

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

Location: Chops Bar & Grill, Hanover, 3:00 pm Date: January 7, 2017 Time: 3pm

Officers Present:

President:	Keith "Smoker" Efron	<u>X</u>	Sergeant at Arms:	Charm Bolgrean	_____
Vice President:	Dave Clifton	<u>X</u>		Colleen Johnson	_____
Chapter Rep:	Mike Jencks	<u>X</u>		Fred Pawelk	_____
Treasurer:	Becky Hasslen	<u>X</u>		Keith Knee	_____
Secretary:	Leah Otto	<u>X</u>		Mike Shinn	<u>X</u>
				Scott Bitzer	<u>X</u>

Total number of members attending: 25 **Guests:** 0

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: Mike Shinn

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

Thanks to everyone who came out for the meeting on such a cold day and a huge thank you to Chops for hosting us – great food, great service, and awesome hospitality as always! Smoker asked everyone to use their social media to promote the Grounded Hogs Meeting coming up on February 4th.

Dave also thanked everyone for coming out today.

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary's report:

Motion to accept the minutes -Mitch, 2nd Mike B Motion - Passed

Treasurer's Report:

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report -Mike B , 2nd Mary B. Motion – Passed

Chapter Rep Report:

Mike has raffle tickets if anyone needs one. 4 motorcycles to be raffled off at ABATE U. Tickets are \$100 for a chance to win one of the four bikes being raffled off. A total of 800 tickets are being sold. There is still Grounded Hogs tickets for sale too.

The A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota Board of Directors meeting is coming up on Saturday, January 21st at the Holiday Inn in Detroit Lakes. Everyone is welcome to attend the Board meeting; you don't have to be an officer. Head north for the meeting on Friday evening and help our own State Treasurer, Michelle "Mitch" Backlund, celebrate her birthday!

Bikerday at the Minnesota State Capitol is coming up on January 25th. **BE THERE** if at all possible. You can register on the A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota website, www.abatemn.org. Please register by January 10th and an appointment will be made for you with your State Representative and State Senator. Buses will be available from various locations around the State, check out the website for details.

Mike made the Reservation for the January BOD at the Holiday Inn in Detroit Lakes on January 21st, the cost was \$119.99.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Special Events (Becky and Dave C.):

Our Fabulous Grounded Hogs Party is coming up on February 4th at the Rockford Township Hall in Buffalo. Set-up will start at 4:00 pm and the party officially starts at 7:00 pm. We're excited to have the Everett Smithson band this year! Chapter Prez Smoker reminded everyone to get the word out if you're on social media. We're still in need of live and silent auction items; if you have something to donate you can drop it off at Dave and Becky's or just bring it along to the party. We also are still looking for people to work Security, Front Gate, Bar (pour set-ups), and Clean Up. And of course we can always use more items for the pot-luck; Lake Chapter does have the best cooks! The Chapter voted to donate 10% of our live and silent auction proceeds to Minnesota Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride to thank them for providing a sober cab to the local

Buffalo hotels. If you need advance tickets or want to sign some out to sell contact Dave (763) 614-7956, or Becky (612) 554-0530. Mitch made a motion that we donate 10% of our live and silent auction proceeds to Minnesota Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride to thank them for providing a sober cab to the local Buffalo hotels. 2nd Mike B. Motion Passes

Mitch is making a quilt for the silent auction. Mary B. made a motion to donate a Grounded Hogs t-shirt for Mitch. 2nd Lee. Motion Passes

A.B.A.T.E U Hospitality room is booked. Speaking of A.B.A.T.E. University, if you haven't made your reservation yet you should do it pretty quick, rooms are going fast. Call the Alexandria Holiday Inn to make your reservation, (320) 763-6577. Mention you're with A.B.A.T.E.

Memorial run will be the Saturday of Memorial Weekend as always, usual route.

Still looking for someone to take charge of the Spring Run. To plan it, make maps and tickets. Mike Berger will make the poster.

Awesome job goes to our products people, just under six hundred dollars was made this last calendar year.

Membership (Dave C.):

Lake Chapter is still in 2nd place with 242, Freedom First is First with 300. Dave has tri-folds, tear offs . We are looking for a new membership chair so if anyone is interested, please see Dave.

