

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

**Location:** Madigan's, Maple Lake

**Date:** June 2, 2018

**Time:** 3pm

**Officers Present:**

<b>President:</b>	Keith "Smoker" Efron	_____	<b>Sergeant at Arms:</b>	Nikki Arne	_____	x
<b>Vice President:</b>	Dan Arne	_____		Mike Jencks	_____	x
<b>Chapter Rep:</b>	Todd Riba	_____		Curt Johnson	_____	
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Becky Hasslen	_____		April Murch	_____	x
<b>Secretary:</b>	Leah Otto	_____		Fred Pawelk	_____	
				Scott Trout	_____	

**Total number of members attending:** 30      **Guests:** 30

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

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

Smoker couldn't be with us today. Dan thanked everyone for coming out today and for coming to the Memorial Run last week even though it was hot as hell. Thanks to Buzz and Karen for the hospitality on the Memorial run after party. Thanks to Batman for what he said at last month's meeting on the image we want others to see on motorcyclists.

Todd stated last month he talked about a membership initiative and everybody was for it so Todd made up envelopes with information to send to people that are on the expired membership list. The expired membership list was passed around at the meeting for everyone to see who was on it. All you have to do is write their name and address on the return envelope and put yours on it to. There is a letter that comes with it that says thanks for your support, here's what we are up to and please consider joining back up again and if not please tell us why.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**Secretary's report:**

Motion to accept the minutes –Mike Edgett, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dawn    Motion passed

**Treasurer's Report:**

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report , Mike Edgett 2<sup>nd</sup> Dawn    Motion Passed

**Chapter Rep Report:**

The MRF puts on the Meeting of the Minds event every year and A.B.A.T.E of Minnesota is hosting the event in 2019. We are down to two hotels, one is the Marriott and the other is the Airpoint, both on the Bloomington strip. Right now we are determining which one will give us the best price. As a reminder we as chapters have voted to support the Meeting of the Minds event. There is a significant amount of money for the host organization to kick in. Mack really hammered the chapters pretty hard and asked for financial donations. We do have until 2019 to kick money towards the event, but we shouldn't necessarily wait until then. Anytime we can transfer money into a standard account for Meeting of the Minds is good. Mitch is keeping track of this on the books. We are looking at somewhere around Five Hundred dollars per chapter and a total of about Six to Ten Thousand dollars to put the event on.

The publications committee needs a committee chapter chair or organizer. This can be a two person job that is shared together. The organizer sends out the reminder to all the grapevine writers when the grapevine comes in and then passes it on to the appropriate proof reader, also responds to general questions that come in, builds a calendar and then the committee chair keeps the whole thing going and runs the meetings. Traditionally this has been a Lake Chapter thing.

From the Motorcycle Safety Task Force numbers, it looks like we have 416, 693 endorsed riders in the state of Minnesota. Unfortunately the motorcycle safety class numbers were down from last year, so anything that we can do to promote safer riding and less crashes is good. We have two training classes and the Saturday one is filled, two spots left in the Sunday class. The Federation of Clubs met at the Holiday Inn and they are reporting the that the profiling is down, we are not having that many instances of profiling, probably because we are stirring the pot with the profiling bill. Clubs are helping with our right to ride program, they are reaching out to their officials on our issues.

Our chapter gambling account has a \$27.54 balance in it as of March 31, 2018. One builds up a gambling account by selling raffle tickets. For every raffle ticket we sell a certain amount goes back into our gambling account and the rest goes into the state gambling account. This is how we send Danny Casper's to camp. There is all kinds of charitable stuff we can do with these gambling funds. Our fabulous state treasurer Mitch always passes out these informative treasurer reports for everyone to look at.

Motion made by Mike Edgett to set aside \$100 towards the Meeting of the Minds event in 2019, seconded by Dawn, motion passes.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Special Events (Becky.):

This position is still open and we still need someone to be the special committee chair. Jencks had an impromptu special events meeting today prior to the chapter meeting. We will be having a dart run/mystery run on July 28<sup>th</sup>. The cost will be \$8 dollars in advance and \$10 the day of the run. We will leave the Hollywood Roadhouse in Hollywood at Noon, sign in starts at 11 am. A garage sale is set up for Friday and Saturday September 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. We could possibly add Thursday September 13<sup>th</sup> to the days the garage sale would run. Mike Jencks is hosting the garage sale at his house those days. Dave Clifton said to "Don't bring your junk." Whatever is left on Sunday will be donated to good will if you don't make arrangements after the sale to pick up your stuff that didn't sell that you may want back.

