

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

Date: June 1st, 2024

Location: Rendezvous Bar, Annandale, 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>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>
				Todd Riba	<u>X</u>

Total numbers of members attending: 33

Guests: Kristie & Jim Orn

New Members: 3

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: Todd R.

Mtg Start Time: 3:05pm

Mtg End Time: 4:25pm

Welcome to members and guests; President's Remarks; Vice-President's Remarks: Todd requested a moment of silence for the brothers & sisters that are with us in spirit only. April M. – Welcome to everyone, welcome to Doug the Sand Dunes VP, welcome to Jim and Kristie Orn. A Write to Ride patch was awarded to Maureen O'Hern. Welcome to Pat K. he was presented an A.B.A.T.E. state patch and a Lake chapter rocker as a new member. Thank you to everyone who went on the Memorial Run. Thank you to Tom, the owner of the Rendezvous, for hosting us today. Jim K. – Thanks for showing up.

Officer Reports:

Secretary's report: Maureen O'Hern

Motion to accept the minutes as written - Karen M. 2nd Buzz P. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Dale Morin

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report - Randy D. 2nd Dean W. Motion passed.

April thanked Tom & Brittany, the owners of the Rendezvous Bar, for sponsoring the Grounded Hogs party last year and for hosting our meeting today.

Chapter Rep Report: Scott Trout – Rally sponsorship & poster were available. Discussion was held (price, privacy, opt in, spam) about the prescription drug plan being offered to A.B.A.T.E. of MN members. Discussion was held about 18-20yr old members holding office.

Committee Reports, Vice President:

Membership: Maureen O'Hern – Thank you to April, Jim, Karen, Keith & Jaramia for being at Cycle Gear with me. Jaramia gave out a bunch of Dial-A-Ride cards out that night. We have 99 singles & 140 couples for a total of 239 members. The next Cycle Gear bike night is June 11th. April & Maureen will be there.

Products: Gaida Trout – Sweatshirts have been ordered.

Special Events – Grounded Hogs: Keith "Smoker" Efron – April M. - Mike J. is handing out GH sponsorships forms. Jim K. is still looking for bike parts for the sculpture. We have 3 sponsors right now.

Special Events – Memorial Run: Jim K. – 15 bikes, 20 people. It's not a fun afternoon it's a reflection on remembering past members, it's rewarding to be with people that are still here and remembering those who are not. Pictures are on the website and facebook.

Special Events – Spring Run: Mike J. & the Chapter Sgt at Arms – Jun 15th, pre-run Jun 2nd. Details were given about the run. Gary from the Sons will have Bloody Mary's available.

Special Events – Fall Run: Open - Date Tickets, Poster, Road Noise Ad – This may be a passport run.

Training and Education: Sherry Edgett – 1-2 spots left for the Intermediate class; the Advanced class is full.

Public Relations: Tammie Black 2025 Chapter calendar photos can be submitted to tblack692010@hotmail.com.

Tammie would like photos of everyone on their bike. Chapter photo will be at the tent at noon.

Buddy Bears: Cyndi Buttweiler / Jim Kosse – Cyndi – we have 70 bears to distribute to Rivers of Hope, Wright County Human Services, Loretto Fire Department, & St. Bonifacius Fire Department. Buddy Bear donation to the Loretto Fire Department June 26th at 6:15pm.

Motion to accept the Committee reports - Dean W. 2nd Dawn R. Motion passed.

Other Reports, President:

MRF Report: Todd Riba – The members hit all 535 offices. We got new members on the caucus and some new cosponsors on some legislation we've been talking about. It was a big success. If anybody wants to go next year let them know. Dawn suggested a fundraiser to offset the cost of the trip. One of the things that is very important to us is Internal Combustible Engines (ICE). Louisiana just passed a statewide bill stating that the state government cannot mandate EVs. It's a victory we can win but we need people get involved. The MRF takes their direction from the states it's important for everyone to get involved.

Dial-A-Ride: Scott Trout – We're all taken care off on the sign-up sheets. D-A-R materials are available just see Scott.

Government Relations/Legislative Report: ~~Mack Backlund~~ – Todd R. – We are facing significant challenges in our lifestyle. We are under total attack. It is more important than ever we have members; it is more important than ever we are united and stick together like family. Lane filtering will be legal sometime in 2025. Todd asked how many people got a call to action about the lane filtering bill from A.B.A.T.E. of MN to contact their legislators to give their opinion on the bill. Multiple groups shared the information that the bill was passed but A.B.A.T.E. of MN wasn't one of them. Jim O. – The lane splitting & filtering subjects has been a subject for years; the board did discuss putting together an explanation of the bill and will be releasing that information at a future date.

