

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

Date: Jun 3rd, 2023

Location: Grumpy's Bar, St. Boni, MN 3pm

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

Total numbers of members attending: 25 **Guests:** Welcome to Vance our new member and guest Jacob

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: Gaida **Mtg Start Time:** 3:02pm **Mtg End Time:** 4:08pm

Welcome to members and guests; President's Remarks; Vice-President's Remarks: April – thank you to everyone who attended the Memorial Run. Thank you to those who told stories about the past members to those that told those stories please consider writing them down, so we have those for the future. Our chapter contest is up and running. Todd – Great day for motorcycle rights Nebraska is helmet free they did have to make a couple comprises i.e. eye protection and a MSF safety course. proof that emails and contacting your legislators work. Freedom won.

Officer Reports:

Secretary's report: Maureen O'Hern

Motion to accept the minutes as written - Mike E. 2nd Jim B. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Dale Morin

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report - Karen M. 2nd Lee P. Motion passed.

Chapter Rep Report: Scott Trout – Please your local official to earn your Write to Ride patch. There are many motorcycle related issues that going through the legislature that legislators need to our opinion on. There are 2 passport books left. We are looking for businesses that offer ABATE discounts please contact Tammy Winkel with any information. There are tri-folds available with the new membership rates on them.

Committee Reports, Vice President:

Membership: Dale Morin – State membership #s was given, Lake Chapter has 235 members.

Products: Gaida Trout – She has stuff for sale.

Special Events – Grounded Hogs: Rosa Kreitlow / Karen May – Down payment has been sent. Everything is a go. Ticket prices are going up \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Doors open at 6pm, band plays 7pm-11pm. Advanced tickets will be available before the state rally. Please start gathering auction items. Motion to pay Everett Smithson \$800 to play the 2024 Grounded Hogs Party – Jim K. 2nd Dean W. Motion passed. Todd suggested we have a stand-alone Special Events committee in the future.

Special Events – Spring Run: Scott Bitzer – Spring run tickets are available.

Special Events – Fall Run: Open – we need a committee it can be an informal run.

Training and Education: Sherry Edgett – Mike E. – There are still some spots open. This an important class to take and it's a lot of fun.

Public Relations: Mitch Backlund – Todd – whatever event you participate in please take pictures and send them to the local papers.

Buddy Bears: Cyndi Buttweiler / Jim Kosse – There are 70 bears available. Proposed recipient list 1. Rivers of Hope qty 20, 2. Waverly Fire Dept qty 15, 3. St. Bonifacius Fire Dept qty 20 & Wright County Human Services qty 15.

Motion to accept the Committee reports - Dean W. 2nd Jim B. Motion passed.

Other Reports, President:

MRF Report: Todd Riba – On the Minnesota side we have a lot of work to do. We need someone from Dean Phillips district to contact him about motorcycle rights issues. We had a very successful D.C. trip. We dropped off literature at all 535 offices there were 33 states represented the MRF's presence was well known. There were some concerning issues at the national level about alcohol related accidents there were some rumblings about a separate BAC level for motorcycles. Also, there are rumblings of passive breathalyzers in vehicles. Jim B. – The main bill to keep track of is HR 1435 – Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act.

Dial-A-Ride: Scott Trout – DAR items are available please let Scott know where you drop off the DAR information.

Government Relations/Legislative Report: Mack Backlund – No report.

MN Motorcycle Safety Task Force: Dean Webb – No report.

State Rally: Keith "Smoker" Efron – April – we have 10 rally tickets we have

Pick A Winner: Karen May – John "Batman" D. is the winner of \$5 off products coupons.

Old Business:

Weebly next renewal date: Weebly website hosting expires Mar 13, 2024 (auto renew) Weebly domain name registration expires September 6, 2023. – Tabled until the July 29th meeting.

Randy D. First Aid Kits, CPR/First Aid classes & FIDO bags. – Tabled until the July 8th meeting or to whenever Randy is in attendance.

New Business:

Need a motion to place an ad in the Road Noise for MN Day in Central City, SD. – Motion to place an ad in the Road Noise for MN Day in Central City, SD. – Mike J. 2nd John "Batman" D. Motion passed.

Need a motion to skip the September meeting. – Motion to skip the September meeting – Mike J. 2nd Dawn R. Motion passed.

Todd brought the Unification Rally that was held in California he believes we should have something similar in our area that include St. Croix Valley Riders, independent riders, and other motorcycle groups.

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

June 10th & 11th – Intermediate and Advanced Training Courses.

June 17th – Spring Run, Red Lodge, Waverly, Kickstands up at noon.

June 29th-July 1st – Algona Freedom Rally.

July 8th – Lake Chapter Meeting, Smoker's in Breezy Point, 3pm.

July 29th – Lake Chapter Meeting, Madigan's, Maple Lake, 3pm.

August 4th-13th – 83rd Sturgis Rally.

August 8th – Minnesota Day in Central City, SD.

August 19th – Gear Head Get Together, Maple Lake.

September 1st – 4th – ABATE of MN State Rally.

September 2nd – No Meeting just an informal get together at the State Rally.

September 21st-24th – Meeting of the Minds, Harrisburg PA.

Motion to adjourn - Lee P. 2nd Scott B. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Maureen O'Hern

Motions made at the Jun 3rd meeting:

Motion to accept the minutes as written.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report.

Motion to pay Everett Smithson \$800 to play the 2024 Grounded Hogs Party.

Motion to accept the Committee reports.

Motion to place an ad in the Road Noise for MN Day in Central City, SD.

Motion to skip the September meeting.

Motion to adjourn.