

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

**Location:** VFW, Chaska **Date:** August 19, 2018

**Time:** 3pm

**Officers Present:**

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

**Total number of members attending:** 21 **Guests:** None

**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:** Nikki Arne

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

Smoker thanked everyone for coming out today and it's been a long time since we have had a meeting on a Sunday. Dan thanked everyone for coming out to Camp Courage and to Camp Friendship.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**Secretary's report:**

Motion to accept the minutes –Scott Bitzer , 2nd Jim Kosse Motion Passes

**Treasurer's Report: (Karen May is temp for Becky)**

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report, Kimmer 2nd Scott Bitzer Motion Passes  
Thank You to Mike Jencks for heading up the Dart/Mystery Run and to April Murch for being a great tour guide. The chapter made \$218 from the run thanks to Kimmer.

**Chapter Rep Report: (Todd)**

There was a board meeting in July, a paper was passed around for transparency. We had 21 of 25 chapters present at the B.O.D. Abate U made a profit of \$9000 thanks to everyone that supported the cause. Road noise is asking everyone to submit their pictures from their Buddy Bears donations into the website.

We need a new road noise chair, Becky is stepping down. We also need a road noise coordinator which takes all the email's and gets them ready before sending them out to the proof readers. We need a new road noise editor. It would be nice to see some of these open positions filled by Lake Chapter members.

Road noise is looking for Bike of the Month, Business of the Month, and Member of the Month. We have a whole bunch of people that ride motorcycles that are members that go to these business's and it would be great to tell the road noise about the business's they are visiting.

As of the July B.O.D we have 3,537 total member for the state. 351 singles and 165 couples memberships from the Algona rally. Total of the singles and couples memberships is 681. Jim LaSpisa is stepping down as our membership chair at the state level of A.B.A.T.E of Minnesota. We need a new membership chair person. Benny our products person at the state level of A.B.A.T.E of Minnesota is stepping down, so we need a new products person.

As of the July B.O.D we have had 30 pick-ups so far and that's pretty good. We are looking for Dial-A-Ride board members. There is a crash bike on a trailer that can be used at fundraisers to encourage people to ride sober and smart.

August 24<sup>th</sup> is the burger night at the Kingston Mini Mart from 5 to 7:30 pm. Assistant coordinator Jim Orn and his wife Christy own the Mini Mart and are doing the burger nights. Stop by and have a burger, it's a great fundraiser.

Lower Corner chapter in Rochester has been struggling to get enough officers to renew their charter, but there is a possibility that they may have enough folks assembled to have an election in September. When the time comes if Lower Corner needs a little help we should find a way to help them out.

Mack Backlund our current State Coordinator announced that he will not be accepting nominations to run again for state coordinator.

We have our four promo tickets for the rally to give out to and figure out what to do with them. Does anyone know of someone that can't afford to go to the rally but would like to. Dawn asked about one going to George at the Gofer Bar and another one will be going to Batman per chapter agreement today. That leaves two left to decide what to do with. On Sunday at the rally grounds, everyone that helped unload wood and set up the army tent would get their name put in the drawing for a remaining promo ticket, Scott Trout and Scott Bitzer's names were drawn for the other two promo rally tickets.

As of the July B.O.D. meeting we had \$238 in our gambling account and that's doing pretty good not counting all the tickets sold. When all the tickets get turned in we should be somewhere in the neighborhood of \$350. This is money used to send Danny to camp, donations to Dial-A-Ride and to buy Buddy Bears so we don't have to take money out of our general fund.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### **Special Events** (Becky and Dave C.):

We are having a Lake Chapter garage sale on Friday and Saturday September 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at Mike Jencks home in Buffalo. The special events position is still open, Dave and Becky's final thing to do under special events was to set up the Rockford township hall for the 2019 Grounded Hogs party. The hall is reserved.

### **Membership** (Scott):

Smoker thanked Scott for all his hard work with the membership table at the Gear-Head Get Together in Maple Lake and the upcoming Big Bog Bash in September where Scott will have a table. Total members for the state is 3,546. Freedom First has 275, Lake has 268, and River Valley has 233. We are sure to get some members at the Big Bog Bash on September 8th. Scott got three new couples memberships and one single membership at the Gear Head Get Together.

Todd said in May we passed around and expired membership list for everyone to take a look at and then to mail an envelope to someone off this list. Todd said is safe to say we got at least seven people rejoined up from the list that were expired. The postage stamp money came from selling ash tray shots so we will do this again or not and bring it up again at the October meeting.

