

Lake Chapter, A.B.A.T.E. of MN

Location: Sons of Silence clubhouse in Cokato **Date:** April 1, 2017

Time: 3pm

Officers Present:

President:	Keith "Smoker" Efron	<u>X</u>	Sergeant at Arms:	Scott Trout	<u>X</u>
Vice President:	Dave Clifton	<u>X</u>		Colleen Johnson	<u>X</u>
Chapter Rep:	Jim Kosse	<u>X</u>		Fred Pawelk	
Treasurer:	Becky Hasslen	<u>X</u>		Dan Arne	<u>X</u>
Secretary:	Leah Otto	<u>X</u>		Mike Jencks	<u>X</u>
				Scott Bitzer	<u>X</u>

Total number of members attending: 31 **Guests:** Barry Shaw from Central Chapter & Jim LaSpisa from East Central-he is the Vice President, membership and retention, chairman on the board.

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: Mike Jencks

Welcome to members and guests; President's Remarks; Vice-President's Remarks:

Smoker thanked the Sons for allowing us to use their clubhouse. Tip your bartender, buy a shirt. It was a beautiful day to ride.

Dave thanked the Sons for having us and for everyone for coming out.

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary's report:

Motion to accept the minutes -Mike Edgett, 2nd Mike Berger Motion - Passes

Treasurer's Report:

Becky brought up that we practically have nothing in our food shelf fund and only three people showed up to donate the 30 pounds of food that was collected. She stated we should get rid of our food shelf fund, no one is interested. Colleen asked if we could try one more time. Lee made a comment that we could annually donate a minimum \$50 plus any donations we get throughout 2017 to them next year. The chapter agreed to try one more year.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report , Scott Trout 2nd Batman Motion – Passes

Chapter Rep Report:

Our newly installed Chapter Rep Jim doesn't have anything to report from the board, waiting for the next meeting. As of today's meeting we still have one ABATE U Raffle ticket to sell that was signed out. If the ticket don't sell today it will be sent back in the mail by the 12th.

Freedom First is having their annual bike show next weekend at the Douglas County Fairgrounds, Alexandria.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Special Events (Becky and Dave C.):

Once again we have sign-up sheets for ABATE U Hospitality room potluck. Some things we need are bowls, plates, forks and spoons, no knives. The Holiday Inn always asks that we donate a shirt for the staff. Dan made a motion that we donate a 25th Anniversary ABATE University shirt to them. 2nd Lee Motion Passes

Memorial Run is June 3rd. Leaving the American Legion in Hopkins at Noon. After the run we will have the Chapter meeting at Becky and Dave's home in Buffalo and then the social after that.

The summer run still needs to be finalized. Thinking of starting at Noon at the Roadhouse in New Germany and ending back up there when the run is done. Still need to plan a route. Will need posters, tickets and maps if anyone wants to help. Thinking of charging \$5 in advance and \$10 the day of the run.

We have the State Rally coming up in September, we are thinking of doing the Moonshine Meet and Greet again.

Membership (Scott B.):

Freedom First is first with 297, Lake is Second with 272, Metro is Third with 216 and Central is Fourth with 212. Next month on May 6th, Carousel Motorsports in Delano is having their Open House. Scott Bitzer will have a booth set up there.

Legislative / Government Relations Report (Todd R.):

Mike Berger speaking for Todd. Mike got an email from Representative Jim Nash this morning on the two part bill, the motorcycle license plates and the 10% removal of the cap on our funds is going into the Omnibus Transportation bill on both the House and the Senate side. Once this clears the committee on both sides and they have one version that matches we will be on the phone calling campaigning to get our Representatives on board to vote for this Omnibus bill.

Representative Jim Nash also has his own stand alone license plate bill that has made it out of the House and is on it's way to being put in the Omnibus bill. Jim Nash was our champion on this last year and it looks like this year we will get our license plates. We should be able to get the cap removed this year to with all the money going back into the Motorcycle Safety Fund.

