive board absent:

Products Coordinator - Tracey Eddington

East Central Region Coordinator - John Gambrell

Secretary - Cathy Brush

Safety & Ed. Coordinator - Mike Brush

Legislative Coordinator - Josh Witkowski

Bike Raffle Coordinator - Howard Nation

Southwest Region Coordinator - Dennis Kinnikin

Guests present:

Chris Zimmerman – Freeport

Pam Boland – Central States

Mike Thompson – Lamoine Valley

Dennis Byron -

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 Sandy Murrell to accept secretary minutes, Scott Carter 2nd, no further discussion or corrections noted. Motion carried.

State Coordinator: Ryan Hubbard – we do have a quorum. Few different chapters thinking of folding currently. Franklin County meeting we discussed their options, they felt we were against them and I tried to tell that is not is how we feel. I did mention that they must do something motorcycle related. Decision needs to be made by them to start doing something motorcycle related and continue and stay a chapter, if this cannot be done then maybe they should decide to fold. They are doing the minimum to be a chapter. Nothing has been said since on this.

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Assistant State Coordinator: Jeff Marsh – Helping with campaigns. Looking to put a tentative schedule on the website. This next year is going to be tough politically. Ryan mentioned that Meagan is leaving the MRF as of October 9th. Talked about the simulator and should we have again, at the State Party there was a steady flow of people, so we should try to have again. Jeff will send out schedule and we can reply if time is good. Will discuss in October meeting. Region Coordinators please let me know when you want your meetings time set. Paul asked if thought of changing the name of the event.

Secretary: Cathy Brush – absent. Move the date of May 4th and not May 18th.

Treasurer: Paul Truax – For state seminar we are going to do a review of budget. 20-year review done, and we need to focus on growth financially wise. State seminar he is working on what are minimum standards to be a chapter and how to be a great chapter. Bob Stout agreed that we should look at something that defines the minimums and rules to follow. Talked about some bylaw changes, Jeff mentioned that if you do we have to keep them vague especially if money assigned to something that is required to pay by a chapter, reason that dollar amount could change.

Legislative: Josh Witkowski – absent. Ryan stated he is doing instructor training classes. Autonomous vehicle executive order has been stalled out. Website running but content no loaded yet. Requested his budget amount he would like.

Safety & Education: Mike Brush - absent

Products: Tracey Eddington – absent – Per Mick – Tracey sent a letter that she will not be accepting the nomination for products. But did recommend Cheryl Russell (?) Embarrass Valley.

Newsletter: Janet Thompson – Window cling came in, Pauli will mail to all current sponsors in the paper. November and December are combined? Deadline 10/12/18.

Public Relations: Brian Dukes – Would like the membership numbers if possible, Pauli said she would send. If anyone have pictures of riding simulator he would like them or anything from Seminar, he would like them to use for advertising. Looking for thoughts on a cost sharing program for PR supplies.

Bike Raffle: Howard Nation – absent. Ryan stated there were posters for each region please take with you.

Office Manager: Pauli Ward - Move the date of May meeting to the 4th and not May 18th.

Activities: Mark Werries – nothing currently.

Unfinished Business:

1. **Christmas Party** – We have the place but need to figure out food. Mark stated that he has 4 or 5 people that will donate food. Darryl will bring his sound system and do karaoke for entertainment. Mark was waiting for other opinions. Pauli thought sandwiches or pasta, Mark said he can get a pasta done. Will look at shredded meat or lunch meat and get prices. VFW by the Northfield Inn is the location.

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2. **Seminar plaques** - Pauli asked Dennis if he ever got a sample. Dennis will get an actual sample of the plaque he gave pricing on.

Motion made by Don Boland to close unfinished business, Mark Werries 2nd, no further discussion, motion passed.

New Business:

1. **Policy and Procedure Document – MRF Donation** – Board made a motion regarding money to be donated to MRF for only what was given by chapters and state members. This was given to Ryan in a check. Ryan received a phone call, and someone reminded him of a policy and procedure that was written June 2003 we give \$1 per member as of Nov 1st as this was the end of fiscal year, however we changed our fiscal year change to Jan 1st, so this is really fit anymore. Other one states \$.50 per member in Aug 2004 fund the 2005 MRF given no later than Jan 2005 after 6-month review and assist where needed, this was for a 1 yr. term and really should not be in the policy and procedures. How can we now go against a policy now? Pauli said this is a policy and the BOD can override at any meeting, is how she sees it. Jeff brought up that we have decided every year to do something different. We need to go through Policy and Procedures thoroughly and make changes.
2. **Review – Employees** – Pauli the only one currently. Board voted to pay her insurance and the cost has went up and asked for an increase to go towards the insurance. No need to ask this was decided to be paid the price. From now on we pay full amount of insurance. Janet brought up what happens if something were to happen to Pauli, there is no one that knows how to do everything she does. Pauli stated we may have to look at getting someone.

BREAK FOR 20 MINUTES 12:00 P.M.

3. **2019 Budget** – cuts made and balanced, will be presented to BOD at October 20th meeting.

BREAK AT 1:17 P.M.

BREAK AT 3:00 P.M.

Motion made by Dawn Winterfeldt to close New Business, Sandy Murrell 2nd, no further discussion, motion passed.

Region Reports:

NE Region – Dawn Winterfeldt - nothing

NW Region – Sandy Murrell – Convergence Run on August 25th we made a great turnout at this ride. Fed Pac donation given.

EC Region – Scott Carter – Working with Hubbard Trail.

WC Region – Don - absent

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SE Region – Mick talked about Richland County, Crawford County, Franklin County all having issues currently. The BOD would have to have reason to do a charter review. Ryan said the bylaws as written do not have defined clear minimum for keeping a chapter going. Again, the bylaws need to be clearer. Need to work together to clarify bylaws and make it in writing.

SW Region – Worked with Howard for swap meets. Gun raffle over. Apple Creek does not have a president will continue to talk to them. Apple Creek is closing.

Motion made by Mark Werries to adjourn the meeting, Janet Thompson 2nd, no further discussion, motion carried.

Meeting closed at 5:24 pm