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

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| **Date:** | April 3, 2021 | **Location:** | Madigan's Pub - Maple Lake |

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| **President:** | Keith “Smoker” Efron |  | **Sergeant at Arms:**  | Blythe Bucher |  |
| **Vice President:** | Scott Bitzer | X |  | Dan Arne | X |
| **Chapter Rep:** | Open |  |  | Gaida Ulrick | X |
| **Treasurer:** | Christina Lincoln |  |  | Mike Berger | X |
| **Secretary:** | Dale Morin | X |  | Nikki Arne | X |
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| **Total numbers of members attending:** | 22 | **Guests:** | 5 |
| **Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:** | *Scott T* | **Mtg Start Time:** | *3:00pm* | **Mtg End Time:** | *3:50pm* |

**Welcome to members and guests; President’s Remarks; Vice-President’s Remarks:** Scott Bitzer, welcomed everyone and introduced guests Jeff Bourgoin, Jim Pribyl, Matt Pribyl, Chris Dirkx, and Deb Christiansen, who all became members after the meeting. Scott thanked everyone for coming.

**Officer Reports:**

**Secretary’s report:** Dale Morin

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

**Treasurer's Report:** *Scott Bitzer accepted $67.00 from products(Nikki). Copies of the report were not available for review for the report, but Scott was able to provide copies by the end of the meeting.*

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| Motion to accept the Treasurer’s report - | *Dan A* | 2nd | *Mike B* | Motion passed. |

**Chapter Rep Report:** Open – *Mitch B nominated Scott Trout for Chapter Rep. Scott accepted. No objections.*

**Committee Reports, Vice President:**

**Membership:** Scott Bitzer – *State total 3155, down by 44. Central 304, Lake 249, Freedom First 233,
South Central 220, River Valley 208. Scott is in process of having tables set-up at Gearheads and VFW ride, and will need help if they happen simultaneously. He will also get more trifolds for Abate U.*

**Products:** Nikki Arne – *T-shirts, decals, patches, calendars, as part of the variety of items available.*

**Special Events:** Dan Arne / Rick Van Horn – *Spring Run June 12 starts at Monticello VFW, breakfast available early, ride leaves at noon. Approx. 150 miles. 3 stops, Litchfield(Muddy Cow), Cokato(Iron Horse [food available]), and Rockford(Red Vest)*

*Grounded Hogs party has been changed from Feb 12(Super bowl weekend) to Feb 5.*

*Mike Berger- Memorial Run May 29th will be following the same route as previous runs. Mike asked if we would like to stop at the Cross Bar, or the Burgers home, after the Waconia cemetery. It was decided to stop at their home. Delano Legion or Delano Lanes was also questioned by Mike, with Delano Lanes being the preferred stop, and Karen will contact them for confirmation. After ride end stop possibility left open, to be determined at run completion. Mike encouraged participation in respect for our fallen members, stating that even if someone doesn’t want to do the early Fort Snelling portion, to consider meeting the group at noon for the remainder of the run. Jim K. will have flags available. Contact Mike if interested in joining him on the pre-run the Saturday prior.*

**Training and Education:** Sherry Edgett **-** *Scott Bitzer doesn’t think the chapter will have classes available, but encouraged anyone interested, that finding a class to take individually is well worth the extra cost. Contact Monti if interested in an advanced class Detroit Lakes chapter is offering in May.*

**Public Relations:** Mitch Backlund – *Reminded everyone about upcoming ABATE U. The washout is set. May 15th, 9am to noon at the Enfield rest area. Those interested in helping can contact her. Mike Burger was contacted by the state and renewed our Ditch Pickup agreement with Smokers consent. Ditch pickup was decided by the whole for Sunday May 2 at 11am in order to allow time to get to Mound for the meeting. ABATE new website is up and running.*

**Buddy Bears:** Myra Van Horn – *Should be able to pick them up at ABATE U*

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| Motion to accept the Committee reports - | *Mike B* | 2nd | *Karen M* | Motion passed. |

**Other Reports, President:**

**MRF Report:** Todd Riba -

**Dial-A-Ride:** Mike Edgett – Jodi Ohlrogge - D-A-R season is open (Last week of April thru Oct.) Dan A. handed out 4 or 5 packets last weekend.) Purpose and workings of D-A-R was explained for the benefit of the guests present.

**Government Relations/Legislative Report:** Mitch Backlund - Biker Day has been canceled and Jim K encouraged members to call/write their legislators. No new info regarding Motorcycle Awareness Month. Members certainly can continue sending letters.

**MN Motorcycle Safety Task Force:** Monte Ohlrogge – *Proposed budget was discussed and there have been budget cuts. There will be no 3 wheel course. Trying hard to get Duluth up and running. Kent from the DOT talked about construction happening this summer, Including 94 between Clearwater and Hasty. They are taking Task Force applications, starting April 1st to the 22nd. Contact the Secretary of State or Monti if interested. Next meeting is May 20th.*

**State Rally:** Keith “Smoker” Efron – Scott B - There will be a rally, please sign up for shifts. See Mitch B for sponsorship forms.

**Drawing of the Name** Mike Edgett – *none*

**Old Business:**

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| *Motion to place a half page ad in the Road Noise for the Spring Run- MaryB.. 2nd Ciyndi B. - Motion Passed. Mike B. will design it.* |
| *The need to set aside some money for after the Memorial Ride is a non-issue since the after ride plans are*  |

**New Business:**

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| *Algona- ABATE MN will be needing volunteers. Mike B. will be working First Aid* |

**Upcoming Meetings/Events:**

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| *Apr 16th-18th-* | *ABATE U, Holiday Inn, Alexandria, MN* |
| *Apr 21st -* |  *Biker Day at the Capitol -* ***Cancelled*** |
| *May 1st -* | *Tri-County Carver Bike Run* |
| *May 2nd-* | *Ditch Pickup 11am. Meet at the St. Bonifacius City Hall, Community Room parking lot.* |
|  | *Lake Chapter mtg, Mound American Legion, 3pm*  |
| *May 15th-* | *Washout at Enfield rest area. 9am to Noon* |
| *May 18th-* | *Bikers inside the Beltway, Washington D.C.* |
| *May 29th-* | *Memorial Run. Hopkins American Legion at 9am to Fort Snelling and back* |
|  | *Hopkins American Legion, KU at 12pm for the rest of the Memorial Run.* |
| *Jun 5th -* | *Lake Chapter mtg, Red Lodge, Waverly, 3pm* |
| *Jun 12th -* | *Spring Run. Meet at Monticello VFW. Ride leaves at 12pm, breakfast available until 11am.* |
| *Jul 10th -* | *Lake Chapter mtg, Smoker’s place, Breezy Point, 3pm* |

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| Motion to adjourn - | Mike B. | 2nd | Jodi O. | Motion Passed |

Minutes submitted by Dale Morin

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| **Motion passed at the** | **April 3, 2021** | **Meeting:** |
| Motion to accept the minutes as written - | *Mitch B* | 2nd | *Jodi O* | Motion passed. |
| Motion to accept the Treasurer’s report - | *Dan A* | 2nd | *Mike B* | Motion passed. |
| Motion to accept the Committee reports - | *Mike B* | 2nd | *Karen M* | Motion passed. |
| *Motion to place a half page ad in the* |  |  |  |  |
| *Road Noise for the Spring Run -*  | *Mary B.* | 2nd | *Ciyndi B.* | Motion passed. |
| *Motion to adjourn -* | *Mike B.* | 2nd | *Jodi O.* | Motion Passed |