

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

**Location: Red Vest, Rockford. Date: Feb. 10, 2017 Time: 3pm**

**Officers Present:**

<b>President:</b>	Keith "Smoker" Efron	<u>X</u>	<b>Sergeant at Arms:</b>	Dan Arne	<u>X</u>
<b>Vice President:</b>	Dave Clifton	<u>X</u>		Scott Bitzer	<u>X</u>
<b>Chapter Rep:</b>	Jim Kosse	<u>X</u>		Mike Jencks	<u>X</u>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Becky Hasslen	<u>X</u>		College Johnson	<u>X</u>
<b>Secretary:</b>	Leah Otto	<u>X</u>		Fred Pawelk	<u>X</u>
				Scott Trout	<u>X</u>

**Total number of members attending: 32**

**Guests: Paul Tjepkes and Jon "Trashy" Smith**

**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: Mike Jencks**

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

Smoker thanked everyone who came and to Karen and everyone that did a fabulous job at the B.O.D. It came off without a hitch and Smoker got a lot of nice comments. The same with the Grounded Hogs party, which seemed like a success.

Dave thanked everyone for coming out today, to everyone that helped with the luncheon and potluck at the B.O.D. Thank You Karen! Thanks to everyone that helped out with the Grounded Hogs Party.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**Secretary's report:**

Motion to accept the minutes - Mitch, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Edgett Motion Passes

**Treasurer's Report:**

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report Karen, 2nd Buzz Motion Passes

**Chapter Rep Report:**

Paul Tjepkes thanked the chapter for putting on a great B.O.D., food was good. Everything met the state requirements. Paul congratulated Karen on all she did for the B.O.D. She did a great job and ran her butt off. The Grounded Hogs party was another great time. Paul is our sitting district director and would appreciate our vote come March.

Trashy said it was a great time at the B.O.D., everything went smoothly and the band was great. He really enjoyed it. Trashy has been a member of Abate for over twenty six years and has held various positions of President, Vice President, Chapter Rep and Sargent of Arms. He helped start Rolling Prairie chapter. He asked for our support for District Director.

For legislative reports, bikerday is March 14th. Registration is open and has been going on since January 22nd and will close on February 23. There are a lot of issues to discuss. This is an election year so please go online and register to go. It is very important that we have as many people as possible on March 14th at the Capital. If you cannot go, please let Todd Riba know so he can have someone stand up for you and let your representative know you wanted to be here and your vote will be coming from your district.

The Minnesota license plate and registration system or MNLARS is a mess. You may have to order your start seeing motorcycle license plates and have them delivered to you. Frank brought up a point, he said if you have your temporary tag sand have not got your tabs or new plates, that the cops can still use this as a reason to pull you over. Make sure everything is up to date with your license, insurance, and that you haven't been drinking, don't want to give the cops a reason to pull you over.

The political refund is fifty dollars per person and one hundred per couple. Frank said it took about three to four weeks to get his money back. It does get acknowledged and makes a difference in St. Paul when they see your name as a contributor and when you walk in the door for bikerday.

Frank is trying to get some restrictions lifted like the restriction on freeway driving on an instructional permit. Lake Chapter has discussed this, supports it and this was passed at the B.O.D.

On the lane splitting issue we found out there was another option we could of had at the time. Most of the chapters stood the same as we did on lane splitting, we went yes or no. Lake Chapter didn't say they wouldn't support legislation on lane splitting in its current state. The support of that legislation was tabled at the B.O.D., so at this point A.B.A.T.E of Minnesota has no opinion on this legislation. We are going to look at this again as details and changes occur.