The third part was the 10% discount on your insurance, we got some pretty heavy opposition from the insurance lobby that if we keep pushing this they are going to fight us tooth and nail. We are going to work with the insurance lobby over the next 12 month to figure out how we can make this a little more allowable.

Training and Education (Mary):

The Intermediate Riding course which used to be the BRC2 will be on Saturday June 17th, 9 am to 2 pm at Hennepin Technical College, Brooklyn Park. Two spots left to sign up. On Sunday June 18th, we have the Advanced Rider Course which used to be the Civilian Police Motor Course One, 9 am to 5 pm at Hennepin Technical College, Brooklyn Park. Two people signed up so far. Would like to see at least 7 or 8 so we don't have to cancel the class. These classes are not just limited to chapter members, others can sign up too. Mary's contact information is in the Road noise if interested in a class.

State Rally (Smoker):

Smoker has rally posters with this year's band line up and sponsorship forms. Lake chapter is the number one chapter for getting sponsors for the rally, let's keep that up. Mike Berger said that you can download the posters off the website, don't hesitate to get them out there, they don't have to be the high glossy ones. Becky wanted to recognize Mike again for doing a great job on the poster. Thanks Mike for all your hard work.

We need to sign up for Front Gate, Security and First Aid shift for the Rally today, the sheets will also be available at ABATE U.

Public Relations (Mitch B):

We made our donation to the Buffalo Food Shelf.

Motion to accept the committee reports -Dave Clifton, 2nd Mike Berger.

Motion - Passed

OTHER REPORTS

Dial-A-Ride (Mike E):

Mike has 22 Dial-A-Ride bags in his car full of information to be handed out at the location of your choice. Jodi is our Dial-A-Ride Secretary and she has asked us to write down where we intend to drop a bag off so she can keep track of it. The bag has posters, tri-folds, coasters and the Dial-A-Ride wallet card with the number to call if you need a ride home. Minnesota is the only state in the union that has this program. Please see Mike after the meeting if you want to know more about Dial-A-Ride. Lake Chapter and Sons of Silence has always been a big supporter of this program.

MN Motorcycle Safety Task Force (Mike B.)

Minnesota Motorcycle Safety Task force is now excepting applications for new members. If you have an interest of serving on this state committee, you should do it. What the committee does is it advises the Commissioner of Public Safety about how Motorcycle Safety, Awareness and Training programs should be handled in the state. It also oversees the budget, training motorcycles, courses and the training instructors in the state. We need to have more motorcyclists on this committee to stop other idiots on the committee from proposing dumb ideas to the Commissioner and making it mandatory that everyone has to wear day glow riding suits. You can go online and do a quick search for Motorcycle Safety Center where you will find a link for the committee, the application is there and the committee meets the third Thursday every other month at 5 Pm at St. Paul College. You get a free dinner out of it and the meetings don't last but an hour.

Todd talked about the Reckless Driving bill that was passed a few years ago and some of the groups related to this bill. He mentioned there was a mother, Amy LeValley and her husband that lost a son to a distracted driver. Amy and her family are doing this End Distracted Driving-Just Drive Event on April 29th in Monticello at the Middle School. The basic idea is to encourage people to just drive and pay attention, create awareness and to put your phone down. The event is from 9 am to 3 pm where you will walk a designated route around town wearing something orange to promote and put an end to distracted driving.

They are a 501C3 now. Sponsorship forms are available and for \$100 donation you can get your name and organization on 2 route signs, \$250 and 5 route signs and so on up to a thousand dollars. The LeValley family is really wanting this to go statewide and for it to happen in more communities. Todd and Dawn are hoping to meet in Buffalo with a bunch of people that are interested in attending before heading to the event. Bring a non orange shirt to wear if you plan on stopping at the bar during this event. Todd made a motion to bring a donation of \$100, second was Mike Berger. Todd asked it come out of gambling fund. Becky is going to mail the check to the family. Motion Passes.

