**A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota, Lake Chapter**

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| **Date:** | Nov 7th, 2020 | **Location:** | Madigan’s in Maple Lake, 3pm. |

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| **President:** | Keith “Smoker” Efron | X | **Sergeant at Arms:**  | Blythe Bucher | X |
| **Vice President:** | Scott Bitzer | X |  | Dan Arne | X |
| **Chapter Rep:** | Todd Riba | X |  | Gaida Ulrick | X |
| **Treasurer:** | Christina Lincoln | X |  | Jim “Capital Jim” Bengston | X |
| **Secretary:** | Maureen O’Hern | X |  | Nikki Arne |  |
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| **Total numbers of members attending:** | 25 | **Guests:** | None |
| **Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:** | Smoker | **Mtg Start Time:** | 3:00pm | **Mtg End Time:** | 4:08pm |

**Welcome to members and guests; President’s Remarks; Vice-President’s Remarks:** Smoker – Hope everyone made it out to vote. Scott – Thanks everyone for showing up.

**Officer Reports:**

**Secretary’s report:** Maureen O’Hern

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| **Motion to accept the minutes as written -** | Mitch B. | 2nd | Mary B. | Motion passed. |

**Treasurer's Report:** Christina Lincoln

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| **Motion to accept the Treasurer’s report -** | Laura L. | 2nd | Karen M. | Motion passed. |

**Chapter Rep Report:** Todd Riba – 688 tickets were sold for the ABATE U raffle. Thank you to everyone who made it to the Board meeting. The rally was profitable this year. Lake Chapter has been good stewards of our money and keeping it in the motorcycle community. The theme for ABATE U is “Do Your Part to Make America Great” you can start booking rooms please verify the room rates we need auction items and a chapter challenge donation. ABATE U raffle tickets are available to sign out or purchase. State membership 3156. We need volunteers for the rally Todd has an idea about offering tickets to next year’s rally if people volunteer for a yet to be determined amount shifts/work. Elections are coming up think about being a candidate or nominating someone. We need volunteers & attendees for Biker Day. Virgil took a BRC motorcycle class and said he learned a lot.

**Committee Reports, Vice President:**

**Membership:** Scott Bitzer – State total is 3192 Central has 296, Lake has 270 & River Valley has 208. Please get out there and recruit members. Scott would like to step down please consider taking the position.

**Products:** Dan Arne / Nikki Arne – Nov 21st South Central is having a toy drive please support other chapters. We have some memorial patches on the way. If you want more patches, flags or anything made let Dan know.

**Special Events:** Dan Arne / Rick Van Horn – Advanced tickets are available for the Grounded Hogs party please buy some or sign out tickets to sell.

**Training and Education:** Sherry Edgett – No report

**Public Relations:** Mitch Backlund – Karen read a note from KARE 11 thanking us for our past participation. Motion to donate $500 to the KARE 11 Toys for Tots – Mitch, 2nd Mary B. – Motion passed. Smoker will match dollar for dollar any donations made to the Toys for Tots donation deadline for getting money to Lake Chapter for the group donation is Dec 5th. KARE 11 will air photos that are sent to them between Nov 30th – Dec 14th.

**Buddy Bears:** Myra Van Horn – Myra has bears available to donate. Motion to donate the remaining 20 bears to the 212 Hospital – Mitch B., 2nd Dawn R. - Motion passed.

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| **Motion to accept the Committee reports -** | Dawn R. | 2nd | Dan A. | Motion passed. |

**Other Reports, President:**

**MRF Report:** Todd Riba – Last month we talked about the profiling, renewable fuels & autonomous vehicles and all the stuff the MRF was able to get put into bills. There is a push to double the MRF membership so please think about joining.

**Dial-A-Ride:** Mike Edgett – covered by Todd.

**Government Relations/Legislative Report:** Mack Backlund – We are gearing up for Biker Day on Jan 20th, 2021. We have new legislatures coming in to office, so we need to contact them. Something we should keep in mind is donating to the Motorcycle PAC fund for use in future elections. Collin Peterson was a good friend of motorcyclist but unfortunately, he lost hos reelection bid please reach out to him and/or other legislatures thanking them for their help with motorcycle issues or congratulating them on their win and that you are looking forward to meeting them at Biker Day.

**MN Motorcycle Safety Task Force:** Monte Ohlrogge – 427,000 endorsed riders we lost 28 bikers to accidents involving a curve.

**State Rally:** Keith “Smoker” Efron – We had an extremely successful State Rally over 900 people attended. Thank you to Jane, Jim, Mack & Frank who took time out their busy days to talk with the government officials to reassure them that we could put on a safe rally. We can’t put on our rally without its members in the past if a chapter was willing to do overnight security that chapter would receive 4 weekend passes to next year’s rally to do as they please that has been successful currently if someone works 3 shifts at the rally their name goes into a hat for door prizes. If you have any ideas on how to get people to volunteer for rally shifts. Thank you to Lake Chapter for always stepping up to help the rally out from volunteering to sponsoring to cleaning up after. The rally made $20,000+ in profit this year. Next year we will have Jack Russell’s Great White as the band.

**Drawing of the Name** Mike Edgett - None

**Old Business:**

Food Shelf needs list – personal hygiene products, baby food, diapers, baby items, pet food, pull ups & pads for senior people, kids snacks for school & monetary donations. Wright County Community Action located in Waverly is the emergency food shelf for all of Wright County. Please bring items to the December meeting.

Myra – Question about when Buddy Bears should be ordered >>> this will be put on the agenda for the Dec meeting

**New Business:**

Member of the Year nominations – Nikki Arne, Scott Bitzer

Steven J. Kreitlow award voting – there weren’t any nominations this year

Todd – the Sons of Silence won’t be able to host our Jan meeting location was changed to Mike & Mary’s house

**Upcoming Meetings/Events:**

Dec 5th – Lake Chapter meeting, Red Vest in Rockford, 3pm \*the Red Vest has a 25 people limit

Jan 9th, 2021 – Lake Chapter meeting, Mike & Mary’s house in Waconia, 3pm

Feb 13th, 2021 - Lake Chapter meeting, Rockford Township Hall, Rockford, MN, 4pm

Feb 13th, 2021 – Grounded Hogs Party, Rockford Township Hall, Rockford, MN

Mar 6th, 2021 – Lake Chapter meeting, VFW in Monticello, 3pm

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| **Motion to adjourn -** | Dan A. | **2nd** | Mitch B. | **Motion Passed** |

Respectfully submitted by Maureen O’Hern

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| **Motion passed at the** | November 7th, 2020 | **Meeting:** |

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