

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

Date: Aug 6th, 2022

Location: Missile Park, St Bonifacius, MN

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| President: | Keith "Smoker" Efron | _____ | Sergeant at Arms: | Blythe Bucher | _____ |
| Vice President: | Rick VanHorn | X | | Nikki Arne | X |
| Chapter Rep: | Scott Trout | X | | Gaida Trout | X |
| Treasurer: | Maureen O'Hern | X | | Karen May | X |
| Secretary: | Dale Morin | X | | April Murch | X |
| | | | | Mike Jencks | X |

Total numbers of members attending: 19

Guests: 0

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: Gaida T.

Mtg Start Time: 3:00pm

Mtg End Time: 3:50pm

Welcome to members and guests; President's Remarks; Vice-President's Remarks: Rick opened the meeting acknowledging today as the 20th anniversary of the death of former lake president, Steve "Circus Boy" Kreitlow. Buzz described him as everybody's best friend, and disclosed that even after 20 years; the loss is still immensely painful. Rick welcomed everyone, and member Mike Kielty introduced himself.

Officer Reports:

Secretary's report: Dale Morin – A summary of the motions passed at the previous meeting was presented.

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| • | Motion to accept the minutes as written - Dave D. | 2nd | Buzz P. | Motion passed. |
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Treasurer's Report: Maureen O'Hern – [The report presented is the last page of this document](#)

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| • | Motion to accept the Treasurer's report - Mike E. | 2nd | Lee P. | Motion passed. |
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Chapter Rep Report: Scott T. – Scott was unable to attend the last BOD meeting, but was provided some information. There are a few upcoming riding and event opportunities, and flyers were handed out. He had 6 free rally tickets available for distribution. The chapter decided to give tickets as follows. 1 Batman, 1 Nikki to give to a friend she signed up as a new member, 2 for Jim and Rosa, 1 Buzz P. to provide to Hamel Power for give-away, 1 Mike Kielty to provide to Empire Cycle for give-away.

Committee Reports, Vice President:

Membership: Dale Morin – Membership numbers were not available, but Scott T. did provide new current and expired chapter member lists from the BOD, as well as a request for a \$10 membership dues increase being proposed by the state. If you would like a copy of the proposal, contact me. We will be discussing it at the next meeting, and providing Scott T. with our decision, for him to vote on accordingly at the October BOD. Rick turned in 5 new single, 1 new couple, 1 single renewal, and 2 couple renewal memberships. All but 1 couple renewal is from the sponsorship table we had at the AMA event. All were mailed to the state by me Sunday 7th.

Products: Gaida Trout – New items are on backorder. She had a few items available for anyone interested.

Special Events: Rick VanHorn – He needs a \$100 deposit for the Rockford Town Hall, and band suggestions for the 2023 Grounded Hogs party. Karen stated that Everett Smithson is a huge draw, with an estimated 50 advanced tickets sold just because of the band. Rick needs help with special events. Please consider helping with this role. There will not be a fall ride, due to time constraints on Rick and Lee.

Training and Education: Sherry Edgett – She did not have much to report, but the group discussed the benefit and importance of even experienced riders to take a class. Recent incidences touched on under the MN Motorcycle Safety Task Force section stress the need for everyone to take advantage of the opportunity to continually practice and improve on our riding skills, and to know your limits. Buzz attended the last advanced course, and relayed an offer that was made to him from one of the instructors. It was expressed that if the chapter would like to have a short pre-meeting class, that they would be willing to come do that with us.

Public Relations: Mitch Backlund- No Report

Buddy Bears: Myra VanHorn – On July 25th, a group of us dropped off 20 bears at Rivers of Hope in Monticello. This is a copy of the email Myra received in response.

"Good morning Myra,

I just wanted to thank you again for dropping off the bears yesterday! I am excited to share them with the advocates and let them know we have them to distribute to the clients we serve. We really appreciate your group thinking about us.

Have a great day!" Rick and Myra also attended the Rivers of Hope Walk on the 4th. The next delivery of 10 will be to the St.

Bonifacius Fire Dept at Spass Tagen - September 10, 2022 at Missile Park in St. Boni. Meet at Lees home at noon.

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| • | Motion to accept the Committee reports - Karen M. | 2nd | Mike J. | Motion passed. |
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Other Reports, President:

MRF Report: Todd Riba- via Scott T. - Meeting of the Minds meeting is Sept. 22-24 in Des Moines, IA. Contact Scott for reduced hotel rates if you're interested in attending.

Dial-A-Ride: Scott Trout- Scott provided DAR distribution bags to members to hand out to their favorite establishments.

