

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

Date: July 27, 2024 (August Meeting) **Location:** Uptown Bar and Grill, Waverly, MN, 3pm.

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

Total numbers of members attending: 33 **Guests:** 4 **New Members:**
Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: Mike J. **Mtg Start Time :** 3 pm **Mtg End Time:** 4:30 pm

Welcome to members and guests; President’s Remarks; Vice-President’s Remarks: April – Good afternoon and welcome. South Central Guests that were in attendance were welcomed. Mike, Tina, Adam, and Junior. The thank you card for Keith “Smoker” Efron was passed out as well as the sympathy card for Jim Pierson, East Central Chapter President. The sympathy card will be mailed with the \$100 check from chapter funds. The chapter was thanked for their attendance to both the bike show at Camp Friendship and the buddy bear drop off at River’s of Hope. A text from Maureen O’Hern was read to the chapter.

Todd Riba (filling in for Jim Kosse as VP) also welcomed everyone. Todd gave well wishes for all those heading to Sturgis.

Officer Reports:

Secretary’s report: Maureen O’Hern

Motion to accept the minutes as written - Fred P, 2nd Dean W. Motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report: Dale Morin

Motion to accept the Treasurer’s report - Dawn R, 2nd Deb K. Motion passed.

Chapter Rep Report: Scott Trout –Upcoming event flyers were passed around. The prescription drug program did not pass. Scott promoted passing out Rally posters and getting Rally Sponsorships. The BOD went well. April was presented with her Write to Ride patch. A.B.A.T.E University is talking about doing a banquet like they did in the past- \$30 a head. A proof reader is needed for the Road Noise, Deb informed us that it has been filled. Scott has forms for biker of the month, business of the month, and veteran of the month. All are invited to the Trout’s for a get together after the meeting.

Committee Reports, Vice President:

Membership: Maureen O’Hern – Our August meeting was held early on July 27th therefore the July memberships numbers are not available yet they will be reported at our next meeting. We will have at table at the Gear-Head Get together. April and Scott T will assist Maureen as needed.

Products: Gaida Trout – Gaida asked about making memorial patches for Dan Monson. Motion made to order 20 patches Dawn R 2nd Fred P Motion passed. Motion made to specify to spend \$120 on patches for Dan Monson Dean W 2nd Lee P Motion passed. She asked the chapter what the wanted on the pocket t-shirts and the work shirts. The chapter asked for the A.B.A.T.E. Lake logo.

Special Events – Grounded Hogs: Keith “Smoker” Efron. Sponsorship forms were handed out. Need a motion to place a 1/2-page ad in the RN for Grounded Hogs Party sponsorships for the months of Oct & Nov. (\$65-30%=45.50) Need a motion to place a 1/2-page ad in the RN for the Grounded Hogs Party poster for the months of Dec & Jan (\$65-30%=45.50). The 2 motions were placed together. Motion made by Jim B 2nd by Dean W. Motion passed. Need a motion to attach a promo ticket to the poster to hand out at the Oct BOD. Motion made by Dawn R 2nd by Lee P. Motion passed. Tammie needs Lake Chapter T-shirts for her quilt for Grounded Hogs.

Special Events – Fall Run: Tammie Black discussed meeting up with Sand Dunes and East Central Chapters, possibly at the Friendly Buffalo in Big Lake at 9:30 am, and riding to the Tri-County Freedom Social on Sept 14th.

Training and Education: Sherry Edgett – Motion made to pay for motorcycle training classes for the 2025 season Lee P 2nd Mike E. Motion passed. Sherry discussed not requiring a deposit from registrants going forward. All deposits from the 2024 classes have been returned.

Public Relations: Tammie Black 2025 Chapter calendar photos can be submitted to tblack692010@hotmail.com. Tammie would like photos of everyone on their bike.

Buddy Bears: Cyndi Buttweiler / Jim Kosse – A correction was made that we have 65 bears not the previously reported 70. Bears given to Loretto Fire Department and River's of Hope. 30 Bears left. Reaching out to Wright County Human Services and St Bonifacius Fire Department. Suggestions brought up to contact Wright County Community Action and Buffalo Fire Department. Todd suggested it might be a good idea to set up a delivery during an open house event.

Motion to accept the Committee reports - Randy D, 2nd Mike E. Motion passed.

Other Reports, President:

MRF Report: Todd Riba – You can join the MRF at mrf.org. The state is putting together a legislative team of 4-6 people. Contact Jane or Frank if interested in joining. It was discussed that the job is too much for one person.

Dial-A-Ride: Scott Trout – He has flyers and coasters. 5 pickups this year. 50% were alcohol related. 30% No motorcycle endorsement. Todd R We can do better.

Government Relations/Legislative Report: April discussed the importance and reiterated what Dawn and Todd shared during the MRF report of the importance of contacting your Senators and Representatives regarding motorcycle rights.

MN Motorcycle Safety Task Force: Dean Webb- Shared that the task force does once again exist.

State Rally: Keith "Smoker" Efron Smoker – Agreed to meet on Sunday the 25th at 2 pm at Gaida and Scott Trout's to pick up wood to deliver to the rally grounds. Scott B shared his displeasure with the confusion between DAR wood and Lake Chapter's wood and how DAR wood used to be locked up. Scott T agreed to contact the Rally Chairs to discuss this further.

Pick A Winner: Karen May – Sherry Edgett won she has 2 months to use her coupon.

Old Business:

First Aid Kits Randy D. Initially approved to spend \$200. The kits ended up costing \$268 to make. Motion to reimburse Randy an additional \$68 for a total of \$268 made by Lee 2nd Dean motion passed. Randy has 4 bags ready. He went over the contents of the bag. Randy also displayed 2 separate styles of bag available. We can chose either bag going forward. Lee shared that he was hoping that we would eventually be able to donate a bag to each chapter. Motion made to donate the 1st bag to Tri-County by Lee P 2nd Dawn R Motion passed.

April reminded everyone that we are hosting the BOD in October in Wilmar. We are tasked with a bottle of Crown (Maureen) and 50 red solo cups (Karen).

New Business:

April read the requirements for 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.

Kreitlow Award Reimbursement Motion to reimburse Mike J \$100 for supplies to build the award by Dean W 2nd Tammie B Motion Passed.

Motion to pay for MRF Sustaining Membership (due Nov) \$100 by Fred 2nd Sherry E Motion passed

Fall Ditch Pickup Date was set for before the Oct 5th meeting. Meet at the St Bonifacius Community Center at 11.

Meeting to follow. April reminded everyone that the more people who show up the faster the task will go.

Motion made to donate toys/money collected this Christmas to the Wright County Food Shelf Lee 2nd Mike E Motion passed. Donations are to be brought to the December meeting.

