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

Location: Ken & Judy Kalway's home, Monticello, MN Date: August 19, 2017 Time: 3pm Officers Present: President: Keith "Smoker" Efron X Sergeant at Arms: Scott Trout X Vice President: Dave Clifton X Colleen Johnson Jim Kosse X Fred Pawelk **Chapter Rep:** Treasurer: Becky Hasslen X Dan Arne Leah Otto Secretary: Mike Jencks

Total number of members attending: 24

Guests: None

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: Fred Pawelk

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

Smoker thanked everyone for coming out today. Today is supposed to be a top 10 weather day according to channel 4 news. Hopefully we will have 3 more of these days for the State Rally.

Dave thanked everyone for coming out and thanks goes out to Buzz & Karen and Fred for helping out today at the membership table at Gear-Head Get Together in Maple Lake. We signed up two new members for Central chapter.

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary's report:

Motion to accept the minutes -Ken, 2nd Batman

Motion Passes

Scott Bitzer

Treasurer's Report:

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report, Ken 2nd Charm

Motion Passes

Chapter Rep Report: (Jim)

On the profiling bill there is no movement because reporting is being worked on. Law Enforcement is aware of this and has stopped the profiling for now as they don't want to give us anything to go after them for. In the legislative report, there was no negative legislation passed this session against motorcyclists

The motorcycle safety license plates bill passed. There was a style of plate submitted at the B.O.D but not yet approved by the State. We are hoping this style gets passed. The plates should be available by January first, 2018. Legislation actually stated that A.B.A.T.E of Minnesota will be aiding in the design of the plates. There is a \$20 dollar fee for the plate, ten dollars of it is going to the design and production and the other ten is going to the Minnesota Motorcycle Safety Fund. These plates are good for motorcycles, cars, trucks, van's, rv's and non commercial one ton's. No vanity plates at this time. For 2018, the 10% discount on insurance for taking a training class will be submitted.

An idea floated at the B.O.D. is to purchase business cards to pass out to other bikers when we see them promoting the use and purchase of these plates. Lake chapter does have connections and some funds. We will vote on the business card idea at the September meeting.

We need an opinion from the chapter on lane splitting. Someone in government is trying to introduce some legislation on lane splitting. Legislation states that there is a 40 mile an hour max speed but not more than 15 miles over that or faster than what traffic is currently flowing. Abate of Minnesota was not consulted on this and the B.O.D is suggesting each chapter submit their opinions on this legislation. Lane splitting in some states is where you can drive between vehicles in traffic if they are not going up to the posted speeds or stopped. Mack said this has been discussed a lot at the motorcycle safety committee and asked everyone to keep an open mind. Motion made by Fred to table the lane splitting discussion until the October meeting, seconded by Charm, motion passed. Mack said we actually have until January 2018 to decide our opinions on this before the next session starts. The October B.O.D is on the 21st in Albert Lee.

On the political contribution fund- it is available to have your 50 dollar donation reimbursed after sending it to your State representative or senator.

Biker Day 2018 is being planned for early March. This will be for members of Abate of Minnesota instead of just the single chapters showing up on a certain day. A firm date should be available at the October B.O.D. The state needs chapter support in dollars donated for help putting on the event, for transportation and we need attendees since the capital is now open again after renovations. We need to start showing back up.

On the MRF report: the MRF requests that we send out a basic letter of communication to our federal representatives. This can be done by using the CQ engage tool on the internet. The MRF is able to track how many letters are sent out to senators and representatives. You should also send a personal note to your senator or representative.

Abate U recap: It was a very successful event this year. We had just over seven thousand dollars in profit. Abate U 2018 dates will be April 20th thru the 22nd. Hotel reservations can start to be made in October. This years theme will be fundraising fundamentals - what works and what doesn't. The idea is to focus on chapters being more efficient and to come up with ideas on how to raise money. There will not be a silent auction since they didn't get enough items last year to facilitate an auction. Any small items they get will be put into a live auction. At this point they don't anticipate having a banquet due to having a small turnout of people last year. If interested in having a banquet, contact Jane to let her know your friends will be attending.

Gambling report: Today is the last day that we can get credit for rally tickets sold. Tickets will still be available at the rally. Kim Ostlund is looking for volunteers to sell tickets at the rally. Her name and number is in the roadnoise.

Jim said the order packets for Buddy Bears are going to be distributed at the October B.O.D. We need to have the order done by the January B.O.D. even if no bears are purchased a report needs to be submitted for tracking. Keep in mind at the next meeting or two what funds we have to use for ordering buddy bears, how many we currently have and how many we plan to give next year.

There were 600 Minnesota memberships signed from the Algona rally, many of them were renewals from people that go every year. If you want to join the membership committee, contact Jim LaSpisa, his number is in the roadnoise.

It was specifically called out at the B.O.D when discussing Algona to give Ken Kalway a big Thank You for all the effort he put in down at Algona and stepping up for extra shifts.

South Central chapter had a booth at the Meeker County Fairgrounds for the county fair. They were promoting the State Rally. Chapters are strongly encouraged to sponsor the rally. Lake chapter is approaching eleven thousand dollars in sponsorships.

