

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

Date: July 13th, 2024

Location: Smoker's place, Airport Marine and Storage
Breezy Point, MN, 3pm

President:	April Murch	<u>X</u>	Sergeant at Arms:	Cyndi Buttweiler	<u>X</u>
Vice President:	Jim Kosse	<u>X</u>		Dean Webb	<u> </u>
Chapter Rep:	Scott Trout	<u>X</u>		Gaida Trout	<u>X</u>
Treasurer:	Dale Morin	<u> </u>		Jim Bengston	<u>X</u>
Secretary:	Maureen O'Hern	<u>X</u>		Mike Jencks	<u>X</u>
				Todd Riba	<u>X</u>

Total numbers of members attending: 21 **Guests:** 4 Frank, Jane, Jeanne & Larry Cooper

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: Gaida **Mtg Start Time:** 3:00pm **Mtg End Time:** 4:31pm

Welcome to members and guests; President's Remarks; Vice-President's Remarks: April – Thank you to Frank and Jane for coming to the meeting. Thank you to everyone who came on the Spring into Summer Run. Thank you for the participation in the riding classes Shelley is working on getting us grant money for the classes. Thank you to everyone who went to the Sand Dunes Rodeo. Jim Pierson's (East Central chapter president) wife Kelly passed away in a motorcycle accident. A celebration of life will be held July 25th in Annandale. *Motion to send a \$50 donation to Jim Pierson amended to \$100 - Keith "Smoker" E., 2nd Karen M. – Motion passed.* A moment of silence was observed for Kelly Pierson. Jim – Thank you Smoker for hosting the meeting.

Officer Reports:

Secretary's report: Maureen O'Hern

Motion to accept the minutes as written - Todd R. 2nd Dawn R. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Dale Morin

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report - Karen M. 2nd Keith "Smoker" E. Motion passed.

Chapter Rep Report: Scott Trout – Not a whole lot to report there will be more information after the next BOD. Discussion was held about A.B.A.T.E. of MN participating in the low drug program talked about last month. After a show of hands, the chapter voted against A.B.A.T.E. of MN participating in the program.

Committee Reports, Vice President

Membership: Maureen O'Hern – We currently have 102 singles & 144 couples. That's up 7 from last month. Cycle Gear bike night is Aug 13th. Gear Head Get Together is Aug 17th in Maple Lake, 8am-6pm.

Products: Gaida Trout – Pre-ordered sweatshirt are available. More pocket tees and work shirts were requested. There advanced rally tickets, rally raffle tickets, and passport books are available for sale.

Special Events – Grounded Hogs: Keith "Smoker" Efron– Sponsorship forms were handed out. Thank you to everyone who got sponsors, we are down from last year. Please go out and get sponsors. Thank you to everyone who helped last year. Silent/Live auction items are needed. Kosse is still looking for motorcycle parts for his sculpture. *Motion to spend up to \$150 to print Grounded Hogs tickets - Lee P., 2nd Karen M. – Motion passed.*

Special Events – Fall Run: Open – Discussion was held about a joint run. This issue will be discussed with other chapters over the winter.

Training and Education: Sherry Edgett – Recap of training classes it was fun, learned a lot. A couple Way West members were in attendance. Smoker relayed that someone he directed to take the basic class was impressed with class and was glad he took it.

Public Relations: Tammie Black 2025 Chapter calendar photos can start being submitted to tblack692010@hotmail.com. Tammie would like photos of everyone on their bike. Please email her photos. Jane would like Bike of the Month submissions for the Road Noise.

Buddy Bears: Cyndi Buttweiler / Jim Kosse – 20 bears were given to the Loretto Fire Dept. A couple of other places have been contacted Cyndi & Jim are waiting on replies.

Rick brought up paying Everett Smithson more money for playing the GH party. Motion to pay Everett Smithson \$1000 to play the GH party – Rick V., 2nd None – Motion failed.

Motion to accept the Committee reports - Dawn R. 2nd Keith "Smoker" E. Motion passed.

Other Reports, President:

MRF Report: Todd Riba- Join the MRF at mrf.org. Members have finally been appointed to the federal level motorcycle safety task force. Jay Jackson, the vice president of the MRF, has been appointed to the task force (motorcycle safety committee). The motorcycle caucus had a ride in, it was a good turnout. The MRF will be working on updating the outdated definition of a motorcycle.

Dial-A-Ride: Scott Trout – He'll have D-A-R material at the next meeting. If you drop off any material anywhere let him know.

Government Relations/Legislative Report: Mack Backlund – April encouraged everyone to write to their representative and described the process. Frank – mentioned that if you write to your representative multiple times and they don't reply forward him the information so he can contact the person. ABATE of MN will be sending out candidate surveys this and if there are any issues the chapter would like addressed bring the information to the board. Sending letters to candidates for office count towards earning a Write to Ride patch. If you know of candidate running for office that you'd like to help, let Mark know maybe the PAC can help with a donation. Frank explained the political contribution reimbursement process and how important it is.

