

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

Date: Jan 6th, 2024

Location: Choo Choo Bar, Loretto, 3pm

President:	April Murch	X	Sergeant at Arms:	Blythe Bucher	X
Vice President:	Todd Riba	X		Dean Webb	X
Chapter Rep:	Scott Trout			Gaida Trout	
Treasurer:	Dale Morin	X		Jim Bengston	X
Secretary:	Maureen O'Hern	X		Mike Jencks	X
				Nikki Arne	X

Total numbers of members attending: 28 **Guests:** 3

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: Dean W. **Mtg Start Time:** 3:01pm **Mtg End Time:** 4:21pm

Welcome to members and guests; President's Remarks; Vice-President's Remarks: Welcome to Steve, Michael, Bill, Frank, Kevin, Jarimia, Scott and Bev. Thanks to everyone for coming. Kevin spoke about Doc and Scott played a song.

Officer Reports:

Secretary's report: Maureen O'Hern

Motion to accept the minutes as written - Dean W. 2nd Keith "Smoker" E. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Dale Morin

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report - Deb K. 2nd Fred P. Motion passed.

Chapter Rep Report: Scott Trout – April and Todd spoke about the Way West and SW District Director's meetings.

Committee Reports, Vice President:

Membership: Dale Morin - we have 95 singles & 150 couples. Reminder to not write checks to Lake Chapter please make them out to A.B.A.T.E. of MN. Dale had 3 rally calendars for sell. Scott A, from Christian Motorcycle Association (CMA) spoke about wanting to hold an event that partners up with A.B.A.T.E. of MN more details TBD.

Products: Gaida Trout April – Grounded Hogs t-shirts are \$25 and are on the way.

Special Events – Grounded Hogs: Rosa Kreitlow / Karen May Motion to give Jim K. permission to spend \$500 for the bar for the GH party Fred P., 2nd Dawn R. Motion passed. GH sign-up sheet for GH sponsorship is still available. We are still looking for bake sale & liquor bottle donations. Motion to purchase \$100 worth of food for the GH party Dawn R., 2nd Pat "Pedro" G. Motion passed.

Training and Education: Sherry Edgett Motion to pay for the 2024 rider training courses (\$500 advanced \$300 intermediate). Dean W., 2nd Deb K. Motion passed. Motion to put a 1/4 page ad in the road noise for 2 months for the rider training courses (\$87.50 2023 paid by state). Dean W., 2nd Chris P. Motion passed. Motion to have a person make a \$25 deposit for the MC class, the person must complete the class then come to a meeting to get reimbursed. Jim B., 2nd Keith "Smoker" E. Motion passed.

Public Relations: Todd Riba Pledge sheets are available online and in paper. Who is going? Calendar- start submitting 2025 calendar photos to lakechaptermn@gmail.com. Tammie would like a photo of everyone on their bike. Tammie had calendars available for \$20. Bowling sponsorships still available.

Buddy Bears: Cyndi Buttweiler / Jim Kosse Final Buddy Bear donation will take place at the Bowling for Kids event. Randy spoke about how that the Buddy Bears are very important tools to crating a connection with children/adults during their time of need.

Motion to accept the Committee reports - Mike E. 2nd Jim B. Motion passed.

Other Reports, President:

MRF Report: Todd Riba – Todd explained what the MRF is and what it does since there were new people at the meeting. The Independent Motorcycle Aftermarket (IMA) is trying to get people please talk to your local bike shop about the program. Right to repair is an important bill. Heartland STEAM is coming up in Sioux Falls, SD on Apr 12th. Bikers Inside the Beltway is May 20th & 21st in Washington D.C. Meeting of the Minds is in St. Louis in Sept.

Dial-A-Ride: Scott Trout – No report

Government Relations/Legislative Report: Frank Ernst – No report

MN Motorcycle Safety Task Force: Dean Webb – No report

State Rally: Keith "Smoker" Efron – Doug & Ingrid Cohen have stepped up to be rally co-chairs Thank you to them. The next BOD is Jan 19th & 20th I hope to see everyone there. Smoker is looking at some bands. Sponsorships are available. Thank you in advance for sponsoring the rally or getting sponsors.

Pick A Winner: Karen May – Dean Webb is the winner of the \$5 off products coupon.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Member of the Year Presentation _ Postponed until February

Officer Nominations - Absentee ballot deadline February 10th. Contact Shelly at stateoffice@abatemn.org

Website keep it or not? Hosting Fee renews 3/13/23 (\$120 for 2023) Domain name renews in July (\$39.95 for 2023) Deferred until the next meeting.

Reservations for ABATE U Hospitality Room Motion to reserve 1 room for 2 nights (\$135 per night) Keith "Smoker" E., 2nd Tammie B. Motion passed.

Flowers for Doc's funeral reimbursement \$118.12. Motion to reimburse April \$118.12 for the plant sent to Doc's funeral on behalf of the chapter Mike E., 2nd Dean W. Motion passed.

Randy D. spoke about a first aid for motorcyclist that he can put for GH party then if there is interest maybe it can become a Lake Chapter/ABATE product for sale.

Frank thanked Lake Chapter for the Young Riders Sponsorship.

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

November 1st – February 23rd – Preregistration dates for Bikerday at the Capitol

January 19th-20th – BOD, Holiday Inn Express, Rogers.

January 21st – Bowling for Kids, McPete's, Big Lake, 11am

February 3rd, 2024 – Lake Chapter Meeting, Rockford Township Hall, 3pm

February 3rd, 2024 – Grounded Hogs Party, Rockford Township Hall, 6pm-11pm

March 2nd, 2024 – Lake Chapter Meeting, Red Lodge, Waverly, 3pm.

March 13th, 2024 – Bikerday at the Capitol

March 23rd-24th, 2024 – Donnie Smith Bike Show, River Centre, St. Paul

April 19th-21st – ABATE U, Holiday Inn, Alexandria 320-763-6577 for reservations

Motion to adjourn – Keith "Smoker" E. 2nd Fred P. Motion passed.

2024 Officer Nominations					
President	April Murch	Accept		Dean Webb	Accept
Vice President	Jim Kosse	Accept		Gaida Trout	Accept
	Todd Riba	Decline		Jim Bengston	Accept
Chapter Rep	Scott Trout	Accept	Sergeant at Arms	Mike Jencks	Accept
Treasurer	Dale Morin	Decline		Todd Riba	Accept
Secretary	Maureen O'Hern	Decline		Blythe Bucher	Decline
				Nikki Arne	Decline
				Scott Bitzer	Decline

Motion passed at the Jan 6th, 2024, Meeting:

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Motion to purchase \$100 worth of food for the GH party

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Motion to accept the Committee reports

Motion to reserve 1 room for 2 nights (\$135 per night)

Motion to reimburse April \$118.12 for the plant sent to Doc's funeral on behalf of the chapter

Motion to adjourn