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

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| **Date:** | Feb 13th, 2021 | **Location:** | The Red Vest, Rockford, MN, 3pm |

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| **President:** | Keith “Smoker” Efron | X | **Sergeant at Arms:**  | Blythe Bucher | X |
| **Vice President:** | Scott Bitzer | X |  | Dan Arne | X |
| **Chapter Rep:** | Todd Riba | X |  | Gaida Ulrick | X |
| **Treasurer:** | Christina Lincoln | X |  | Jim Bengston | X |
| **Secretary:** | Maureen O’Hern | X |  | Nikki Arne | X |
|  |  |  |  | Scott Trout | X |

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| **Total numbers of members attending:** | 20 | **Guests:** | None |
| **Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:** | Dan A. | **Mtg Start Time:** | 3:01pm | **Mtg End Time:** | 4:25pm |

**Welcome to members and guests; President’s Remarks; Vice-President’s Remarks:** Smoker – Thank you to The Red Vest for letting us have our meeting here on short notice, thank you Dan for setting this up. Scott – Thanks to everyone who came out.

**Officer Reports:**

**Secretary’s report:** Maureen O’Hern

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| **Motion to accept the minutes as written -** | Judy K. | 2nd | Gaida U. | Motion passed. |

**Treasurer's Report:** Christina Lincoln

Scott T. – Thank you for the food shelf donation

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| **Motion to accept the Treasurer’s report -** | Cyndi B. | 2nd | Jim B. | Motion passed. |

**Chapter Rep Report:** Todd Riba – State financial reports were passed around. ABATE U is still a go. *Motion to donate $501 of chapter funds to the ABATE U Chapter Challenge Rick V., 2nd Jim B. – Motion passed.* ABATE U raffle posters are available. Reminder when creating a chapter logo “ABATE of Minnesota” must be put somewhere in the logo event t-shirts are exempt. Carver Motorcycle Run is in May. Turn in sold ABATE U raffle tickets by April 1st so our chapter can get credit for tickets sold.

**Committee Reports, Vice President:**

**Membership:** Scott Bitzer – State total is 3189 members Lake Chapter has 260 members, the Gear Head Get Together should go on this year and there will be an event at the VFW in Monticello.

**Products:** Nikki Arne – there area couple calendars left, a couple mugs and patches.

**Special Events:** Dan Arne / Rick Van Horn – Grounded Hogs was cancelled advanced tickets sales brought in ~$500. The Spring Run is the next event more details to come at the next meeting.

**Training and Education:** Sherry Edgett – No report

**Public Relations:** Mitch Backlund – No report

**Buddy Bears:** Myra Van Horn – We got our order in for 30 bears at future meetings we will have to decide who we can deliver bears to.

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| **Motion to accept the Committee reports -** | Judy K. | 2nd | Jim B. | Motion passed. |

**Other Reports, President:**

**MRF Report:** Todd Riba – A new congress was seated so the MRF will have some work to do to reintroduce our issues to some of them. Todd would like to see the chapter throw in a couple hundred bucks to offset the cost of a 1st time attendee’s cost to attend the Bikers Inside the Beltway event. Todd read some statistics from the Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety report we are a small percentage of road users but too big a percentage of fatalities. The MRF has cut back on the frequency of their newsletter and you can receive the email version instead. Heartland STEAM is in Milwaukee $75 for registration he is trying to get a group together to attend the March 26th, 2021 event.

**Dial-A-Ride:** Mike Edgett – Smoker – we will be getting our DAR material at ABATE U please consider helping this organization.

**Government Relations/Legislative Report:** Mack Backlund – Todd – Biker Day is April 21st since we can’t have face to face communications with the legislators this year watch your emails and contact your legislators about our issues. Gary wanted to remind everyone about the contribution reimbursement program and how important it is. Motorcycle PAC the number is down really low you can help by helping the contribution reimbursement program. May is Motorcycle Awareness Month please contact Gov. Walz about signing the proclamation. 2 Write to Ride patches were given out for the last quarter please contact your legislators about our issues and submit your response to Frank to receive you Write to Ride patch.

**MN Motorcycle Safety Task Force:** Monte Ohlrogge – No report

**State Rally:** Keith “Smoker” Efron – 2021 State Rally Sponsorship forms are available thank you to everyone who sponsors the rally and thank you to Mitch for stepping up to handle sponsorships. Please go out and get more sponsors. Next meeting is at ABATE U.

**Drawing of the Name** Mike Edgett - None

**Old Business:**

Member of the Year voting held winner to be announced at a future meeting.

Officer Nominations

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| President | Keith "Smoker" Efron - Accept |   | Sgt at Arms | Blythe Bucher - Accept | Christine Kalway - Decline |
| Vice Pres | Scott Bitzer - Accept |   | Dan Arne - Accept | Lenny Kalway - Decline |
| Chapter Rep | Todd Riba - Decline |   | Devin De Marais - Accept | Todd Riba - Decline |
| Treasurer | Christina Lincoln - Accept |   | Gaida Ulrick - Accept |  |
| Secretary | Dale Morin - Accept |   | Jim Bengtson - Accept |   |
| Maureen O'Hern - Decline |   | Mike Berger - Accept |   |
| Blythe Bucher - Decline |   | Nikki Arne - Accept |   |
| Cyndi Buttweiler - Decline |   | Rick Van Horn - Accept |   |
| Dawn Riba - Decline |   | Scott Trout - Accept |   |
| Sandy Bengston - Decline |   |   |   |   |

**New Business:**

Renew Danny Casper’s membership – *Motion to renew Danny Casper’s membership for 5 years – Nikki A., 2nd Dale M. – Motion passed.*

State Rally Sponsorship – *Motion to sponsor the State Rally at the $1000 Gold level – Laura L., 2nd Jim K. – Motion passed.*

April meeting – April 3rd, 2021 at Madigan’s in Maple Lake, 3pm

May meeting – Todd suggested holding our May meeting in Mound and get back to our roots since Lake Chapter was founded in the Mound area this will discussed at a future meeting.

**Upcoming Meetings/Events:**

Mar 6th, 2021 – Lake Chapter meeting, VFW in Monticello, 3pm

Mar 26th-27th – Heartland STEAM Conference, Brookfield, WI

Apr 16th-18th – ABATE U, Holiday Inn, Alexandria, MN

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| **Motion to adjourn -** | Nikki A. | **2nd** | Cyndi B. | **Motion Passed** |

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