

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

**Location:** Delano Lanes, Delano MN

**Date:** January 6, 2018

**Time:** 3pm

### Officers Present:

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

**Total number of members attending:** 37

**Guests:** Paul Tjepkes Southwest District Director, Kerry

Prins, Jerrit Prins, Jodi Longman, Ron Leishied, The potato guy.

**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:** Colleen Johnson

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

Smoker thanked everyone for coming out and its warmer here in Delano than where he lives up north. It was a negative 27 below this morning at his place. Dave was not able to make it today as he got hurt falling down the steps.

## 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, Mike Edgett 2<sup>nd</sup> Kimmer

Motion Passes

### Chapter Rep Report:

As a chapter we are stalemated on the lane splitting issue, Senate # 2405. At the last meeting we had 10 people for it and 10 people against it. The coalition of clubs are for it purely for a rights issue, others are against it for a safety issue. Even if we are given the right to lane split doesn't mean we should do it. We took a vote on the issue today and 11 people were for lane splitting, 14 opposed and 2 abstaining. As a chapter we will be going to the next B.O.D in two weeks and opposing the lane splitting issue.

We will decide at the February meeting how much we are supporting Heartland Steam for sponsorship, auction items and volunteers.

The chapter donated \$300 towards the buses for Biker day at the State Capital on March 14<sup>th</sup>. As a chapter we are not getting our own bus, please arrange carpooling with each other to get down to the Capital.

Jim has Abate U raffle tickets, they are \$100 each.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Becky said the January board meeting is coming up on January 20<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn Express in Rogers, MN. Karen is giving an update on it. Friday night, the night before the B.O.D, the chapter will be sponsoring a hospitality room from 5 pm to 11 pm. If anyone is available to help set up before 5 pm on Friday night, or donate items, please see Karen after the meeting. On Saturday the hotel will have a breakfast from 10 am to noon. Starting at Noon the chapter will be serving sandwiches.

Grounded Hogs Party is coming up on February third. Becky has sign-up sheets for potluck, set up, clean up, helping-out at the bar, front gate and security. We do need silent auction items. Advance tickets are available, see Becky after the

meeting. There will be 2 kegs and 7 cases of beer as usual. Jim has graciously volunteered to bring his kegmeister again. Dave will not be setting up the smoking tent this year, Smoker said he will take care of still having one at the event. Dave and Becky will be stepping down as co-chairs of special events so someone will need to step up for this position. Grounded Hogs will be their last official event as committee co-chairs. Setting up for Grounded Hogs will start at 5 pm.

#### **Membership (Scott):**

Thanks to everyone that is a member. The total for the State is 3,527. Lake Chapter was first last month, we are down by one. Freedom First has 263 and Lake has 262. In the past we have given a \$5 dollar discount at the door for the Grounded Hogs and Abate U for anyone that signs up for ABATE in general, we will continue to do this.

#### **Legislative / Government Relations Report (Todd R.):**

The new license plates are available. Thanks to everyone that worked very hard on them, Mack, Todd. Mack said there are some problems with the MNLARS system for licensing and registration. We were hoping to have them available to purchase from the DMV's after January first. You can still order them and they can mail them to you.

Biker day at the Capital registration will be on the website on Monday January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please register because there are a limited number of seats on the bus. We will have a stop in Monticello for people to get on there. It will be similar to last year and you should plan to meet about 8:30 am in the basement of the Capital, then head up to the rotunda for a program and to talk with legislators.

Karen said that last year when she was there she saw two business men say as they walked by that it must be Biker day after seeing all the people dressed in leather.

Mike Berger made a comment about some the negative comments people may be seeing on social media sites about how license plates will do nothing to help motorcycle safety. He saw a post from California Volt about this. He said these messages should not be responded to, don't engage with them and the messages will just die online. There is a saying that "haters gonna hate." Ten dollars of every plate purchases goes right back into motorcycle safety.

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

Mary was not present. Mike said that she had surgery on her hand yesterday. She would like someone to take over the training and education position. Sherri Edgett volunteered.

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

We are having a state rally, Labor Day weekend, lots of stuff going on, that's about it.

