

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	<u>x</u>	Sergeant at Arms:	Dan Arne	<u>x</u>
Vice President:	Dave Clifton	<u>x</u>		Scott Bitzer	<u>x</u>
Chapter Rep:	Mike Jencks	<u>x</u>		Mike Jencks	<u>x</u>
Treasurer:	Becky Hasslen	<u>x</u>		Colleen Johnson	
Secretary:	Leah Otto	<u>x</u>		Fred Pawelk	<u>x</u>
				Scott Trout	<u>x</u>

Total number of members attending: 28

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

Rep, Dave Jensen and Herb.

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.):

Karen not present, no update on the January B.O.D Hospitality room and lunch. Grounded Hogs party is February 3rd at the Rockford Township Hall, Buffalo, set up begins at 4 pm, party starts at 7 pm. Everett Smithson will play. Advance tickets are available and there are posters you can take to hang up. We will have sign up sheets in January, we need help with security, front gate, auction and its potluck. Start collecting auction items.

Membership (Dave C.):

Lake Chapter has 275, we are top chapter at the moment and Freedom First is a little behind us with 261.

Legislative / Government Relations Report (Todd R.):

Mike Berger not present.

Training and Education (Mary):

Mary not present.

State Rally (Smoker):

It's the 30th Annual A.B.A.T.E of Minnesota State Rally. Its never to early to start signing up sponsors. The budget is being worked on right now. Starting to look at entertainment, send any suggestions to Smoker. Lake Chapter always steps up to get a lot of sponsors for the rally. It's a huge boost for us and our sponsors to get recognized and get a little advertising. Don't forget to ask for door prizes from sponsors because we do give away prizes to anyone who works three or more scheduled shifts at the rally. Last year it was slim pickings on door prizes. We will have sponsorship packets at the Jnauary B.O.D. to pass out and at the February meeting. Still looking for someone to head up Security and Vice Chair. We may have found someone to take over the Sponsorship Chair position and will have a definate confirmation of this hopefully by next meeting.

Public Relations (Mitch B):

She will try and get a picture in the paper from the Buddy Bear drop off at the Family Counseling Center in Buffalo and a picture from the Toys for Tots drop off at Kare 11 on December 8th.

Motion to accept the committee reports - Mitch, 2nd Kimmer Motion Passes

OTHER REPORTS

Dial-A-Ride (Mike E):

Mike not present

MN Motorcycle Safety Task Force (Mike B.)

Monte not present.

Buddy Bears (Fred):

I will be taking over the Buddy Bear program.

Products (Dan):

Calendars and bumper stickers are available. Dan and Nikki have a sign up sheet for Grounded Hogs shirts you can order.

MRF Report (Todd R):

No update.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

The January 6th Lake Chapter Meeting is being changed to have it at Delano Lanes instead of Delano Legion because the Legion is booked that day. Dave will follow up on this to make sure Delano Legion sends anyone that comes for the meeting over to Delano Lanes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trashy has been a member of ABATE since 1991. He was approached at the rally and if nominated and asked if he would run for District Director. Since Lake Chapter is doing the set up for the January B.O.D., Rolling Prairie will be available to help with whats needed at the B.O.D. Rolling Prairie puts on an awesome chili feed. Trashy said they go thru about twenty three roaster pans of chili and feed about four hundred people.

Smoker would like to see someone from our chapter donate some tickets to be given away at the Board of Directors meeting. Motion was made by Kimmer to staple 25 tickets to flyers to be handed out at chapters Board of Directors meetings. The chapter reps will hand these out at their meetings prior to the Grounded Hogs party in February. 2nd Mitch, Motion Passes.

The Steven J. Kreitlow award is the highest honor awarded to any Lake Chapter member in honor of past President Steven J. Kreitlow who passed away in a motorcycle accident in Sturgis, South Dakota, This year's recipient of the award is karen May. Karen and her husband are currently in Tennessee and we will hold this award and present it to her at a later date. The award is a flag flown over the United States Capital on the same day that Steve passed away. Mike Jencks has taken over production of the box for the flag.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Jan. 6, Special Events Committttee Meeting, Delano Lanes, Delano 2:30 pm
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Jan. 20, A.B.A.T.E of Minnesota Board of Directors Meeting, Rogers, MN, 9:00 AM
Feb. 3, Grounded Hogs Party, Rockford Township Hall, Buffalo, set up 4 pm, party starts at 7
Feb. 10, Lake Chapter Meeting, Red Vest, Rockford, 3 PM
Mar. 10, Lake Chapter Meeting, Hollywood Roadhouse, New Germany, 3 PM
Mar. 14, Bikerday at the State Capital
Mar. 23-25, Heartland STEAM, Ramada Inn, Albert Lea, MN
Apr. 20-22 A.B.A.T.E University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria

Motion to adjourn the meeting – Mitch, 2nd Blythe Motion - Passes 4:10 pm

Respectfully submitted by Leah Otto

Motions Passed at the Dec 2 meeting

Motion to accept the Secretary's report, 1st Mitch, 2nd Cindy Motion Passes
Motion made by Mitch to round up the Toys for Tots donation to \$1,200. 2nd was Cindy Motion Passes
Motion made by Kimmer to accept the Treasurer's report, 2nd Blythe Motion Passes
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Motion to adjourn, Mitch, 2nd Blythe, Motion Passes

Treasurer's Report - October, 2017

For the Eighth Month Ending November 30, 2017

Presented at December 2, 2017 Meeting: Madigan's, Maple Lake, 3:00 pm

Started November with		\$2,132.00
Income:		
	Products Sold	\$89.00
	Donations collected for Toys for Tots	\$570.00
	Total:	\$659.00
Expenses:		
	First Class Road Noise mailed to Lake Chapter President - November	\$2.00
	Chapter Calendars	\$243.33
	Chapter Rep's hotel room at the October BOD	\$77.61
	Sustaining membership to the MRF	\$100.00
	Chapter paid membership for Megan Ekstrom	\$20.00
	Transfer to Toys for Tots fund	\$570.00
	Donation to MRF A&E Legacy fund in memory of Jim "Whiskey" Leyden	\$50.00
	Total:	\$1,062.94
November Ending Balance		\$1,728.06
Earmarks		
	LCWD Patches	\$30.00
	January B.O.D. hospitality room and lunch fundraiser	\$200.00
	2018 Grounded Hogs Party	\$900.00
	2017 Member of the Year plaque and Chapter paid Membership	\$50.00
	Total:	\$1,180.00
Buddy Bear Fund		\$51.73
Food Shelf Fund:		\$90.37
Gambling Fund:		\$277.54
MRF Fund:		\$0.00
Petty Cash:		\$38.80
Toys for Tots Fund:		\$1,123.00
Grand Total:		\$3,309.50
Spendable:		\$548.06

12/2/17

Paul

Becky

Dave

RR Jon Trasky (handwritten)

Guest Herb

Jinx

Joi Kue

Debra Koz

Kimberly

Don Kuchle + 502

"Gramps"

Scott Bitzer

Chris Kalkat

Yutch Backler

Shirley Braker

Leah Otto

Cyndi Buttweide

Lyndee

Sue Parker

Scott Trout

Mary Ann

Mary Ann

Louise Ann

Maurice O'Hare

Dan Arne

Nikki Arne

Guest
Dave Jensen