### **Legislative / Government Relations Report** (Mike B.):

Todd giving report. Legislative wrap up of the 2018 session, motorcycle permit holders can now ride on the interstate freeways, we were able to get that bill modified with Senator Nash and Senator Kiffmeyer. Our hands free cell phone use bill came up a little short so we will revisit this next session. The Motorcycling profiling bill we are going to take a serious look at as the complaint forms are not being filled out by bikers that are profiled.

Biker day 2019 is tentatively scheduled for the first or second week of February. We got to have chapter support for this and something we hear a lot is that I don't take the bus. Even though many don't ride the bus, the speakers and material that are handed out to people at bikerday is paid for with A.B.A.T.E of Minnesota funds.

The 2018 midterm is going to get kind of heated this fall but don't let that be an excuse to not go out and vote. There will be a voter's guide in the October issue of road noise that tells what we are discussing at Biker day in February 2019.

### **State Rally** (Smoker):

This year is the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual A.B.A.T.E of Minnesota State Rally, Labor Day weekend at the Meeker County Fairgrounds in Litchfield. We have some great bands, a lot of fun things to do, a memorial run has been set up for Wiskey Jim and his wife Annette. The Boy Scouts will be providing some food, the sheriff's department will be providing stop light running and apparently there will be a parade. Lake Chapter is signed up for a couple shifts as well as security at the rally. Please be there at the appropriate time. We have Friday evening as our security shift and early Saturday morning is our front

gate shift. Smoker is not in charge of the sign-up sheets but will find out and let people know when our shifts are. Feel free to sign up for any additional shifts that are open.

Following the Lake Chapter meeting at 2:10 under the army tent, then the group photo and then the Moonshine Meet and Greet. We have used the Moonshine Meet and Greet as an ad hoc fundraiser in the last few years. So if anyone has any booze they want to bring to the rally, please do so, it would be greatly appreciated.

August 24<sup>th</sup> meet at Buzz and Karen's house in Rockford to cut up wood for the rally. August 26<sup>th</sup> the wood will be taken out to the rally at 10:30 am and the army tent set up. It would be great to get a lot of people to help out. Dan said during the memorial run at the rally we will be spreading Wiskey Jim's and his wife's ashes. Please join us on Saturday for the memorial run.

Batman added that we have lost another fellow biker name Lunk ER to a heart attack, he was only 55 years old. He was a past chapter member in 1986 and 1987. Not currently a member of our chapter at this time, but its still sad to loose a fellow biker.

**Public Relations (Mitch B):**  
Not present.

Motion to accept the committee reports -Dawn, 2nd Charm      Motion Passed

### OTHER REPORTS

**Dial-A-Ride (Monte):**

At the present moment we have 58 pick-ups that have been turned into Jodi. Dial-A-Ride has been in various parades and will be out at the rally, so feel free to ride in the cart helping deliver ice to people that want to cool off while meeting new people. There are many ways to be impaired and sometimes its hard for people to accept getting a ride home out of pride.

**MN Motorcycle Safety Task Force (Monte.)**

Some colleges are discontinuing motorcycle training classes, we need to find a way to stop this so people can keep finding training. Next meeting is September 20<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm at St. Paul College.

**Buddy Bears (Leah):**

We have decided where the bears will be distributed and setting up dates to donate them. Smoker has ten in July at the chapter meeting at his place, Todd got 10 at the chapter meeting at Madigan's earlier this year. I still have 30 in the box at home.

**Products (Nikki):** Check out the new t-shirts we have.

**MRF Report (Mike B):**

Mike Not Present. Todd gave report. The report at the B.O.D was very brief. Meeting of the Minds registration is open for early birds room reservations in Denver in 2019. Kirk "Hardtail" Willard was inducted into the Sturgis Motorcycle Hall of Fame. He was recognized for all his hard work for protecting our riding freedoms. Hardtail on multiple occasions thanked the movement on people that support the MRF and he gave us credit for that. We want to keep getting the motorcycle rights message in front of bike builders, manufacturers, designers that don't give a crap about motorcycle rights. If it wasn't for us their business would go away.

The big issue now is the fuel bills being worked on. A lot of us that ride bikes cannot put the E15 in them because its illegal to do so and it voids the warranty. We want to make sure that E10 and E0 is available at the pumps.

**Drawing (Mike E):** \$5 off products winner  
None drawn this meeting.

## OTHER REPORTS

**OLD BUSINESS:** Charm said she didn't see a reminder sent out for today's meeting. We will get this straightened out at the October meeting. Dawn said that there was three people from Lake Chapter at Lunk ER's funeral.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Additional new business: Nominations for the Steven J. Kreitlow award are now open. The award will be 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 flown over the State Capital in Washington D.C. on August 6<sup>th</sup> of the current year, which is the anniversary of Steve's death.