Legislative / Government Relations Report (Todd R.):

We got a couple things at the Capital legislative wise that will get ironed out by the time Biker Day hits. There are 2 different things going on with the license bill from last session. We got Representative Jim Nash which is now the Assistant Majority Leader in the House which is the author of a stand-alone license bill on the House side.

We also have Mary Kiffmeyer , a very big powerful player on the Senate side. She is going to be the author of an omnibus motorcycle bill that has three parts to it. It has the Motorcycle license plate bill, the second part is the last 10% of the money the State has been keeping that doesn't go into the Motorcycle Safety Fund, and the third part is a mandatory discount on insurance for riders that take a training course.

We are talking with Jim Nash and trying to get him not to do his bill and adopt the bill Mary Kiffmeyer is authoring. Its so much easier when both sides align. That way we don't have to have so many conference meetings or any other meetings. On the House side Jim's idea was to have his bill put in with the Transportation bill which isn't such a good idea because our Governor is pretty much going to shoot down any transportation bill that comes his way. If we can get these bills to go as stand-alone bills and not be with the Transportation bill, we have a better chance of getting them passed.

Training and Education (Mary):

Once again this year the Chapter has scheduled rider training courses at the Hennepin Technical College in Brooklyn Park. The Intermediate Rider Course will be on Saturday, June 17th; cost is \$30 per person. Limit 10 people. When you sign up you will pay for class. The Advanced Rider Course will be on Sunday, June 18th, cost is \$50 per person. Limit 10 people. If anyone has taken the CPM 1 class and wanted to take the next level which was CPM2. Now its called the Expert Rider Course and it will be held on Sunday July 16th and Sunday August 27th. The cost is \$75 each. You can register for it on the state website the middle of January. Contact Mary Berger if you're interested in taking one of the courses. Trike training class information.

State Rally (Smoker):

Were having a State Rally, same time, same place, different music, figuring out some new things to do for the Rally. We will be getting packets out at the BOD for sponsorships. Lake Chapter has always done a fabulous job getting sponsors

for the Rally. Budget has been submitted and we are looking at a number of bands right now. Smoker would like to get a National act to play which means we need more people thru the gate.

Public Relations (Mitch B):

We had our Toys for Tots in December at Kare 11 News Station and got our 15 seconds of fame. The next thing is ABATE U.

Motion to accept the committee reports -Lee, 2nd Charm Motion - Passes

OTHER REPORTS

Dial-A-Ride (Mike E):

Should have packets to hand out in March. If you have any questions what Dial-A-Ride is please see Mike Edgett.

MN Motorcycle Safety Task Force (Mike B.)

The Motorcycle Task Force has the opportunity to submit messages to the State that are politically correct that they would like to see on the digital billboards that hang over the interstates. The task force will be putting up messages year round. If you have any suggestions please get them to Mike Berger or Mack and they will get to the appropriate place.

Buddy Bears (Fred):

Becky said we are being asked to buy Buddy Bears at the January BOD. Sharon Pohlman, the Buddy Bear Chairperson emailed Becky to let her know they wouldn't cost more than \$7 dollars apiece. Last year we planned on them costing \$8.50 each and they came in under four. We have \$297.54 in our fund to buy 42 at \$7 a pop. Mike Berger made a motion to round that up to 50 bears. 2nd Mitch Motion Passes.

Products (Dan):

We have calendars, they are ten dollars apiece. T-shirts for sale, \$15 for short sleeve and \$18 for long sleeve.

MRF Report (Todd R):

Heartland Steam is coming up in April in Souix City, Iowa. A lot of fun. Advertisement for it is in the Roadnoise.

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

Ken Kalway.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Officer Nominations: Smoker read the officer duties. Chapter President nominations are Smoker- he accepted, Mike Edgett declined. Vice President nominated are Dave Clifton accepted. State Representative nominations are Mike Jencks declined, Dan Arne declined, Mike Berger deferred until next meeting. Chapter Treasurer nominations are Becky Hasslen accepted. Chapter Secretary nominations are Leah Otto accepted. Sargent at Arms nominations are Mike Shinn accepted, Scott Trout accepted, Charm accepted, Dan Arne accepted, Mike Jencks accepted, Colleen Johnson not present.

