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

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| **Date:** | Jan 9th, 2021 | **Location:** | Mary & Mike’s house in Waconia, 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 |  |
| **Treasurer:** | Christina Lincoln | X |  | Jim Bengston | X |
| **Secretary:** | Maureen O’Hern | X |  | Nikki Arne |  |
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| **Total numbers of members attending:** | | 14 | **Guests:** | | 0 | | | |
| **Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:** | Dan A. | | | **Mtg Start Time:** | | 3:01pm | **Mtg End Time:** | 4:20pm | |

**Welcome to members and guests; President’s Remarks; Vice-President’s Remarks:** Smoker – I don’t see any guests Thank you to Mike and Mary for hosting. Scott – Thank you to Mike and Mary.

**Officer Reports:**

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

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| **Motion to accept the minutes as written -** | Mary B. | 2nd | Jim B. | Motion passed. |

**Treasurer's Report:** Christina Lincoln

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| **Motion to accept the Treasurer’s report -** | Colleen J. | 2nd | Dan A. | Motion passed. |

**Chapter Rep Report:** Todd Riba – Some chapters are creating their own chapter patches just remember to include ABATE of MN somewhere in the design and it is not a back patch we’re cool. We are always looking for Bike of the Month, Business of the Month and Veteran of the Month. Kari, our Products Manager, will come to our chapter events to sell state products if we want.

**Committee Reports, Vice President:**

**Membership:** Scott Bitzer – State membership 3144, Lake 261, Central 299, South Central 226. If anybody knows of anywhere to set up a table let me know

**Products:** Dan Arne – etched glass mugs are available, small state memorial patches are in. *Motion to have memorial patches sewn onto a Lake Chapter flag – Dawn R., 2nd Mary B. Motion passed.*

**Special Events:** Dan Arne / Rick Van Horn – There are sign-up sheets available for the Grounded Hogs party.

**Training and Education:** Sherry Edgett – Discussion was held on whether a class should or will be held this year. *Motion to table motorcycle training class discussion until the February meeting – Mike B., 2nd Dale M. – Motion passed.*

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

**Buddy Bears:** Myra Van Horn – Dawn – Sherry delivered the Buddy Bears and sent the paperwork off to Dan.

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| **Motion to accept the Committee reports -** | Dan A. | 2nd | Mike B. | Motion passed. |

**Other Reports, President:**

**MRF Report:** Todd Riba – Hardtail said that if we don’t get off our asses we might have some End of Life issues coming our way (once your bike gets to a certain age it is done similar to the Cash for Clunkers program from years ago.) The MRF’s financial situation is in pretty good shape. The transportation bill is coming down the pike everything good & bad for motorcyclist has come out of that bill. Please join or renew your membership.

**Dial-A-Ride:** Mike Edgett – Monte – Read the names of the newly elected D-A-R officers. To raise money for a new trailer D-A-R will sell raffle tickets. *Motion to donate $300 from regular funds to support the purchase of the DAR additional trailer, if the trailer ends up in the Lake Chapter area we would donate $500 - Mike B., 2nd Dan A. - Motion passed.* There won’t be any t-shirts printed this year D-A-R may make pins/patches available for sale.

**Government Relations/Legislative Report:** Mack Backlund – Todd - Biker Day has been postponed

**MN Motorcycle Safety Task Force:** Monte Ohlrogge – If you are interested in becoming a task force member please apply. Monte related the statistics from 2020. Monte is looking for a new billboard slogan so if you have any ideas contact him.

**State Rally:** Keith “Smoker” Efron – The State Rally is still on band names will be announced at ABATE U.

**Drawing of the Name** Mike Edgett – No drawing.

**Old Business:**

Member of the Year – will be voted on at the next meeting

**New Business:**

Officer Nominations

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| **President** | Keith "Smoker" Efron - Accept |  | **Sgt at Arms** | Mike Berger - Accept | Christine Kalway - Defer |
| **Vice Pres** | Scott Bitzer - Accept |  | Dan Arne - Accept | Lenny Kalway - Defer |
| **Chapter Rep** | Todd Riba - Decline |  | Nikki Arne - Accept |  |
| **Treasurer** | Christina Lincoln - Accept |  | Jim Bengtson - Accept | Todd Riba - Decline |
| **Secretary** | Maureen O'Hern - Decline |  | Blythe Bucher - Accept |  |
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| Sandy Bengston - Decline |  | Scott Trout - Accept |  |
| Dawn Riba - Don't be ridiculous |  |  |  |  |

ABATE U Hospitality Room reservation – *Motion to reserve a Hospitality Room for 2 nights – Blythe B., 2nd – Monte O. – Motion passed.*

Lake Chapter Memorial flag – Motion to donate one of each memorial patch as needed to make the flag complete after Colleen’s and other member’s patch donations - Mary B., 2nd Colleen – Motion passed.

**Upcoming Meetings/Events:**

Feb 13th, 2021 - Lake Chapter meeting, Red Vest, Rockford, MN, 3pm

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 -** | Mike B. | **2nd** | Dan A. | **Motion Passed** |

Respectfully submitted by Maureen O’Hern

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| **Motion passed at the** | **January 9th, 2021** | | **Meeting:** |
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