#### **Public Relations (Mitch B):**

Mitch sent a picture and a letter the Buffalo Drummer paper from when the buddy bears were dropped off at the Buffalo Family Counseling Center. She don't know if it was published as of our meeting today.

We just had our Toys for Tots donation on Kare 11 studios in December and will get something published on that.

Motion made by Mitch to spend \$250 from gambling and \$100 from the general fund to help sponsor a portion of Danny Casper's tuition to Camp Friendship this year. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Todd, Motion Passes

The next PR events will be the January B.O.D. and the Grounded Hogs party in February.

Motion to accept the committee reports -Todd , 2<sup>nd</sup> Karen                      Motion Carries.

## OTHER REPORTS

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

Dial-A-Ride had their board meeting earlier today and they are here at our meeting to answer any questions you may have. Dial-A-Ride will be our sober cab for Grounded Hogs party. Jodi talked a little about Dial-A-Ride. Becky said we typically donate 10% of our proceeds to Grounded Hogs. Motion was made by Mitch to donate 10% of our proceeds from our live and silent auctions to Dial-A-Ride, 2<sup>nd</sup> was Mike Berger, Motion Passes

### **MN Motorcycle Safety Task Force (Monte.)**

Monte was asking for messages to put on the digital boards over the freeways. He needs three more messages by the February meeting.

### **Buddy Bears (Leah):**

I am taking over the buddy bears from Dave and Becky. Becky said we currently do not have buddy bears on hand, we will be getting them at Abate U.

### **Products (Dan):**

Dan thanked everyone that bought products in 2017. We still have some L.C.W.D products available, and some calendars. Happy 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Lake Chapter. Dan and Nikki have some 30 year patches that were made up and are being handed out at no charge for anyone that would like one. They also donated a calendar to Danny Caspers at Camp. Grounded Hogs t-shirts are coming. Saturday January 27<sup>th</sup> Dan will be at the Ugly bar in Montrose if you would like to stop by and pick up your shirt.

Colleen said we don't have a memorial patch for Wiskey Jim. Motion Made to make a patch for Wiskey Jim, Lake Chapters first President. Mike Berger brought up a question on the cost for the patch. Colleen's motion was amended to have the chapter spend \$100 on the memorial patch for Wiskey Jim. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Edgett, motion passes.

Becky said our products people have always done a fabulous job and not counting the month of December, products have made a profit of \$855 dollars.

### **MRF Report (Mike B):**

We have Heartland Steam coming up in April in Albert Lea. This is a great event to meet other motorcycle people. Our government relations person is Megan and she will be there with Mike as a presenter at the meeting.

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

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Presentation of the Steven J. Kreitlow award. Jim Kosse was last year's winner and will present this year's award to Karen May. Congratulations Karen!

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Officer nominations:**

Chapter President are: Colleen nominated Buzz, he's not present. Fred nominated Dan, He declined. Curt nominated Smoker, he accepts.

Vice President: Fred nominated Kimmer, she accepts. No other people were nominated.

Chapter Rep for State: Colleen nominated Jim Kosse, he declines. Karen nominated Todd, he accepts. No other people nominated.

Treasurer: Nikki nominates Sue Parker, she is not present. Kimmer nominates Karen May, she will let us know next meeting.

Secretary: Fred nominated Leah Otto, she accepts. No other people were nominated.

Sargent of Arms: Mike Edgett nominates Colleen Johnson, she accepts. Karen may nominated Fred Pawelk, he accepts. Colleen nominated Dan Arne, he accepts. Fred nominated Scott Bitzer, he declines. Colleen nominated Curt Johnson, he accepts. Dan Arne nominated Scott Trout, he's not present.

Member of the year nominations: Colleen nominated Nikki, Colleen nominated Curt. Dan nominated Colleen. Jim nominated Becky. Karen nominated some couldn't hear who it was. Lee nominated Mike Edgett.

Todd has someone that he would like to introduce, Joe McDonald got up to speak to the group. He state he always has our back here in Delano, MN and on issues at the State Capital like helmet laws and other things.