Becky was reading the form for Buddy Bears and stated we need a motion to purchase them and one to pay for them. We already have the motion to purchase 50 of them from Mike B and Mitch. Motion made by Ken Kalway to pay for 50 Buddy Bears at \$7 dollars each using the General fund. 2nd Mike B. Motion Passes

Member of the Year nominations are: too much noise on tape to hear who Mike Edgett nominated, Mike Jencks. Dan Arne, Karen May.

Our President Smoker lost his Mom on December 30th, and we extend our deepest condolences to him and his family. In lieu of flowers and service memorials are preferred to a Veterans Service, local VFW or American Legion. Mary made a motion to donate \$50 out of the general fund and to pass the hat and to donate the money next month at our chapter meeting at the Delano Legion. 2nd Karen Motion Passed

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 21, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota's Board of Directors meeting, Holiday Inn, Detroit Lakes, 9:00 am
January 25, Bikerday at the Minnesota State Capitol
February 4, Grounded Hogs Party, Rockford Township Hall, Buffalo, 7:00 pm
February 11, Special Events Committee meeting, American Legion, Delano 2 pm
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March 11, Special Events Committee meeting, Hollywood Road House, New Germany, 2:00 pm
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April 1, Special Events Committee meeting, Sons of Silence Club House, Cokato, 2:00 pm
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April 21-23, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria

Motion to adjourn the meeting –, 2nd Motion - Passed 4 pm

Respectfully submitted by Leah Otto

Motions Passed at the January 7th meeting

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Treasurer's Report - December 2016
 For the Ninth Month Ending December 31, 2016
 Presented at January 7, 2017 Meeting: Chop's, Hanover, 3:00 pm

Started December with		\$2,184.94
Income:		
	Memberships - November	\$43.00
	Products sold	\$65.00
	Donations collected for Toys for Tots	\$327.00
	Transfer from Toys for Tots fund	\$660.86
	<u>Total:</u>	<u>\$1,095.86</u>
Expenses:		
	Donation to Toys for Tots	\$1,000.00
	Liquor liability Insurance for 2017 Grounded Hogs Pary	\$150.00
	Liquor license for 2017 Grounded Hogs Party	\$75.00
	Balance due for 2017 Grounded Hogs Party Hall Rental	\$225.00
	Security Deposit for 2017 Grounded Hogs Party	\$500.00
	1/2 page ad in Road Noise for the Toys for Tots Fundraiser	\$45.50
	Chapter calendars	\$194.95
	Sponsorship of Danny Caspers to Camp Courage	\$100.00
	<u>Total:</u>	<u>\$2,290.45</u>
December Ending Balance		\$990.35
Earmarks		
	5 MRF Cook Books	\$50.00
	Reimburse Chapter Rep Hotel Rm @ BOD (1 remaining of 3 per year)	\$90.00
	Grounded Hogs T-Shirts	\$200.00
	2016 Member of the Year Membership/Plaque	\$50.00
	A.B.A.T.E. U Hospitality Room	\$225.00
	A.B.A.T.E. U Hospitality Room Food	\$100.00
	<u>Total:</u>	<u>\$715.00</u>
Petty Cash:		\$10.53
MRF Donation Fund:		\$7.67
Chapter Gambling Fund:		\$34.44
Food Shelf Fund:		\$10.75
Toys for Tots Fund:		\$0.00
Buddy Bear Fund		\$297.54
Grand Total:		\$1,351.28
	Spendable:	\$275.35

Lake Chapter Meeting sign in

Date 1-7-17

- 1 Leah Otto
- 2 Bechy
- 3 Lee P.
- 4 Jnx
- 5 Dave CLIFTON
- 6 SMOKER
- 7 Judy Kalway
- 8 Christine Kalway
- 9 SCOTT BITZER
- 10 Charn
- 11 Dan Ann
- 12 Nikki Ann
- 13 MIKE EDGOTT
- 14 Sheery Edgett
- 15 Jan Kase
- 16 Mike Arnold
- 17 Wutch Bachler
- 18 April Murch
- 19 Shyne Bucher
- 20 Scott Hunt
- 21 Dave Kille
- 22 Gene Parker
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