Todd said there's no reason we can't have a committee chair that splits up the duties with another person.

### Membership (Dave C.):

Total for the state is 3,538. Freedom First has 265, Lake has 247 and Central has 233. Scott thanked everyone that came out last month to Crow River's Open House and Hog Roast. If anyone has any ideas on how to get members, please let Scott know.

Maureen gave Beck y five new memberships last night before today's meeting.

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

Mike not present. Mack touched on the government relations stuff. We had a relatively quiet session. We had one piece of legislation. The motorcycle permit modification bill passed. There was a question asked if you could find out how your Senator voted on a bill and Mack said you can look up the bill on the Senate or House website with the topic of the bill or the bills number. This is an election year and all of the Minnesota House of Representatives are up for re-election. Typically this is the off year for elections. Start contacting your representatives now as summer will go fast and November will be here before we know it. They will be looking for your vote come November and we need to let them know what we want done. This is a good time to think about donating some money to the Motorcycle PAC.

Todd said that there is a program in the State of Minnesota called the political contribution fund. Every individual in the State of Minnesota can contribute up to Fifty dollars to a state level candidate of their choice. That candidate will send them a form and a receipt to fill out. Send them both into the state and in three to four weeks you can get your fifty dollars back. What you are really doing is floating someone a fifty dollar loan for about three to four weeks. You can break it up and do ten dollars to five different people or to two people at twenty five dollars each. This is something that we need to do more of as candidates love getting money. Todd and Dawn has done this in the past. You can do this once per year. Please see Todd or Dawn if you need more information on this.

The hands free legislation made it thru the committees in the House and the Senate but died on the Senate floor. The bill was so close to passing. The progress on the bill is good compared to last year where it didn't go anywhere and because we weren't quite on board with this bill at the time. Bikers and Abate typically don't like mandates or supporting laws that infringe on freedoms. We signed onto this bill because it's the right thing to do and Abate is

working with families that have lost family members to distracted driving. As an organization we should go all in on this next year as we should all do what we can to get this bill moving and passed.

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

The Saturday class is full, two spots open yet on the Sunday class.

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

We have a rally coming up on August 31 thru September Third. There are rally posters for people to take and hang up at places they visit. Go out there and get your rally sponsorships. The door is open if you want to come out on Thursday August 30' prior to the rally starting.

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

She has the dates for both camps she looked at last month. We are going to Camp Friendship on Tuesday July 24<sup>th</sup> and Camp Courage on Monday August 13<sup>th</sup>. August 13<sup>th</sup> is when Danny Casper's will be at camp. For both dates we will meet at Sturgis park at Five pm and Leave at Five Thirty to ride out.

Mitch got an email from Big Brothers and Big Sisters for the Bowling for Kids Sake fundraiser we do every year with them in October. This fundraiser helps Big Brothers and Big Sisters get funds to match adults with kids and run their programs. The date we have set for this year is on Sunday October 7<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 2 pm at McPete's in Big Lake. Our participation was down a little bit from last year and Big Brothers and Big Sisters has taken a little bit of this on themselves. The prizes in the past have been for lots of places, this year we are going to try and have more prizes geared towards what a biker likes. Prizes could be things like a gift certificate to a Harley shop or maybe for getting a tattoo.

Motion to accept the committee reports –Ken Kalway, 2ndScott Bitzer Motion passes

### **OTHER REPORTS**

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

Mike still has a few Dial-A-Ride packets to give out to people to take to their favorite bars and restaurants. The packets have coasters, writing pads, posters, tri-folds and Dial-A-Ride business cards in them. Please let Mike know where you dropped off your packet so he can keep a track of this. Bike season is upon us and it runs from the last weekend in April to the last weekend in October. If anyone is interested in doing a pick up, please see Mike after the meeting to let him know when you might be available in our area during a Friday Night to Sunday Night timeframe.