MN Motorcycle Safety Task Force: Dean Webb – Members have been sworn in the task force is back up and running again. There are still open seats available. If you are interested, please apply.

State Rally: Keith "Smoker" Efron – Thank you to everyone who sponsored the rally or who got sponsors. We still need sponsors and volunteers. Micki's t-shirt design was accepted congratulations. Posters are available on the website. Jeanne and Larry Cooper were in attendance. Jeanne was the 1st State Secretary, Larry was the 1st Rally Chair. Thank you for all the work you have done. Rally shifts are Security Friday 12pm-4pm (2 on patrol and 2 on shuttle) and Front gate Saturday 8am-11:30am (4 people needed). District meeting 9am under the Lake Chapter Tent at the Rally. Chapter photo at 12pm.

Pick A Winner: Karen May – Jeanne C. was the winner of the \$5 off products coupon. Jeanne elected to use that \$5 towards a membership. *Motion the \$5 discount would apply to a chapter membership paid for by chapter funds – Buzz P., 2nd Lee P. – Motion passed.* April presented them with state ABATE patches, they will receive the Lake Chapter patch later.

Old Business:

Spring Run Recap - it was wet but a good time. 17 bikes started 6 ended. Thank you to Jon, the Tri-County president, for joining us as well as 3 Sons of Silence members.

New Business:

State Rally (tent, fire ring, wood?) – Lee P. will talk to Dave "Popeye" about wood. We can access the fairgrounds after 3pm on Sunday, Aug 25th to set up the chapter tent.

Rally tickets from our sponsorship (we have 6) - Missing Rally tickets (2) Discussion was held. *Motion to take money out of chapter funds to pay for the 2 missing rally tickets (\$80) – Dawn R., 2nd Karen M. – Motion passed.* Discussion was held about who to give our chapter sponsorship tickets to, Batman, Jim, Rosa, Olga, Suz and Larry Cooper were selected. If Suz is not interested the ticket will go to Jeanne Cooper.

Steven J. Kreitlow Award nominations – Nominations start August 1st send nominations to sapphire033171@yahoo.com. If you do not get a response back, please let April know. Nominations close at the October meeting. – Tabled until the next meeting.

Chapter email list- If you are not getting our emails, please let us know so we can add you.

Shelly, our District Director, is not running again. Give some thought to running. Nominations start in January.

We are hosting the BOD in October in Wilmar. We are tasked with bringing a bottle of Crown Royal and 50 red solo cups. Maureen O. donated a bottle of Crown Royal, Karen M. will donate the red solo cups.

Maureen O. – will not be running for secretary next year.

Gaida T. – there is a party at the Trout's after the July 27th meeting.

Upcoming Meetings:

July 27th, 3pm (technically our August meeting) Uptown Bar, Waverly, MN.
September no chapter meeting. District meeting Sunday at 9 am under the Lake Chapter tent.
October 5th, 3pm, Chris Kalway's house in Howard Lake, MN.
November 2nd, 3pm Town Club, Delano, MN (Mike J setting up).
December 7th, 3pm, Madigan's, Maple Lake, MN (Karen setting up).

Upcoming Events:

July 17th Camp Friendship bike show. Meet at Maple Lake School, Maple Lake at 6 pm.
July 19th-20th, BOD 745 North Broadway Ave, Isle of Dreams Bar and Grill 13029 Cty Rd 23 Spring Valley, MN.
Aug 1st-Aug 11th- Sturgis Rally.
Aug 6th, MN day in Central City, SD.
Aug 15th-18th – Minnesota State CMA Rally, Lake Geneva Christian Center, Alexandria, MN.
Aug 17th – Gear Head Get Together, Maple Lake, MN 8am-6pm.
Aug 17th – VFW Summerfest, Monticello, MN.
August 30th-September 2nd - MN State Rally, Meeker County Fairgrounds, Litchfield, MN.
Aug 31st - Informal gathering at Chapter tent Saturday 12 pm.
Sept 1st - District meeting 9 am under the Lake Chapter Tent at the Rally.
Sept 1st – Chapter photo by the tent 12pm.
Sept 14th – Tri-County Freedom Social, Carver Beach Playground, Chanhassen, MN, 12pm.
Sept 25th-29th, Meeting of the Minds, Renaissance St Louis Airport Hotel, St. Louis, MO.

Motion to adjourn – Todd R., 2nd Keith "Smoker" E. - Motion passed.

Rally Meetings:

July 19th 8pm Rally Meeting– 745 North Broadway Ave, Isle of Dreams Bar and Grill 13029 Cty Rd 23 Spring Valley, MN
Aug 17th 12:00 Rally Meeting Litchfield Eagles Club, Litchfield, MN.

Motions passed at the July 13th, 2024, meeting.

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