

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

Date: April 1st, 2023

Location: Sons of Silence Clubhouse, Cokato, MN

President:	April Murch	<u>X</u>	Sergeant at Arms:	Blythe Bucher	
Vice President:	Todd Riba	<u>X</u>		Dean Webb	<u>X</u>
Chapter Rep:	Scott Trout	<u>X</u>		Gaida Trout	<u>X</u>
Treasurer:	Dale Morin	<u>X</u>		Jim Bengston	<u>X</u>
Secretary:	Maureen O'Hern	<u>X</u>		Mike Jencks	<u>X</u>
				Nikki Arne	<u>X</u>

Total numbers of members attending: 26 **Guests:** None

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: Jim B. **Mtg Start Time:** 3pm **Mtg End Time:** 4:09pm

Welcome to members and guests; President's Remarks; Vice-President's Remarks: April – welcome to everyone. Todd – Thanks to the Sons for the hot dogs, cheesy poofs and having us here.

Officer Reports:

Secretary's report: Maureen O'Hern

Motion to accept the minutes as written - Jim B. 2nd Dawn R. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Dale Morin

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report - Dean W. 2nd Dawn R. Motion passed.

Chapter Rep Report: Scott Trout – Welcome I will have more information after the BOD. He will pick up some Dial-A-Ride info at that time.

Committee Reports, Vice President:

Membership: Dale Morin – Dale came across a survey questionnaire asking former members why they left ABATE. Dale suggested having a campaign asking people why they don't join ABATE April suggested Dale reach out to Dave Dibb & Mike Edgett as they have done surveys in the past. Moon Motorsports in Monticello has an open house coming up in May. Dale will get in touch with someone at Moon Motorsports about us having a membership table there.

Products: Gaida Trout – New shirts are in, there are still a couple calendars left.

Special Events – Grounded Hogs: Rosa Kreitlow – Todd said Rosa will be heading up the party but asked that people help Rosa with the party.

Special Events – Memorial Run: Dale Morin – Dale wants to split up the May 27th ride into 3 parts 1st will be going from Hopkins to Ft. Snelling and back, 2nd will be from the Hopkins Legion through Carver & the 3rd part will be from the Carver Run back to Wright County. Dale will have maps available. If there aren't enough sergeant at arms available to lead each part of the ride, we will need to people to step up.

Special Events – Spring Run: Scott Bitzer – June 17th Kickstands up at noon at the Red Lodge in Waverly people can go over to the Trouts in Waverly if you would like. *Mike Berger will submit an ad for the May Road Noise

Special Events – Fall Run: Open – Todd would like to include the Sons of Silence clubhouse as a stop on the run. If someone wants to step up to plan a ride, please do so it doesn't have to be an elaborate run.

Training and Education: Sherry Edgett – Dawn reached out to Sherry, there are 5 spots available in each the MC training still available.

Public Relations: Mitch Backlund – no report

Buddy Bears: Cyndi Buttweiler / Jim Kosse – The Buddy Bears will be in soon once Cyndi & Jim get the bears, we can start planning out who we can donate the bears to.

Motion to accept the Committee reports - Dean W. 2nd Jim B. Motion passed.

Other Reports, President:

MRF Report: Todd Riba – Heartland STEAM is coming up the weekend after ABATE U. Still looking for people to go to the Bikers in the Beltway DC trip that is coming up please think about attending. It's not too early to think about the Meeting of the Minds event that is coming up in Sept, Todd would like to jack up the MRF Fund. After a monster bill was passed the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) must report if any of the money has been used for motorcycle profiling the MRF is keeping an eye for the report. Ford is slowing down on the making for self-driving because that might not be the way to go because the technology is out there but still needs work, as of now those cars aren't recognizing motorcycles on the road. There were 2 talking points that ABATE of MN spoke to legislators about at Biker Day 1. No helmet law & 2. ABATE supports internal combustible engines; the current administration doesn't share our viewpoint so it will be tough sledding at the capital for the next 2 years.