A question was asked of who's trailer will be used in the pick-ups. Mike will find out and get back to us next meeting if it has to be a Dial-A-Ride trailer. Mack stated you can use your personal trailer, Dial-A-Ride does have liability insurance.

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

Mike Jencks asked if more people are getting killed by distracted drivers than by drunk drivers. Todd said that Minnesota does an almost anal job of tacking crash facts. You can get the crash facts book and download it. The state has a lot of different categories that is list for distracted driving like failure to yield, crossing the center line and more. All these categories in our mind we consider are distracted driving. When the state looks at each one of these categories singly the statistics don't add up. The states categories are broken down into vehicles, motorcycles, who was at fault. These are tough numbers to look at as some people are not here with us due to some of these crashes.

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

Last meeting we decided where to take the Buddy Bears and will figure out the dates and times to deliver them. Todd took ten bears to get to Two Twelve Emergency Center in Chaska. Motion made by Dave Truax to donate Ten Buddy Bears to the Hamel volunteer fire fighter department, seconded by Dave Clifton, motion passed.

#### **Products (Nikki):**

Decals are \$2 and \$4 dollars. We have t-shirts coming, white ones with black lettering and black ones with white lettering, L.C.W.D on the back of them with the saying the following saying being upside down "If found return to Lake Chapter." A few Wiskey patches are available for anyone that wants one. Nikki thanked everyone for buying stuff.

**MRF Report (Todd R):**

The MRF just had another successful Bikers InsideThe Beltway in mid May. Stuff was handed out to our legislators at the federal level, we talked about trying to protect our right and our ability to have access to E10 or lower fuel. The feds are really trying to push E15, most warranties will be voided if you put E145 in your motorcycle tank. Motorcycle Riders Foundation wants to make sure that there is E15 available for all of us.

The other big issue is self driving cars. One of these cars hit a police officer last year and a pedestrian was killed this year by one. Tiffany our office administrator and Megan our lobbyist in Washington D.C. conducted an experiment on their own, we didn't tell them to. There was some of these self driving cars available for test driving. These vehicles have the technology where the car is supposed to recognize when another vehicle is around it when being driven. Megan rented one of these cars and had Tiffany come up along side of her with another vehicle to see if the car Megan was driving would recognize Tiffany's car. Then Tiffany would get in front of Megan's car and lock up the breaks to see if Megan's car would recognize a car in front of her. In some situations it did and in others it did not. If this was a motorcycle in front of a self driving car, technology isn't always going to protect the motorcyclist. We need to have some Federal standard's on these self driving cars.

The Profiling Act: There was a survey done by the motorcycling profiling project and its broken down by states. Quite a few people responded to this survey and said they were profiled in the State of Minnesota. Minnesota was ranked in the top 15, so there's a lot of profiling going on that we aren't hearing about. While in D.C. Todd and Dawn had good visits with the folks on the House side, we were treated with respect and had lots of time to talk. On the Senate side, we were handed staffers that were in Washington less time than we were. These people were the lowest members on the staff list. We basically got treated like shit, so we have a lot of work to do on Senator Klobuchar and Senator Tina Smith who are both up for election.

This time Senator Tina Smith is finishing out Al Franken's shift until the next general election. You can go to the legislative website and click on legislative issues, its real easy and so you can send a letter to Senator Klobuchar and Senator Smith. This is a great way to follow up to Todd and Dawn's Washington D.C. trip. If you don't want to send a letter to either Senator Todd and Dawn can do this for you. We need to let these two Senators know we are not going away on the profiling act and want to make sure they will help us on issues we are passionate about.