Government Relations/Legislative Report: Mack Backlund- No Report

MN Motorcycle Safety Task Force: Mike Berger- via Scott T. – The last task force meeting was on May 19th and it was actually in person this time. It was good to finally meet our new leader Jay Bock face to face. We spent some time doing introductions again since Jay has never met any of us other than one online meeting. He was honest with us and said he didn't fully understand what the function of the task force was. This is expected. He did ask for our guidance and we did that as a group. I am struggling to get our new leader to send out motorcycle crash fatality statistics on timely basis. For years the 56 year old range had the highest fatality rate. Now 40 year old riders are seeing a higher fatality rate. Perhaps there's a correlation between the extreme spike in fuel costs and people wanting to ride their bikes instead of their four wheeled vehicle. Task Force also had an abbreviated Advanced Rider course prior to the meeting. I took the opportunity to further my riding skills and explore my personal limitations, which means I tipped my bike over. A short discussion took place regarding 5 known local accidents happening within the last two weeks. Out of 2 fatal and 3 injury accidents, 1 injury and both fatals were results of running off the road. Only 1 of them, a fatal, happened in a curve.

State Rally: Keith "Smoker" Efron- No Report

Drawing of the Name Karen May- Judy Kalway won the drawing, earning her a Lake products \$5 off coupon.

Old Business:

New Business:

- Start thinking about Steven J. Kreitlow Award nominations.
- Buzz can donate wood for the Rally if someone can provide the trailer.

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

- Aug 9th - Minnesota Day in Central City, SD
- Aug 20th - Harley Heaven Run, Pickled Pib Pub, Jordan, MN, Registration 10:30 AM
- Aug 20th - Gear Head Get Together, Maple Lake
- Aug 25th-28th - Central Chapter Biker Bash 16004 Hwy 10 NW, Royalton, MN
- Sept 2nd – 4th - A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State Rally, Litchfield
- Sept 3rd - Chapter meeting, Minnesota State Rally, Litchfield @ 1:00pm
- Sept 17th - Tri County Chapter Freedom Social, 900 Carver Beach Road, Chanhassen, MN, Noon-4:00pm
- Oct 1st - Chapter meeting, Chris K. home, Howard Lake, MN @ 3:00pm
- Nov 5th - Chapter meeting, Madigans, Maple Lake, MN @ 3:00pm

Mike Kielty introduced himself. He recently renewed after joining a year ago. He is running for Plymouth City Council and needs walkers if anyone would be interested in supporting him. Watch the chapter's Facebook page for more info and details.

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| • Motion to adjourn - | Mike K. | 2nd | Lee P. | Motion Passed |
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Respectfully submitted by Dale Morin

Motions passed at the August 6th Meeting:

- Motion to accept the minutes as written
- Motion to accept the Treasurer's report
- Motion to accept the Committee reports
- Motion to adjourn

Treasurer's Report - July 2022

For the Month ending July 31st, 2022

Presented on Aug 6th, 2022 meeting, Missile Park in St. Bonifacius, 3pm

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| Started July with | | \$ 2,898.82 |
| Income: | | |
| | Memberships | \$ 74.00 |
| | Total: | \$ 74.00 |
| Expenses: | | |
| | Officer Badges & Business Cards | \$ 93.50 |
| | Products - Memorial Patches | \$ 200.00 |
| | ABATE U Hospitality Room | \$ 253.84 |
| | Total: | \$ 547.34 |
| July Ending Balance: | | \$ 2,425.48 |
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| | Intermediate & Advanced Rider courses - 2022 | \$ 800.00 |
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| | <i>*ad cost may come from state funds not chapter funds because they are MC training classes</i> | \$ 70.00 |
| | 1/2 page ad in the RN for Lake Chapter Spring Run- 2022 | \$ 45.50 |
| | 1/4 page ad in the RN to promote the rider training classes- 2022 | \$ 35.00 |
| | 1/4 page ad in the RN (July and August) for the Gear Head Get Together* | \$ 35.00 |
| | <i>*because of our Jun 10th mtg date the ad didn't make the July issue</i> | |
| | Print 50 Fall Run tickets and a poster (TBD) | \$ - |
| | 1/4 page ad in the RN for Lake Chapter Fall Run- 2022 | \$ 35.00 |
| | Reimburse Chapter Rep Hotel Rm @ BOD (2 of 3 per year) | \$ - |
| | Total: | \$ 1,820.50 |
| Petty Cash: | | \$ 50.00 |
| MRF Donation Fund: | | \$ - |
| Chapter Gambling Fund | | \$ 1,267.81 |
| Food Shelf Fund: | | \$ - |
| Toys for Tots Fund: | | \$ - |
| Grand Total: | | \$ 3,743.29 |
| | Spendable | \$ 604.98 |