Batman had a question if past recipients could get the award again. It would be great if the award was given to someone that has not gotten it before.

We should keep in mind when setting our May 2019 chapter meeting to set it for a Sunday instead of the first Saturday in May because Tri-County has their diabetes run the first Saturday in May and we want to make it so a lot of members can attend their event since a lot of Tri-County members came to our Dart/Mystery run.

Ditch pick-up is set for October 13 and we possibly will be having the Toys for Tots fundraiser at the cross bar in St. Boni the same day, just waiting for clarification on it from the person contacting the bar.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**August 31, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota's State Rally, Meeker County Fairgrounds, Litchfield**  
**September 1, Lake Chapter Meeting, army tent at 2:10 pm, Group Photo**  
**September 1, 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Moonshine Meet and Greet, Meeker County Fairgrounds, Litchfield**  
**September 14-15 Lake Chapter Garage Sale, Mike Jencks Home, Buffalo**  
**September 20-23, Meeting of the Minds, Denver CO**  
**October 6, Lake Chapter Meeting, Red Vest, Rockford, 3:00**  
**October 7, Bowling for Kids Sake, McPete's Big Lake, Noon-2:00 pm**  
**November 3, Lake Chapter Meeting, Boondocks, Otsego, 3 pm**  
**December 1, Lake Chapter Meeting, Tentatively at Delano Legion, 3:00 (Karen will contact them)**

Motion to adjourn the meeting –Jim Kosse, 2nd Jodi Ohlrogge Motion Passed 4:26 pm

Respectfully submitted by Leah Otto

### **Motions Passed at the August 19th meeting**

**Motion to accept the Secretary's report, Scott Bitzer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Kosse, Motion Passes**  
**Motion to accept the Treasurer's report, Kimmer, Scott Bitzer, Motion Passes**  
**Motion to accept the Committee reports, Dawn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Charm, Motion passed**  
**Motion to adjourn, Jim Kosse, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jodi Ohlrogge, Motion passed**

**Treasurer's Report - August, 2018**  
 For the Fifth Month Ending August 31, 2018  
 Presented at September 1, 2018 Meeting: Meeker County Fairgrounds, Litchfield, 2:10 pm

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| Started August with   |  | <b>\$2,444.69</b> |
| <b>Income:</b>        | Products sold  | \$147.00          |
|                       | <u>Total:</u>  | <u>\$147.00</u>   |
| <b>Expenses:</b>      | First Class Road Noise mailed to Lake Chapter President - August | \$2.00            |
|                       | Annual Blanket Special Events Insurance                          | \$125.00          |
|                       | 1/4 page Road Noise ad for the Gear-Head Get Together            | \$35.00           |
|                       | <u>Total:</u>  | <u>\$162.00</u>   |
| August Ending Balance |  | <b>\$2,429.69</b> |
| <b>Earmarks</b>       | Reimburse Chapter Rep Hotel Rm @ BOD (2 remaining of 3 per year) | \$200.00          |
|                       | 2019 Grounded Hogs Party   | \$900.00          |
|                       | 2018 Member of the Year plaque and Chapter paid Membership       | \$50.00           |
|                       | <u>Total:</u>  | <u>\$1,150.00</u> |
| Food Shelf Fund:      |  | \$0.00            |
| Gambling Fund:        |  | \$238.48          |
| MRF Fund:             |  | \$110.25          |
| Petty Cash:           |  | \$28.80           |
| Toys for Tots Fund:   |  | \$8.00            |
| <b>Grand Total:</b>   |  | <b>\$2,815.22</b> |
| <b>Spendable:</b>     |  | <b>\$1,279.69</b> |

Lake Chapter Meeting sign-in

Date

8-19-18

- 1. Leah Otto
- 2. Charm
- 3. Jim Kim
- 4. Cyndi Buttrick
- 5. Doni Jern
- 6. Sheryl Ann
- 7. Dawn Riba
- 8. Kimmber
- 9. Jodi Ohlrogge
- 10. Monte Ohlrogge
- 11. Scott Bitzer
- 12. STEVE HORSCH
- 13. Karen May
- 14. Buzz Plante
- 15. Batman
- 16. SMOKER
- 17. Blythe Bucher
- 18. Jenks
- 19. Sue Parker
- 20. Scott Trost
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