

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

Location: Madigan's, Maple Lake

Date: December 2, 2017

Time: 3pm

Officers Present:

President:	Keith "Smoker" Efron	x	Sergeant at Arms:	Dan Arne	x
Vice President:	Dave Clifton	x		Scott Bitzer	x
Chapter Rep:	Mike Jencks	x		Mike Jencks	x
Treasurer:	Becky Hasslen	x		Colleen Johnson	x
Secretary:	Leah Otto	x		Fred Pawelk	x
				Scott Trout	x

Total number of members attending: 28

Rep, Dave Jensen and Herb.

Guests: Jon "Trashy" Smith Rolling Prairie's Chapter

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: Fred

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

Smoker thanked everyone that showed up today and hoped some people got out and put a few more miles on the bike since we are still having nice weather.

Dave thanked everyone for coming out.

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary's report:

Correction from last month's meeting minutes, 10 Buddy Bears was dropped off at the Family Counseling Center in Buffalo, MN, not April's work.

Motion to accept the minutes – Mitch, 2nd Cindy

Motion Passes

Treasurer's Report:

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report Kimmer, 2nd Blythe

Motion Passes

Chapter Rep Report:

Jim has two items to pass around, one is a flyer for the January 20th River Valley Thaw and the other is for the Mississippi Valley Winter Bash on February 17th.

Jim has ABATE University raffle tickets to sign out or purchase. Tickets are \$100 dollars each. 1st is a Harley Davidson Road King Custom, 2nd is an Indian Dark Horse. 3rd is an Indian Scout 60, and 4th is \$5,000 in cash. Two tickets have already been sold.

For the January B.O.D, Jim has invited Joyce Peppin Majority Leader and Senator Warren Limmer. In the event that they accept, Jim would really like to have the chapter submit a request that \$200 go to the PAC. We can request specific amounts to send to either legislators or either party. Jim wants the \$200 to go to the G.O.P and be distributed as they see fit.

Bikerday is March 14, 2018. We have full access to the capital as the renovations are done. We did get a few bills passed last year and nothing bad came our way. We need to decide as a chapter how people are going to get to Bikerday at the Capital. Last year we carpooled and took regional busses. Motion made by Mitch to donate \$300 of Lake Chapter funds to the State to provide bus service to get to the Bikerday at the Capital and to have Monticello as a stopping point. 2nd was Kimmer, Motion Passes.

We recently discussed motorcycle permit restrictions and having one of those restrictions lifted for people on the way to getting a full riding endorsement. Right now there is no night riding, freeway riding, and must wear a helmet on your permit. It has been suggested that the no freeway restriction be lifted. Frank doesn't think this will be a hard fight to remove the freeway restriction. Lake Chapter needs to respond to this at the January B.O.D. Jim had a note from Frank

that he passed around on the different highways. The traffic on 94 and 35 is going relatively smooth and going all in one direction with no cross traffic or stops. Hwy 10 you have cross traffic and Hwy stops. The chapter was in favor of having the restriction lifted.

On the lane splitting issue, Senate file #2405, a lot of people are comparing Minnesota to California. Minnesota roads are not as wide as California's and if you are going to keep splitting a lane with Semi's, boat trailers, snowmobile trailers or a fully loaded trailer you won't have enough room for someone to ride between traffic in Minnesota. In the past the chapter has leaned towards not splitting lanes. Coalition clubs have gone in support of this issue because its all about freedom and anything you can get from the State on freedom is a good thing. Just because its legal doesn't mean you have to do it. We will have to see what this does to our traffic fatalities statistics. If the accident and fatality rates goes up this is a concern but its not part of the lane splitting bill. Smoker asked for a vote on this issue and will wait until the January meeting.

ABATE University hotel reservations are now open. This year's theme is fundraising fundamentals. Jim has submitted a survey to Dave and Becky to let ABATE U know how we do our fundraisers, why they are successful and what works and what doesn't . This will be a topic of discussion at a roundtable at ABATE U. If you know of anybody that would like to be a bike related vendor for ABATE U, let Dave or Becky know. A bean bag tournament has been added Friday night and Jane is still looking for a coordinator for this, contact her or Jim if interested in helping out. This year there is only a live auction, smaller items will be bundled and donations are being accepted at the January B.O.D. that Lake Chapter is hosting as well as at ABATE U.

They are working on getting a state gambling board representative to do a presentation at ABATE U. A representative from each chapter could be present at the presentation to hear what is and what's not acceptable by the State for our gambling. Lake Chapter doesn't do a lot of gambling but it's the State that puts the restrictions on how gambling works.

ABATE U has a share the road presentation and would like someone from each chapter to go to this. This doesn't mean we will be doing a class but so someone from each chapter is there for the presentation.

There has been over 2,000 key chains given out for share the road. This is a popular item. There is no banquet or luncheon this year at ABATE U due to not enough attendance, you can still dress up if you like.

Jim has Buddy Bear forms to fill out and be returned by the January B.O.D. whether a zero number is placed or a number of bears are ordered. We have just over \$300 dollars available. The cost of the bears is undetermined at this time, it could be between \$5.50 and \$7.00, we don't pay for them until April. Last year they were just under \$5.00 and gambling did contribute some of them. We gave away fifty bears last year, we are now at zero. Lake Chapter is in compliance with gambling reporting. Motion made by Mitch to order fifty Buddy Bears, 2nd was Kimmer, Motion Passes.

Publications is always looking for Bike of the Month, Member of the Month and Business of the Month. Let Becky know your suggestion on who you would like to see.

Heartland STEAM is March 23-25, 2018 at the Ramada Inn, Albert Lea. Jim has a sign up sheet if you want to register to go. They are looking for sponsorships, auction items and volunteers, contact Jane if you would like to help with this . Bring any auction items to the January B.O.D.

The Summer Kick Off party was brought up at the last B.O.D and did not get enough votes to do it again next year. The chapters felt there was not enough notification to get support and didn't appreciate having tickets assigned to us and if the chapters didn't sell the tickets they were responsible for the cost, especially for chapters that have events on that same weekend.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Special Events (Becky and Dave C.):