Todd and Dawn were at the Sand Dunes meeting today and Sand Dunes was less than satisfied with the reckless driving law that was passed. The law is narrow and not very broad. The End Distracted Driving Event on April 29th is good opportunity to work with families that have felt loss from distracted drivers and to work with other bike groups. A good way to establish relationships and help others while helping ourselves to change the law and make it better.

On the profiling bill, Todd just wanted to say the profiling bill really isn't going anywhere this year and hopes to get more of the cards printed up soon.

Buddy Bears (Dave & Becky):

Buddy Bears are ordered and they will be picked up at ABATE U. If you know of a place where you want them to be delivered, let Dave or Becky know. Hospitals, ambulances, ect. We will start with where you want them to go in May.

Products (Dan):

Have t-shirts available, leftover calendars will be given to Camp Courage kids in June and July. Dan thanked everyone for supporting products. Been doing a pretty good average on sales every month.

MRF Report (Todd R):

Motorcycle Riders Foundation in Washington D.C. works for you and the street riders and does what ABATE does at the state level. The MRF is working on an anti profiling resolution at the Federal level. The bill isn't very binding so once the resolution gets passed then states like Minnesota that are working on their own anti profiling bill can use this resolution to help their cause at the state level. Three different organizations are working on this bill, the MRF, Motorcycle Profiling Project and NCOM.

In the last budget proposal the MRF has worked really hard in getting The Federal Highway Administration's advisory council renewed. The council talks about things like bridge designs, slippery paint, bridge decks, crash barriers. Currently there is only one biker on the council, we are working to get more on there.

Road to Zero is something to keep an eye on and their goal is in the next three years to have zero traffic fatalities. We will have to see what they have in store for motorcyclists. There was a symposium and the MRF was the only motorcycle organization in attendance.

We are keeping an eye on Ethanol E-15. All motorcycle manufacturers except for Indian still say you can't put Ethanol E-15 in your tank. If you have a bike that takes E-15 you should be able to put it in there. There is a big push to get rid of E-5 and E-10 and increase E-15, E-25 and E-35. We have to work hard to keep access to E-5 and E-10 for people that don't want to put E-15 in their motorcycle tanks.

The self driving car is a hot button issue. There was a recent crash in Arizona where a self driving car hit a cop car at 3 miles an hour. When coming up with these things we want to make sure motorcycles are factored into this when coming up with regulations for self driving cars.

The 28th Annual HEARTLAND STEAM is April 7th and 8th in Sioux City, IA and is a big fundraiser for the MRF.

Jim LaSpisa from East Central and Vice President of membership and retention, chairman is in charge of running the gates at Algona. Last year was his first year. This year Jim is trying to get people to sign up for shifts, (front gate and back gate) ahead of time if they know their work schedules and are planning on attending instead of waiting closer to Algona to figure out who's signed up for what shifts. If you work a shift you get a free ticket. The ticket will be mailed to you. People are showing up way early and don't have their membership information and Minnesota is losing members due them having to sign up when they get to Algona.

Drawing (Mike E): \$5 off products winner
Jim Kosse

OLD BUSINESS:

Presentation of Member of the Year award goes to Dan Arne. Congratulations Dan!

NEW BUSINESS:

The chapter had a number of first aid kits. We need to figure out who has them so we can get them updated.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 7-8, Heartland Steam, Howard Johnson, Sioux City, Iowa