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

Sheila

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Some Sergeant of Arms didn't get their pins to they are being handed out now.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

We have a proposal for an ad in the roadnoise for Minnesota Day in Central City South Dakota. Motion was made by Mitch to do a ¼ page ad in the July roadnoise for Minnesota Day in Central City, South Dakota, seconded by Dawn, motion passed.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

June 9, Intermediate Rider Course, Hennepin Technical College , Brooklyn Park, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm  
June 10, Advanced Rider Course, Hennepin Technical College, Brooklyn Park, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm  
July 14, Chapter Meeting, Smoker's place (Airport Marine & Storage) Breezy Point, 3 pm  
July 24, Camp Friendship Bike Show, Camp Friendship, Annandale, 6 pm  
July 28, Lake Chapter Dart Run/Mystery Run, Hollywood Roadhouse, Hollywood, Noon, sign in starts at 11 am  
August 13, Camp Courage Bike Show, Camp Courage, Maple Lake, 6 pm  
August 19, Chapter Meeting, VFW, Chaska, 3 pm  
August 31-September 3, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota's State Rally, Meeker County Fairgrounds, Litchfield  
September 1, Chapter Meeting, Lake Chapter tent at the State Rally, Litchfield, 2:10 pm  
September 14 & 15th, Lake Chapter Garage Sale, Mike Jencks Home, Buffalo, Hours to be decided.  
October 7, Bowling for Kids Sake, Big Brothers & Big Sisters, Noon to 2 pm, McPete's, Big Lake  
October 6, Chapter Meeting, Red Vest, Rockford, 3 pm

Motion to adjourn the meeting – Dave Clifton , 2<sup>nd</sup> Kimmer      Motion Passed      4:03pm

Respectfully submitted by Leah Otto

Motions Passed at the June 2 meeting

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Motion to accept the committee reports, Ken Kalway, 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Bitzer, motion passes.

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Motion to Adjourn, Dave Clifton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kimmer, motion passed

**Treasurer's Report - May, 2018**  
 For the Second Month Ending May 31, 2018  
 Presented at June 2, 2018 Meeting: Madigan's, Maple Lake, 3:00 pm

Started May with		<b>\$1,902.83</b>
<b>Income:</b>		
	Memberships (April)	\$91.00
	Products Sold	\$93.00
	Donations collected at A.B.A.T.E. U hospitality room	\$226.77
	Donation from BikerBeardWraps.com	\$100.00
	Donations to Chapter	\$152.00
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$662.77</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
	First Class Road Noise mailed to Lake Chapter President - May	\$2.00
	A.B.A.T.E. U Hospitality Room	\$220.72
	Chapter Rep hotel room at April BOD	\$110.36
	Officer name badges and business cards	\$75.00
	Products purchased - State pins	\$25.00
	Buddy Bears	\$216.58
	Annual affiliation fee	\$25.00
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$674.66</b>
May Ending Balance		<b>\$1,890.94</b>
<b>Earmarks</b>		
	Products	\$200.00
	Reimburse Chapter Rep Hotel Rm @ BOD (2 remaining of 3 per year)	\$200.00
	Food and supplies for Memorial Run Social	\$100.00
	Annual Blanket Special Events Insurance (August)	\$125.00
	2019 Grounded Hogs Party	\$900.00
	2018 Member of the Year plaque and Chapter paid Membership	\$50.00
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,575.00</b>
Buddy Bear Fund		<b>\$0.00</b>
Food Shelf Fund:		<b>\$0.00</b>
Gambling Fund:		<b>\$27.54</b>
MRF Fund:		<b>\$110.25</b>
Petty Cash:		<b>\$28.80</b>
Toys for Tots Fund:		<b>\$8.00</b>
<b>Grand Total:</b>		<b>\$2,065.53</b>
<b>Spendable:</b>		<b>\$315.94</b>

Lake Chapter Meeting sign in

Date

6-2-18

- 1 Leahotto
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- 3 Kim Kalgal
- 4 Judy Kalway
- 5 Scott Bitten
- 6 Sheryl Jampel
- 7 Bruce Plante
- 8 ~~Dan C. [unclear]~~
- 9 Kimmer
- 10 Karen May
- 11 Nikki Ann
- 12 Dale Morin
- 13 Mark Backlund
- 14 Mitch Backlund
- 15 Shula Anne
- 16 Sue Parker
- 17 Jinx
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- 20 W. [unclear]
- 21 Judy Hansen
- 22 Mindi Madson
- 23 Dawn Riba
- 24 Joanne Truax
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