

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

Location: Chops, Hanover

Date: April 7, 2018

Time: 3pm

Officers Present:

President:	Keith "Smoker" Efron	<u> x </u>	Sergeant at Arms:	Nikki Arne	<u> x </u>
Vice President:	Dan Arne	<u> x </u>		Mike Jencks	<u> x </u>
Chapter Rep:	Todd Riba	<u> x </u>		Curt Johnson	<u> </u>
Treasurer:	Becky Hasslen	<u> x </u>		April Murch	<u> x </u>
Secretary:	Leah Otto	<u> x </u>		Fred Pawelk	<u> </u>
				Scott Trout	<u> x </u>

Total number of members attending: 30

Guests: None

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: Scott Trout

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

Smoker thanked everyone for coming today, the meeting is double booked so it's going to be a little loud, the state rally last year was probably one of the loudest. Smoker thanked all of the out going officers and welcomed the new incoming ones. New Vice President: Dan Arne. Dan wished he could of rode to the meeting, let's hope May's outside meeting is a little warmer, thanks for coming.

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary's report:

Motion to accept the minutes - Dave Dibb, 2nd Kimmer, Motion Passes

Treasurer's Report:

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report Karen May, 2nd Kimmer, Motion Passes

Chapter Rep Report: (Todd.)

Smoker welcome Todd for his first Chapter Rep report. We have Abate U raffle tickets to sell, this is the last call for them if you want to purchase one, we have to get them turned in. We have a board meeting at Abate U so if there's something you want to bring up now or sometime during the meeting. We have to vote on the state budget at Abate U, budget was passed around during the meeting for everyone to look at and be ready to vote on a little later today during the meeting. Every time there's a board meeting we get a treasurer's report, one of the things Mitch does is she takes this report and breaks down how much money is in the bank. At the last chapter board meeting, Abate had Ninety Two Thousand dollars in the bank but Ninety One Thousand Five Hundred of that money is earmarked for the chapters, so that means that at the state level of Abate of Minnesota only has about nine hundred dollars to their name. When looking at the opinion of splitting money with the state, the chapters have a lot sitting out there that the state can't touch.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Special Events (Mike B.):

Mike has offered to take care of special events for the moment, this committee is open, still need someone to step up and take this over otherwise Smoker will appoint someone. Abate U is in two weeks, smoker once again has very kindly decided to provide some food for the hospitality room. Mike would like to see a motion made for the hospitality room. Motion made by Dave C. to spend two hundred dollars on the hospitality at Abate U. Seconded by Buzz, Motion Passes. A sign-up sheet was passed around for what kind of food you want to bring.

Memorial Run, on Saturday that weekend not Sunday, we are adding something into the run this year. In the past years Todd and a few others have gone down to Fort Snelling prior to the run starting. We are officially going to incorporate this into the memorial run this year. We are leaving the Hopkins American Legion at 10 am to go to Fort Snelling to visit a few chapter members there and be back in time to leave again at Noon sharp on the memorial run. It would be nice to get a lot of people that want to go to Fort Snelling. Buzz and Karen have kindly stepped up to host the after party at their place. Motion was made by Mary Berger to set aside a hundred dollars towards the cost of food for the memorial run after party at Buzz and Karen's. Seconded by Cindy, Motion Passes.

Membership (Dan):

Blitzer on membership. Total for the state is 3,552. Lake Chapter is back in first place. Crow River Harley Davidson in Delano will be having a hog roast starting at 10 am on May 19th. Scott will have a membership table set up and is looking for help at the table for signing up people as new Lake Chapter members.

Legislative / Government Relations Report (Mike B.):

Thanks to everyone that came out to Biker day. Three points on the legislative agenda. The first is a change to the motorcycle permit holder restrictions that would allow someone with a learners permit to ride on the interstate. The Bill is going thru the House and Senate pretty smoothly, we are just waiting on the right method for a floor vote, but we're seeing positive signs with the bill. Second is on the hands free Bill that Abate has been behind, on the House side it's set up pretty decently and should go the the ways and means committee, however the Senate hasn't necessarily been that supportive on the going hands free and keeping pagers from killing us. Please call your Senator or send them an email asking if there's anything they can do to help get this bill moving along, it would be greatly appreciated. Lastly, the motorcycle profiling bill, it's about the same as last year, we are going to keep fighting. Every year we are making more progress and creating awareness.

Training and Education (Sherry):

The weekends that are set aside for training classes are June 9 & 10 (intermediate on the 9th, advanced on the 10th), July 7 & 8 (intermediate on the 7th, advanced on the 8th) and July 28 & 29 (intermediate on the 28th, advanced on the 29th) in Brooklyn Center. We need at least 10 people in a class to have it. Let Sherry know what would be the ideal weekend for you to take a class. A sign up sheet was sent around. John wanted say they had a membership table at Donnie Smith where materials were viewed on what distracted driving or driving what impaired is. It's not just related to motorcycles.

State Rally (Smoker):

This year is the 30th Annual A.B.A.T.E of Minnesota's Motorcycle State Rally, Labor Day weekend. Lake Chapter has always been great in stepping up and taking a security shift and a front gate shift at the rally. The chapter usually does a Friday night for security from Four to Eight and on Saturday a front gate shift. Smoker will make sure both shifts are signed up for. He thanked everyone that has gone out and gotten sponsors for the rally. We can always use more sponsors. We will have posters at Abate U. We are going live with online ticket sales for the rally this year. You can purchase them ahead of time online if you choose to. The band line up has been set, and the entertainment committee did a lot of hard work in getting these bands. Start pushing the rally on your individual facebook pages, the A.B.A.T.E of Minnesota's facebook page will have the rally band info to. See everyone out at the rally.

Public Relations (Mitch B):

Mitch not Present.

Motion to accept the committee reports, Kimmer 2nd Nancy Dibb, Motion Passed.

OTHER REPORTS

Dial-A-Ride (Mike E):

John is here today with all the Dial-A-Ride materials and Mike will take them home and get the bags ready for the May meeting. Unfortunately the season starts the last week of April, but you can still take them to your favorite bars and restaurants in May to get them distributed. Thank You for your support.

MN Motorcycle Safety Task Force (Mike B.)

Monte not Present.

Buddy Bears (Leah):