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

State Rally: Keith "Smoker" Efron – April M. – We are having a rally. Jim K. – we now have a total of \$21,400 in sponsorships for the rally we are head of last year's total. Rally sponsorships/flyers are available. Registration needs helps, volunteers are needed. They are looking at an extension on the contract to hold the rally at the fairgrounds for the next 2 years. Raffle tickets are available to be signed out. Nominations were held for the Rally King & Queen. King – Jim Kosse & Queen – Nikki Arne. District meeting under the Lake Chapter tent 9am on Sunday. Chapter photo at noon. Chapter tent setup TBD.

Pick A Winner: Karen May – Chris P. is the winner of the \$5 off products coupon. Tom and Brittany were presented with state patches and rockers for becoming new members.

Old Business:

True Friends Bike Show Discussion- Mike J to organize. Camp Courage and Camp Friendship.

Passport Books left – we have 8 left.

Randy D. First Aid Kits – supplies have been ordered and the kits will be available by June 15th. If people want to buy kits for themselves, please contact Randy. *Motion to have the chapter pay for 4 state patches & 4 Lake rockers for Randy to use on the first aid kits – Dawn R., 2nd Jim B. – Motion passed.*

New Business:

MN Day in Central City, SD - *Motion to place an ad in the July Road Noise for MN Day in Central City, S.D.- Dean W., 2nd Chris P. - Motion passed.* April will contact Mitch to use last year's ad.

Website – Discussion was held about Weebly and the domain name voting. Both items will be combined and voted on at February meetings going forward. *Motion to spend whatever it takes to keep the domain name for our website – Dawn R., 2nd Buzz P. – Motion passed.*

Dawn R. - Dawn thanked the chapter for sending flowers to her dad's funeral and thank you for the support of everyone and she appreciates the family she has in the room.

Mike J. – Mike spoke about the 2nd stop on the run, Zap's Leather, and how the Casey's sells meat products from a place in Melrose and there is a Dairy Queen across the street.

Upcoming Meetings, Vice President:

July 13th – Smoker’s Airport Marine and Storage, Breezy Point 3 pm
July 27th (August mtg) – Uptown Bar & Grill, Waverly, 3pm.
September – No meeting
October 5th – TBD
November 2nd – Dave’s Town Club, Delano, 3pm.
December 7th – Madigan’s, Maple Lake, 3pm.

Events, Vice President:

June 8th-9th, Riders Training Classes.
June 8th, Sand Dunes Bike Rodeo Bailey Ray’s Roadhouse, Santiago, 11am.
June 15th, Lake’s Spring into Summer Run. Registration S.O.S Clubhouse at 11 am, Kickstands up at 12 pm.
June 22nd, 9:30 am District meeting at Bill and Kristi LaPlante’s 27910 670th Ave Litchfield.
June 22nd, 10:30 South Central Membership Drive and Fun Run, Bill and Kristi LaPlante’s 27910 670th Ave Litchfield.
July 3rd-6th, A.B.A.T.E. of Iowa Freedom Rally, Algona, IA.
July 11-14th, Clean N Sober Bike Rally 2024, 15237 County Road 8, Comfrey, MN.
July 19th-20th, BOD 745 North Broadway Ave, Isle of Dreams Bar & Events (primitive camping)
13029 County Hwy 3 Spring Valley, MN.
Aug 1st-11th- Sturgis Rally.
Aug 6th, MN day in Central City, SD.
Aug 15th-18th – Minnesota State CMA Rally, Lake Geneva Christian Center, Alexandria.
Aug 17th – Gear Head Get Together, Maple Lake, 8am-6pm.
Aug 17th – VFW Summerfest, Monticello.
Aug 30th-Sept 2nd- MN State Rally Litchfield Fairgrounds.
Aug 31st - Informal gathering at Chapter tent Saturday 12 pm.
Sept 1st – SW District meeting, Lake Chapter tent, Meeker County Fairgrounds, 9am.
Sept 26th-29th – Meeting of the Minds Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel, St Louis, MO.

Motion to adjourn – *Dean W.* *2nd Karen M.* *Motion passed.*

Rally Meetings:

June 15th, 12:00 Rally Meeting Litchfield Eagles Club
July 19th 8 pm Rally Meeting Spring Valley, campground
Aug 17th 12:00 Rally Meeting Litchfield Eagles Club

Motions made at the June 1st Meeting:

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Motion to adjourn.