Abate University is coming up in April. We have a challenge sheet to talk about before Abate U. The deadline to get the group rate on rooms at Abate U is March 23rd. Friday night at Nine pm there will be a bean bag tournament. There will be three lanes for the bean bag competition and one set of the boards will be custom made. The custom made set of boards will be the prize for the trike races competition on Saturday night. At Three pm on Saturday, the Minnesota Gambling Control Board will be having a presentation. A.B.A.T.E of Minnesota strongly suggests that each chapter have a representative there to listen to what they have to say. At Four pm that same afternoon, there will be a discussion presented by the district directors on fundraising. Lake Chapter will be submitting our fundraising ideas on what we do and how we do it. There will be no band after the auction. They are asking chapters to not have events going on during the auction because there may have been some alcohol testing that may have had people's attention diverted.

Abate U raffle tickets are going to be turned in on April 11th. Jim had raffle tickets at Grounded Hogs and was going to give a 1% discount to anyone that bought a raffle ticket. Buy one for a hundred bucks get a dollar back. Not a lot of sales.

The road guard signs will be available thru the gambling committee until March first if anyone or chapter wants one.

The buddy bear program has fallen almost into jeopardy thru the gambling committee. There are chapters that are out of compliance because they don't submit their reports, they are not functioning within the guidelines of gambling because gambling is what purchases the bears. There were three chapters still out of compliance at the last B.O.D, Lake Chapter was not one of them. For 2018 the cost is unknown for the bears with the gambling kick in, they are estimating an \$8.50 cost per bear.

Some people are suggesting that gambling get out of the buddy bear program and that the program continue with the chapters paying for the bears they purchase out of their general funds. If A.B.A.T.E of Minnesota stays out of compliance that's the direction the buddy bear program will go.

Algona: They are looking for people to sign up and work a shift or two at the gates, contact Jim LaSpisa, his info is in the roadnoise. Incentive is if you work one or more than one shift you can get in to next year's admission free.

There is a membership drive being sponsored by Frank Ernst running from February 7th to May 11th for the first five people that sign up five memberships of people that have not been a member for the last two years. This can get you a free one year membership.

The state and rally websites are being updated. They are doing this to support smart phone apps so people can use their phone's to better interact with the state website.

Heartland S.T.E.A.M is March 23-25 in Albert Lea. They need volunteers, sponsorships and auction items along with chapter members in attendance. Jim has a cribbage board he had engraved with A.B.A.T.E of Minnesota Lake Chapter on it. He is donating it on behalf of Lake Chapter to S.T.E.A.M. Mitch is looking for prize inventory items by March first.

The proposed budget for April first 2018 to March 3, 2019 needs to be voted on and approved by the chapters and brought to the April B.O.D. Jim will bring the proposed budget to the March meeting for a vote. Some of the highlights of the budget are the blanket costs, insurance, additional website costs because of upgrades and additional costs for voters guide because this is an election year.

This is an election year for us also. The usual people are running. State Coordinator Mack Backlund. Asst. State Coordinator Jim Orn, State Treasurer Michele "Mitch" Backlund. Northeast District Director Dale Peterson, Northwest District Director Edgar Burke. Southeast District Director Virgil Legried. Southwest District Director Paul Tjepkes and Jon "Trashy" Smith.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

We had the Grounded Hogs Party last weekend, unfortunately the weather was crappy. We had a little over the usual attendance, little over the amount of tickets usually sold. Thanks to Gramps and Mitch for selling a lot of advance tickets and saving our butts. Thanks to everyone that came, to everyone that brought food, and auction items. We only made half of the profit of what we usually do. Advanced tickets are the key so next year sell as many as you can. We need a special events committee chair or at least a committee of people willing to take on some events because that's what makes us money.

We need to vote by next month if we are going to have the 2019 Grounded Hogs Party at the Rockford Township Hall again as the available dates the hall has open fill up fast. Motion made by Charm to have the 2019 Grounded Hogs Party at the Rockford Township Hall. Seconded by Mike Edgett, motion Passes. Dave will call and reserve a date but needs someone to take over the event and step up with their address of where the contract can be sent to and to sign the contract. Becky thanked everyone on the work for the Grounded Hogs Party, it was a good time. Charm said we should all show our appreciation for all the hard work Dave and Becky has done over the years for the Grounded Hogs Party. Thank You Dave and Becky!