Dial-A-Ride: Scott Trout – the season starts the last weekend of April and run through the last weekend in October. Scott will bring a volunteer sign up sheet to every meeting this is a very important program. He will pick up more DAR information at ABATE U. April spoke about how well her meeting with Wright County Sherriff Sean Derringer went, he was very interested in the DAR program and asked for more information so he can pass it along to his officers.

Government Relations/Legislative Report: Mack Backlund – no report

MN Motorcycle Safety Task Force: Open – Mike J. asked Todd about the meeting and if they were virtual or live. Todd responded that the meeting are live again.

State Rally: Keith "Smoker" Efron – April reported that Smoker is on the mend and that the chapter sent him a plant, he plans on being at ABATE U. There will be State Rally work signup sheets available at ABATE U.

Picking of the Name: Karen May – Barney picked #18, Mike J. won the \$5 off chapter products coupon.

Old Business:

Todd – he suggested we get back to our roots and have a chapter meeting in Mound where it all began.

New Business:

ABATE U Hospitality Room – we need to help Smoker out with this he should arrive in Alex about 3pm April will go shopping with him if anyone wants to join, please do. The Hospitality room will need furniture moved around so tables can be setup please help if you can. Please bring potluck items and keep an eye on the room. Todd suggested that any cash donations collected in the hospitality room go into the coffers vs. buying more food for the room as has been done in the past, \$300 has already been allocated for food.

Set up future chapter meeting locations & dates

May 7th – Mound Legion, 1pm

June 3rd – Missile Park, 3pm

July 8th – Smoker's in Breezy Point, 3pm

July 29th – meeting location TBD

Sept 2nd – informal get together at the rally not an actual meeting

Chapter Website – April relayed that the price for the website is \$120 not the \$60 as originally thought. Dale suggested we start a free Google account for our website, he will get more information and report back.

State Rally Shifts – Discussion was held about this April and Todd will take of the this.

Ditch Pickup (call DOT 952-905-7900) – May 7th 11am

Washout permit – Scott B. will contact Mitch about getting the permit, the washout will be at the Hasty truck stop 9am to 12pm May 6th or 7th

Chapter Memorial Run and after party discussion – April relayed that Mike J. will host a get together afterwards.

Jim K. – more bags are needed for the ditch pickup discussion was held about obtaining more.

Jim K. – He would like to see the chapter's petty cash fund be raised to \$75 from the current \$50, discussion was held, item was tabled until the July 29th meeting.

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

- April 14th-16th – ABATE U., Holiday Inn, Alexandria MN
- April 21st - 22nd – Heartland STEAM, Bismarck ND
- May 5th – Moon Motors Open House, 8:30am – 6pm possible membership table on this day times TBD
- May 6th – Moon Motors Open House, 8:30am – 4pm
- May 6th – Tri-County Carver Fun Run signup begins at 10:30am, kickstands up at noon, \$20 per person
- May 6th or 7th – Great Minnesota Washout, Hasty Rest Stop, 9am – 12pm
- May 7th – Ditch pickup in St, Boni., 11am
- May 7th – Lake Chapter Meeting, Mound Legion, 1pm
- May 15th-16th – Bikers Inside the Beltway, Washington DC
- May 27th – Memorial Run, Hopkins Legion, 9am is the Fort Snelling run, noon is the regular run.
- June 3rd – Lake Chapter Meeting, Missile Park, 3pm
- June 10th & 11th – Intermediate and Advanced Training Courses
- June 17th – Spring Run
- July 8th – Lake Chapter Meeting, Smoker’s in Breezy Point, 3pm
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• Motion to adjourn -	Dean W.	2nd	Mike J.	Motion Passed
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Respectfully submitted by Maureen O’Hern

Motions passed at the Apr 1st Meeting:

- Motion to accept the minutes as written
- Motion to accept the Treasurer’s report
- Motion to accept the Committee reports
- Motion to adjourn