

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

Date: Mar 2nd, 2024

Location: Red Lodge, Waverly, 3pm

President:	April Murch	<u>X</u>	Sergeant at Arms:	Blythe Bucher	<u>X</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: 47 **Guests:** 6 Jarimia, Mike, Bob, Paul, Ryan & Shandie

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: Mike J. **Mtg Start Time:** 3:02pm **Mtg End Time:** 4:38pm

Welcome to members and guests; President's Remarks; Vice-President's Remarks: April – Thank you for coming to our election meeting. The fundraiser was fantastic, it was nice to everyone come together as a team. Welcome to our guest Mike, the current president of the Sand Dunes chapter. Welcome to our guests Paul, Ryan & Shandie. Rosa made a lovely thank you note go out to all of our GH party sponsors. Todd – Thank you for everything you do. Membership has been creeping the wrong way. Anything you can do to help the cause please do. At one time we had almost 500 members we can do that again. Todd presented April with Steve Kreitlow's president 's patch to wear while she is president.

Officer Reports:

Secretary's report: Maureen O'Hern – Scott T. 100 singles, 164 couples Lake chapter had the biggest increase in members at 23. Scott will pick up the membership put together by the ABATE marketing group.

Motion to accept the minutes as written - Fred P. 2nd Mike E. 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 – Flyers from other chapters were passed around. A list of missing Road Noises were passed around Gaida, the state historian, needs to complete her collection. This year's Bikerday is the most important event of the year to attend.

Motion to take the agenda out of order Dawn R., 2nd Keith "Smoker" E. – Motion passed. Voting instructions were given, candidates made remarks then voting was conducted.

Committee Reports, Vice President:

Membership: Maureen O'Hern – Scott T. – I received an email from Shelly Lake chapter has 100 singles and 164 couples Lake chapter is the largest of the 24 chapters. You also had the biggest membership growth this month with 23. Scott will pick up the membership tote offered by the state.

Products: Gaida Trout – new items: water bottles for \$25, leatherette koozies for \$10, fun bags were a big hit at the GH party. Whoever is doing the spring run Gaida will donate some fun bags for that event. There will be a patch made for Doc Goodale, Smoker will contact someone to help. Please buy products.

Special Events – Grounded Hogs: Rosa heard from people that that was the best party they've been to in a long time. Rosa went over some GH #s, we brought in \$10,172 the night of the party. Add in the pre party money we raised \$13,708 for the GH party. Everyone she asked to help did a great job. After the split with the state our chapter gets \$4884. The party was paid for before the party. We brought in 27 sponsors. Thank you to the GH committee April, Karen, and Lee. Smoker stepped to be the Grounded Hogs part chair. Motion to hire Everett Smithson for the 2025 GH party Mike J., 2nd Gaida discussion was held. Motion to table the motion - Dawn R., 2nd Buzz P. Motion passed. Todd Vail is the 1st sponsor for the 2025 Grounded Hogs party, thank you Todd.

Special Events – Memorial Run: Sat May 25th Jim Kosse will head up this run.

Special Events – Spring Run: Open We need someone to head this up. Reminder Sand Dunes spring run is May 18th.

Special Events – Fall Run: Mike J. the Sgt at Arms will come up with a route.

Training and Education: Sherry Edgett – Mike E. passed around the signup sheet. Classes June 8th & 9th. A \$25 refundable deposit is required. These are excellent classes to take. Mike read a short statement. “Bergdale Harley Davidson in Albert Lea signed up to be our 1st Young Riders business supporter. A couple of weeks after Bergdale signed up Jon Fernholz received an email from the scholarship applicant that also copied an employee of Bergdale HD that applicant is currently registered and funded to take the BRC through the scholarship program this year. This means that a prominent Harley Davidson dealer is promoting ABATE of MN’s name and what we are trying to accomplish. In Jon’s opinion this is beginning of something unique and potentially successful for everyone involved.” Let’s hear it for Bergdale.