### **Membership (Dave C.):**

Scott said the total members for State is 3,532. Lake Chapter is in first place with 266. Freedom First has 257, Central Chapter and River Rider chapter both have 218.

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

Jim covered this under his report.

### **Training and Education (Sherri):**

Sherri talked to Mary and they will set up a date to get together before the next meeting in March.

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

Yes we are having a State Rally this year, August 31st. to September 3rd. It is the 30<sup>th</sup>, Annual A.B.A.T.E of Minnesota State Rally. Smoker has contracts on bands but they are not signed so we have to wait until Abate U to find out who they are. Smoker has been very lucky in the last few months in getting people to step up and help out with the rally. Becky is in charge of sponsorships for Lake Chapter. Probably since the inception of the sponsorship program, Lake Chapter has flat out dominated in getting sponsorships for the rally. It's wonderful and let's keep it up. Last year we probably did somewhere in the ballpark of \$23,000 in sponsorships. We couldn't have a better person than Becky taking over the sponsorship program. We have a new Vice Chair, his name is Randy, look for him and we will train him. Kevin Reynolds and John Brantner have stepped up to co-chair security. As always Lake Chapter has stepped up and pulled a few shifts at the rally. Sign up sheets for everything will be available at Abate U. We are working on our state rally website and will possibly be selling rally tickets online. If your not going to make it to the rally, purchase a ticket anyway. Becky said typically Lake Chapter purchases a silver sponsorship for the rally. Charm made a motion that Lake Chapter purchase a silver sponsorship for the rally. Seconded by Cindy, motion Passes.

**Public Relations (Mitch B):**

Really don't have anything. The next upcoming event will be at the Abate University Hospitality Room.

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

**OTHER REPORTS**

**Dial-A-Ride (Mike E):**

Mike got some new materials at the B.O.D. and will be distributing them to the chapter reps. If you have any questions about Dial-A-Ride please see Mike after the meeting. Jodi said they did over twenty rides at the Grounded Hogs Party and four people were working. Dial-A-Ride got four thousand dollars to put towards t-shirts and educational materials.

**MN Motorcycle Safety Task Force (Mike B.)**

The last motorcycle safety advisory task force meeting was on Thursday January 18th. Recently we had two members resign from the task force, one moved to Wisconsin and the other had her hours changed at work and are unable to attend. The task force is down to 13 members. The task force talked about safety measures for 2018. Messages will be seen on gas station pumps and in their windows, on social media and television ads as well. As advertising is expensive, the ads will only run for a few weeks each year. The messages will remain the same as last year. Bill Schafer talked about a safety message insert that comes with your motorcycle registration in the mail. This is a pretty easy way to get safety message sayings to people. There are over two hundred thousand registered motorcycles in Minnesota. Last year Bill gave us homework to submit messages we wanted to see, there were not a lot of them. This year we had eighty nine messages. Members of the task force chose the top twenty they liked and sent them to Bill. Bill proposed a list of the top twenty on how we voted, then sent a list of which ones we want as a priority to the Toward Zero Deaths coordinator who puts the messages on the signs.

Over the next two years the Motorcycle Safety Foundation will be changing the Basic Rider Course and the Basic Rider Course Two across the state. The classroom portion will need to be done online and you get a printout that you took the course. This will be a huge project that includes retraining instructors. The top thirteen message choices were: #13, Rider training, life depends on it. #12, Tailgate at football, not on the highway. #11, Share the road, bikers lives depend on it. #10, Slow down and enjoy the ride. #9, Live to ride another day, rider training. #8, Live to ride, ride to live, rider training. #7, Motorcycles need to be seen, not all can be heard. #6, Look for motorcycles, they look for you. #5, Be a kind driver, it's not that hard. #4, Save a life, look twice for motorcycles. #3, Exit to text it. #2, See me, Thank You. #1, Get your head out of your apps.