April 21-23, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria

May 6, Great Minnesota Washout, I94 Rest Area, Enfield 9 am to Noon

May 6, Highway Clean Up, Highway 7, St. Bonifacius, Noon to 2:00 pm

May 6, Special Events Committee Meeting, Missile Park, St Bonifacius, 2:00 pm
May 6, Chapter Meeting, Missile Park, St. Bonifacius, 3:00 pm
May 23, Bikers Inside the Beltway, Washington D.C.
June 3rd, Chapter Memorial Run, American Legion, Hopkins, Noon
June 3rd, Chapter Meeting, Dave & Becky's home, Buffalo, 4:00 pm followed by Memorial Run Social
June 9-10, A.B.A.T.E of Minnesota's Summer Kick Off Party, Linda's Lodge, Cloverdale
June 17, Intermediate Rider Course, Hennepin Technical College, Brooklyn Park, 9 am to 2:00 pm
June 18, Advanced Rider Course, Hennepin Technical College, Brooklyn Park, 9 am to 5:00 pm
July 8, Chapter Meeting, Smokers place, (Airport Marine & Storage) Breezy Point, 3:00 pm
July 15, Lake Chapters Summer Run, Hollywood Roadhouse.
August 19, Chapter Meeting, Ken & Judy Kalway's home, Monticello, 3:00 pm
September 1-3, A.B.A.T.E of Minnesota's State Rally, Meeker County Fairgrounds, Litchfield.
September 2, Chapter Meeting, Meeker County Fairgrounds, Litchfield, 3:00 pm followed by chapter picture and Moonshine Meet and Greet.

Motion to adjourn the meeting –Lee, 2nd Batman Motion - Passed 4 pm

Respectfully submitted by Leah Otto

Motions Passed at the April 1, meeting

Motion to accept the minutes, Mike Edgett, 2nd Mike Berger Motion Passes

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report, Scott Trout, 2nd Batman Motion Passes

Motion made by Dan Arne to donate a 25th Anniversary t-shirt to the Holiday Inn staff in Alexandria, 2nd Lee Motion Passes

Motion to accept the Committee reports, Dave Clifton, 2nd Mike Berger Motion Passed

Motion made by Todd to do a donation of \$100 to the Amy LeValley family that lost a son to distracted driving, Her and her family have the End Distracted Driving-Just Drive Event coming up on April 29th in Monticello. 2nd Mike Berger Motion Passes

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Treasurer's Report - March, 2017

For the Twelfth Month Ending March 31, 2017

Presented at April 1, 2017 Meeting: Sons of Silence Clubhouse, 3:00 pm

Started March with		\$3,316.35
Income:		
	Security deposit from Rockford Township	\$500.00
	Transfer from Food Shelf fund	\$25.75
	Products sold	\$75.00
	Total:	\$600.75
Expenses:		
	State Rally Silver Sponsorship	\$500.00
	Donation to the Buffalo Food Shelf	\$100.00
	Replenish petty cash - postage, toner	\$49.27
	Total:	\$649.27
March Ending Balance		\$3,267.83
Earmarks		
	5 MRF Cook Books	\$50.00
	2016 Member of the Year Membership/Plaque	\$50.00
	Centerpiece for A.B.A.T.E. U Banquet	\$50.00
	A.B.A.T.E. U Chapter Challenge	\$250.00
	A.B.A.T.E. U Hospitality Room	\$225.00
	A.B.A.T.E. U Hospitality Room Food	\$100.00
	Food and supplies for Chapter Memorial Run social	\$150.00
	2018 Grounded Hogs Party	\$1,000.00
	Total:	\$1,875.00
Petty Cash:		\$50.00
MRF Donation Fund:		\$120.42
Chapter Gambling Fund:		\$34.44
Food Shelf Fund:		\$0.00
Toys for Tots Fund:		\$77.00
Buddy Bear Fund		\$297.54
Grand Total:		\$3,847.23
Spendable:		\$1,392.83

Lake Chapter Meeting sign in

Date 4-1-17

- 1 Leah Otto
- 2 Bechy
- 3 Dave
- 4 Dnythe Buckel
- 5 Christine Kalesay
- 6 Scott Bitner
- 7 Lee P.
- 8 ~~Batman~~
- 9 SCRUFF
- 10 Dan Amu
- 11 Nikki Amu
- 12 Sue Parker
- 13 Scott Trout
- 14 Jax
- 15 April Murl
- 16 Dave CLIFTON
- 17 Ken Kalesay
- 18 Jim LaSpisa
- 19 Jay Kane
- 20 Cynthia Buck
- 21 MIKE ENIGHT
- 22 SHERRY ENIGHT
- 23 SMOKER
- 24 Mike Berger
- 25 May Berger
- 26 ~~Shad Brown~~
- 27 ~~James Ditt~~
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