Smoke announced Paul Tjepkes Southwest District Director to speak. Paul would like to thank Lake Chapter for setting up and hosting the January B.O.D for the State. Paul got the word the other day that he is nominated for his position again and thanked Lake Chapter for their support. Paul let Smoker know that last night he was at the Way West meeting and that Way West will be doing the Bike games for him. If you have any games that you would like to see, please let Paul know and him and they will do their best to incorporate them for us.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Jan 19, State rally Meeting, Holiday Inn Express, Rogers

Jan 20, A.B.A.T.E of Minnesota Board of Directors Meeting, Holiday Inn Express, Rogers, 9 am

Feb 3, Grounded Hogs Party , Rockford Township Hall, 7 pm

Feb 10, Lake Chapter Meeting, Red Vest, Rockford, 3 pm

Mar 10, Lake Chapter Lake Chapter Meeting, Hollywood Roadhouse, New Germany, 3 pm

Mar 14, Biker Day at the State Capital

Mar 23-25, Heartland Steam, Ramada Inn, Albert Lea

Apr 20-22 A.B.A.T.E University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria

Motion to adjourn the meeting –Mitch, 2<sup>nd</sup> karen                      Motion - Passed                      4:16                      pm

Respectfully submitted by Leah Otto

Motions Passed at the Jan 6 meeting

Motion made by Mitch to spend \$250 from gambling and \$100 from the general fund to help sponsor Danny's tuition to Camp Friendship this year. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Todd, Motion Passes

Motion was made by Mitch to donate 10% of our proceeds from our live and silent Auctions to Dial-A-Ride, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Berger, motion passes.

Motion made by colleen to have a memorial patch for Wiskey Jim made up, it got amended by Mike Berger to have the chapter spend \$100 towards the patch, 2<sup>nd</sup> was Mike Edgett, motion passes

**Treasurer's Report - December, 2017**

For the Nineth Month Ending December 31, 2017

Presented at January 6, 2017 Meeting: Delano Lanes, Delano, 3:00 pm

Started December with		<b>\$1,728.06</b>
<b>Income:</b>		
	Products sold	\$32.00
	Memberships - November	\$54.00
	Memberships - December	\$45.00
	Advance tickets for the Grounded Hogs Party	\$80.00
	Transfer from the Toys for Tots fund	\$1,123.00
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,334.00</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
	First Class Road Noise mailed to Lake Chapter President - December	\$2.00
	Donation towards Bikerday buses	\$300.00
	Toys for Tots	\$1,200.00
	Liquor liability Insurance for 2018 Grounded Hogs Pary	\$150.00
	Liquor license for 2018 Grounded Hogs Party	\$75.00
	Balance due for 2018 Grounded Hogs Party Hall Rental	\$225.00
	Security Deposit for 2018 Grounded Hogs Party	\$500.00
	1/2 page ad in Road Noise for the Grounded Hogs Party	\$47.50
	LCWD patches	\$39.90
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,539.40</b>
December Ending Balance		<b>\$522.66</b>
<b>Earmarks</b>		
	January B.O.D. hospitality room and lunch fundraiser	\$200.00
	2017 Member of the Year plaque and Chapter paid Membership	\$50.00
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>
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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:		\$0.00
<b>Grand Total:</b>		<b>\$981.10</b>
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<b>Spendable:</b>		<b>\$272.66</b>

Lake Chapter Meeting sign in

Date 1-6-18

- 1 Jim Kow
- 2 Cyndi Buttweiler
- 3 Debra Koiz
- 4 Fred
- 5 SCOTT BITZER
- 6 Monte Ohlrogge
- 7 William Ernst
- 8 John Nelson
- 9 RON LISCHIED
- 10 Daphne Bucher
- 11 Amber Ebron
- 12 DAVID DIXON
- 13 NANCY D. DIXON
- 14 MIKE GAGBIT
- 15 SHERRY GAGBIT
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- 17 Curt + Colleen Johnson
- 18 Sheryl Emmel
- 19 Jodi Ohlrogge
- 20 [unclear]
- 21 Becky
- 22 Leah Otto
- 23 Mike Beem
- 24 Gampa Jimmy Kreitlow
- 25 Kimmer
- 26 Mitch Backlund
- 27 Mark Backlund
- 28 Lee
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- 2 Paul Gypko D.D.
- 3 Judy Grogan
- 4 Jerry Peiss
- 5 Aunt Kris