The next motorcycle safety task force meeting will be March 15th at St. Paul College at 5 pm. As always you are welcome to attend.

**Buddy Bears (Leah):**

Fifty buddy bears were purchased and will be picked up at Abate U. Mitch said gambling contributed some money towards the bears.

**Products (Dan):**

Dan thanked everyone for buying a pre-ordered t-shirt for the Grounded Hogs Party, we sold out again. There are still about six of the 30th Anniversary patches left if you still want one. There's about six calendars left. We got an anonymous donation of one hundred dollars to go along with the motion made at last month's meeting towards a memorial patch for Lake Chapters first president Wiskey Jim.

## **MRF Report (Todd R):**

If you are not on social media you can still check out the messages on the MRF.org website. The motorcycle lobbyists met for the first time on Thursday and found that they need to do some more independent testing on accounts payable. Dawn passed out some MRF tri-folds, so if you are not a member, please take care of that today. An individual membership is thirty dollars. If you have not met Megan, our D.C. lobbyist, you can at Heartland S.T.E.A.M.

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

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

This is the last time we will have official nominations to get the names on the ballots. You can write in people at the time of the election. Chapter President: Smoker was nominated and accepted. Buzz declined. For Vice President: Kimmer declined, Dan Arne accepted. For Chapter Rep: Jim Kosse declined, Todd Riba accepted. For Treasurer: Sue Parker declined, Karen May declined, Dawn Riba declined, Nikki Arne declined, Colleen Johnson declined. Becky said she will do the treasurer position until she moves. For Secretary: Leah Otto accepted.

Sergeant off Arms: From the January meeting these people accepted and declined. Colleen Johnson accepted, Fred Pawelk accepted, Dan Arne accepted, Scott Bitzer declined, Curt Johnson accepted, Scott Trout accepted. Floor was opened for the following, Jim Kreitlow declined, Mike Jencks accepted, Jim Kosse declined, Batman declined, Buzz declined, Nikki Arne accepted, April Murch accepted.

Member of the Year Nominations: Kimmer Robertson, Nikki Arne, Colleen Johnson, Becky Hasslen, Scott Bitzer, Mike Edgett, Dan Arne, Mike Jencks.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Heartland S.T.E.A.M sponsorship: Mike Edgett would like to sponsor S.T.E.A.M. Todd wanted the ad to include that we are a sustaining member of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation for the last eighteen years. Mitch wanted the ad to include mentioning Minnesota Day in Central City, South Dakota. Smoker said to use a State logo with Lake Chapter and L.C.W.D. Mike Edgett made a motion to do a full page ad for a hundred and twenty five dollars sponsoring S.T.E.A.M. Seconded by Buzz, Motion Passes.

Jane approached Smoker about using the Lake Chapter dart boards for a fundraiser opportunity on Friday night at S.T.E.A.M. that we are in charge of anyway. They want to use the boards and have a few Lake Chapter members to step up and run the fundraiser at S.T.E.A.M. Dave has 2 boards and the darts, Smoker has one and the Bergers may have the other one. Dawn Made a motion for the chapter to pay for two persons registration to go to S.T.E.A.M. This includes food but not hotel and transportation. Seconded by Todd, motion Passes. We asked who would like to go and Scott Trout said he would, we can name his guest at a later time. She Parker may go, will let us know at a later date.

Batman said on Jim Lehman's behalf that he would be honored to have a patch on a jacket. Batman is glad that we all had the foresight to carry on this tradition to make it happen.

## **UPCOMING EVENT**

Mar. 10. Lake Chapter Meeting, Hollywood Road House, New Germany, 3 p.m.

Mar. 14, Biker day at the Capital.

Mar. 23-25, Heartland S.T.E.A.M, Ramada Inn, Albert Lea

Apr. 7, Lake Chapter Meeting, Delano Legion, 3 pm

Apr. 20-22, Abate U. Holiday Inn, Alexandria

May 5, Lake Chapter Meeting, Missle Park, St. Bonifacious, 3 p.m., if weather is bad it will be at Tommy Sue's.