First Aid booth at the rally is always looking for assistance on all shifts, you don't need to be trained in first aid to fill a shift.

Don't forget to promote the rally. Maureen shared a post on social media (facebook) about the Moonshine Meet & Greet and we almost had two thousand views on the post.

Dyno is back this year at the rally if you want to get your bike tuned in or see how fast it is. Central chapter is bringing back the memorial run at the rally.

This year is Liz's last year at the rally front gates. At the B.O.D they were still looking for a replacement and would like to have a replacement train with her at the rally. If interested see Smoker. There is also a sponsorship chair position open if your interested. There will be a PAC dinner Thursday evening.

Dial-A-Ride presented each chapter with six shirts in various sizes and colors. On the back of the shirt it has Dial-A-Ride and the front says you don't have to be a genius to figure out drinking and riding don't mix. We cannot bundle them in

an auction either silent or live, or charge for them, but donate or give them away. The shirts were purchased with gambling funds. The chapter decided to give them out at the 2018 Grounded Hogs party.

Jim was told at the B.O.D that there were only 10 pick ups and at our last meeting Dial-A-Ride was getting quite a few calls. This is something to check on.

A.B.A.T.E of Minnesota has an option of hosting Meeting of the Minds in September 2019. The B.O.D has given a tentative commitment to the MRF that we will host. What is needed is that the chapters tell the state what their level of commitment will be for this. The state would like an estimated dollar amount or approximation of donation outside our normal contribution to the MRF.

Summer Kick Off party at Linda's Lodge, Cloverdale, MN. Smoker said there was only a month and a half to promote this event and not a lot of time to advertise it. Attendance was 117 people, the goal was to have at least 500. There was a loss incurred for the event. Linda's Lodge is wondering if this loss will happen again. It was proposed that chapters get charged 10% of their membership. Lake chapter probably had one of the better turn out of people for this event. Smoker would like to see us do this again with more participation. Mack said at the January B.O.D twenty six chapter reps said they wanted to do this. People need to follow thru if they say they are going to do something. Lake chapter is in favor of the proposal to have chapters be charged 10% on tickets.

An events calendar from the Minnesota Confederation Clubs was passed out at the B.O.D. Our rally was on the calendar. We passed this around at our chapter meeting. We also passed around a riders rights and civil liberties handbook Jim brought from the B.O.D. The handbook tells what to say if you get pulled over and what your rights are. Jim will bring this to the rally to pass around.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Special Events (Becky and Dave C.):

Next event is the Moonshine Meet & Greet at the State Rally. No one is interested in doing a fall fundraiser so we will not be doing one. Toys for Tots fundraiser will be in October, we will have a firm update on this at the September meeting. Bowling for Kids Sake will be on October 22nd in Big Lake. Next special events meeting will be a half an hour prior to the October meeting.

Membership (Dave C.):

Scott thanked everyone that helped out at the Gear-Head Get Together in Maple Lake. Total members was 3612. Freedom First has 277, Lake has 275, South Central has 227, Metro has 225 and Central has 225. We are sure to get some members at the Big Bog Bash on September 9th.

Legislative / Government Relations Report (Todd R.):

Todd not present.

Training and Education (Mary):

Not present, no report.

State Raily (Smoker):

We are having a State Rally, be there. The weekend before the rally (Sunday) we will load up wood from Popeye's house and haul it out to the rally. The army tent will be set up the same day. Posters for the rally can still be put up. We will have a message therapist from Montana come to the rally, she happened to be at a gas station that Smoker was at. If you had fun at the rally last year, come again this year and bring some friends.

Public Relations (Mitch B):

Mitch said we had a pretty good turn out at both Bike shows for Camp Courage and Camp Friendship. We can no longer take pictures of the campers due to privacy concerns and can get pictures off the camps websites. Both camps thanked the chapter for bringing the motorcycles for the campers. The activities director at Camp Courage was new and saw the reaction on the campers faces. The director was very impressed. Bowling for Kids Sake will be October 22nd. The Moonshine Meet and Greet is coming up at the State Rally.

Motion to accept the committee reports -Kimmer, 2nd Kenny Motion Passed

OTHER REPORTS

Dial-A-Ride (Mike E):

Not Present

MN Motorcycle Safety Task Force (Mike B.)

Not present.

Buddy Bears (Fred):

Buddy Bears were delivered to Cross Lake and Ridgeview in Waconia. A time needs to be set to deliver bears to Wright County Human Services. We have 20 bears left to go to 212 Ambulance and St. Boni Fire Department.

Products (Dan):

Dan made a motion to do up more calendars, the same amount as last year, seconded by Mitch, motion passed. Kimmer will design it. Mitch said we need lots of pictures.