May 5, Ditch Pick Up, Noon, meet at Community Center, St. Bonifacious

May 5, Washout, 9 am -Noon, Enfield Rest Station

June 2, Lake Chapter Meeting, Madigan's, Maple Lake, 3 pm

Motion to adjourn the meeting –Karen , 2<sup>nd</sup> Jodi, Motion Passed 4:18 pm

Respectfully submitted by Leah Otto

Motions Passed at the Feb 10 meeting

Motion made by Charm to have the 2019 Grounded Hogs Party at the Rockford Township Hall, 2nd by Mike Edgett.  
Motion passes.

Charm made a motion that Lake Chapter purchase a silver sponsorship for the rally. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cindy, motion passes.

Mike Edgett made a motion to do a full page ad sponsoring S.T.E.A.M, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Buzz, motion passes.

Motion made by Dawn to have the chapter pay for 2 people's registration to S.T.E.A.M, includes food but not hotel and transportation, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Todd, motion passes.

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**Treasurer's Report - January, 2018**  
 For the Tenth Month Ending January 31, 2018  
 Presented at February 10, 2018 Meeting: Red Vest, Rockford, 3:00 pm

Started January with		<b>\$522.66</b>
<b>Income:</b>		
	Memberships - January	\$26.00
	Products sold	\$255.00
	Advance tickets for the Grounded Hogs Party	\$460.00
	Donation to Chapter	\$90.57
	Ticket sales - January BOD Lunch Fundraiser	\$545.00
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,376.57</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
	First Class Road Noise mailed to Lake Chapter President - January	\$2.00
	Food and Supplies for the January BOD Lunch Fundraiser	\$221.46
	5% of ticket sales to the January BOD Lunch Fundraiser to the MRF Fund	\$27.25
	5% of ticket sales to the January BOD Lunch Fundraiser to Motorcycle PAC	\$27.25
	50% split to State - January BOD Lunch Fundraiser	\$134.52
	Sponsorship of Danny Caspers to Camp Courage	\$100.00
	Cash payment for Grounded Hogs Party Band	\$700.00
	Start-up cash for the Grounded Hogs Party	\$300.00
	1/2 page ad in Road Noise for the Grounded Hogs Party	\$45.50
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,557.98</b>
January Ending Balance		<b>\$341.25</b>
<b>Earmarks</b>		
	2016 Member of the Year Chapter paid Membership	\$20.00
	Memorial patches for Jim "Whiskey" Leyden	\$100.00
	2017 Member of the Year plaque and Chapter paid Membership	\$50.00
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$170.00</b>
Buddy Bear Fund		<b>\$51.73</b>
Food Shelf Fund:		<b>\$90.37</b>
Gambling Fund:		<b>\$27.54</b>
MRF Fund:		<b>\$27.25</b>
Petty Cash:		<b>\$38.80</b>
Toys for Tots Fund:		<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Grand Total:</b>		<b>\$576.94</b>
	<b>Spendable:</b>	<b>\$171.25</b>

Lake Chapter Meeting sign in

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- 1 Becky
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- 3 Dave CLIFTON
- 4 Jencies
- 5 MIKE BDEGOTT
- 6 GORDY BDEGOTT
- 7 Sue Parker
- 8 Scott Trout
- 9 Paul Munch
- 10 Lynni Burt
- 11 Karen
- 12 Buzz
- 13 Todd
- 14 Dawn
- 15 Monte Ohlrogge
- 16 David Kuts
- 17 Chawn
- 18 Maureen Eifer
- 19 Jan Ohlrogge
- 20 Mitch Bach
- 21 Batman
- 22 Jim Kew
- 23 Gramps
- 24 Colleen Johnson
- 25 Curt Johnson
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- GUESTS
- 1 Paul Jyphs D.D
- 2 Tommy CP Rolling Prairie
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