MRF Report (Todd R):

Not Present

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

Not Present

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Smoker got an email from Todd saying he thinks its about time to have an ABATE of Minnesota B.O.D. and a true Lake Chapter location. Southwest District will host the January B.O.D. and Paul Tjepkes offered us a chance to host. Todd would be willing to find a host hotel. Things to think about: possible Friday night fundraiser, food for lunch break if hotel doesn't serve food, and other things. Requirements are four Sargeant of Arms to assist in set up and tear down of the meeting. Todd would like an answer by Monday night. Lake Chapter is willing to step up and host in January 2018 since the meeting is in our area.

Additional New Business: Nominations for the Steven J. Kreitlow award are now open. The award will presented once a year in December to a Lake Chapter member who demonstrates a sustaining commitment to ensuring and promoting motorcycle rights and safety. The award is an American Flag that is flown over the State Capital in Washington D.C. on August 6th of the current year, which is the anniversary of Steve's death.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 1-3, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota's State Rally, Meeker County Fairgrounds, Litchfield September 1, Lake Chapter's Security Shift, State Rally, Meeker County Fairgrounds, Litchfield 3:00-6:00

September 2, Lake Chapter's Front Gate Shift, State Rally, Meeker County Fairgrounds, Litchfield, 8:00 am-Noon

September 2, Chapter Meeting, Meeker County Fairgrounds, Litchfield, 3:00

September 2, Lake Chapter's 2nd Annual Moonshine Meet & Greet, Meeker County Fairgrounds, Litchfield, 4:00

September 21-24 Meeting of the Minds, Williamsberg, Virginia

October 7, Ditch Pick Up, St. Boni Community Center, Noon

October 7, Lake Chapter Special Events Meeting, Red Vest, Rockford, 2:30

October 7, Lake Chapter Meeting, Red Vest, Rockford, 3:00

October 20, Rally Meeting, 6 pm

October 21, A.B.A.T.E. Of Minnesota B.O.D. America's Best Value Inn, Albert Lee, 9 am

October 22, Bowling for Kids Sake, McPete's, Big Lake

November 11, Lake Cahpter Meeting, Chops bar, Hanover, 3:00

December 2, Tentative Lake Chapter Meeting, Delano Legion, 3:00

Motion to adjourn the meeting -Ken, 2nd Kimmer

Motion - Passed

4:20 p

pm

Respectfully submitted by Leah Otto

Motions Passed at the August 19th meeting

Motion to accept the Secretary's report- Ken 2nd Batman Motion Passes

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report- ken 2nd Charm Motion Passes

Motion by Fred to table the lane splitting discussion until the October meeting, 2nd by Charm, Motion Passed

Motion to accept the committee reports- Kimmer, 2nd Ken Motion Passed

Motion made by Dan to do up the same amount of calendars as last year, 2nd by Mitch, motion Passed

Motion to adjourn the meeting, Ken, 2nd Kimmer, Motion Passed

Treasurer's Report - July, 2017

For the Fourth Month Ending July 31, 2017

Presented at August 19, 2017 Meeting: Ken and Judy Kalway's home, Monticello, 3:00 pm

| Started July with | | \$2,238.03 |
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| Income: | Memberships - June | \$78.00 |
| | Memberships - July | \$88.00 |
| | Products sold | \$83.00 |
| | Advance ticket sales for the Summer Run | \$120.00 |
| | Ticket sales for the Summer Run | \$80.00 |
| | Money collected for Lake Chapter Intermediate Motorcycle Rider Course | \$270.00 |
| | Total: | \$719.00 |
| Expenses: | First Class Road Noise mailed to Lake Chapter President - June and July | \$4.00 |
| | Lake Chapter Intermediate Motorcycle Rider Course | \$300.00 |
| | 5% of ticket sales for the Summer Run to MC PAC of Minnesota | \$10.00 |
| | 5% of ticket sales for the Summer Run to the MRF Fund | \$10.00 |
| | 50 % split to State - Summer Run | \$67.25 |
| | 1/2 page ad in Road Noise for the Summer Run | \$45.50 |
| | Total: | \$436.75 |
| July Ending Balance | | \$2,520.28 |
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| | 2016 Member of the Year Chapter paid Membership | \$20.00 |
| | 1/4 page ad in Road Noise for the Gear-Head Get Together | \$35.00 |
| | Website annual hosting fee (August) | \$39.95 |
| | Annual Blanket Special Events Insurance (August) | \$125.00 |
| | Food and supplies for the Moonshine Meet & Greet | \$75.00 |
| | 1/2 page ad in Road Noise for the Fall Fundraiser | \$45.50 |
| | Reimburse Chapter Rep Hotel Rm @ BOD (1 remaining of 3 per year) | \$100.00 |
| | 2018 Grounded Hogs Party | \$900.00 |
| | 2017 Member of the Year plaque and Chapter paid Membership | \$50.00 |
| | Total: | \$1,390.45 |
| Buddy Bear Fund | | \$51.73 |
| Food Shelf Fund: | | \$42.37 |
| Gambling Fund: | | \$158.40 |
| MRF Fund: | | \$130.42 |
| Petty Cash: | | \$48.60 |
| Toys for Tots Fund: | | \$162.00 |
| Grand Total: | | \$3,113.80 |
| | Spendable: | \$1,129.83 |

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