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.

Buddy Bears: Cyndi Buttweiler / Jim Kosse – We will receive our bears at ABATE U. Please reach out to Cyndi with any ideas of where we should donate the bears.

Motion to accept the Committee reports - Karen M. 2nd Keith “Smoker” E. Motion passed.

Other Reports, President:

MRF Report: Todd Riba – Internal combustion engines are totally under attack. We are in contact with people in Europe because a lot of things that happen over there come here. For years The European Union is kicking around an idea that cars that are 15 years or older would be banned from repair. They have been trying for years to put end of life on motorcycles for a long time. We will be in Washington D.C. in May. Jiggs Cressy will be inducted into the Sturgis Hall of Fame. Kirk “Hardtail” Willard will be on the motorcycle HOF board of directors.

Dial-A-Ride: Scott Trout – The season starts the end of next month, DAR cards are available. Please start thinking about volunteering. He had the DAR checklist available.

Government Relations/Legislative Report: Frank Ernst - Biker Day pre-register. From Mack at BOD do whatever you need to but show up. Awards- Greatest Distance/Highest number of registered attendees based on the % of your members. We need volunteers at the Capitol. Please invite your legislator to talk to us in the Rotunda. Please invite young people to come with you. Contact your legislator if you can’t make it. ABATE U will send invites to all 8 federal legislators asking them to attend ABATE U. Gaida asked for a round of applause for Frank for everything he has done for ABATE of MN. April handed out a schedule for ABATE U and some Young Riders information.

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

State Rally: Keith “Smoker” Efron – We signed a national act and are waiting for 2 other bands to confirm. Sponsorships are available. If you have social media, please share the band lineup when it is announced. Thank you to Lake Chapter for getting sponsorships and being a sponsor. The rally needs a registration chair.

Drawing of the Name: Karen May Blythe B. is the winner of the \$5 off products coupon.

Old Business:

ABATE U Chapter Challenge – Motion to donate \$300 to ABATE U Dawn R., 2nd Deb amended to \$350 Mike J., 2nd Deb K. – Motion passed.

ABATE Rally Sponsorship – Motion to sponsor the rally at the \$1000 gold level Keith “Smoker” E., 2nd Karen M. – Motion passed. The chapter will donate the promotional tickets that we receive to people later.

A.B.A.T.E. U T-shirt ordering deadline is March 31st contact Stephanie.

New Business:

ABATE U hospitality room – Smoker having the hospitality room is great way to spread the love. Last year we spent \$300 2023 on food. There is a potluck Friday night. Motion to spend up to \$300 for ABATE U hospitality room food – Dean W., 2nd Deb K. Motion passed.

True Friends bike shows discussion – Tabled until a future meeting.

Social Media – April and Jim met with Harmony and sent up additional social media accounts. Instagram ABATEMNLakechapter, X(aka twitter) ABATEMNLake, YouTube ABATEMNLakechapter and a Thread account. There is a social media class available at ABATE U. Frank stated these newer platforms are the focus of the Young Riders. Harmony will also create a QR code for ABATE.

April M. – April presented Jim Bengston, Sandy Bengston, Cyndi Buttweiler, and Randy Deters with Active Member patches. Congratulations to all of them.

Upcoming Meetings, Vice President:

- April 6th -3 pm Son’s of Silence Clubhouse
- May 5th -3 pm Missile Park St Bonifacius
- June 1st- 3 pm Rendezvous Bar Annandale
- July 13th -3 pm Smoker’s Airport Marine and Storage Breezy Point

Events, Vice President:

- March 9th – CMA’s Run for the Son fundraiser (Cordless Hole Puncher Rodeo), Target Sports, Rogers, 6pm-9pm, \$15 advanced or \$20 at the door.
- March 13th – Bikerday at the Capitol.
- March 23rd – Southwest District Director’s meeting, St. James VFW, 2pm.
- March 23rd – Rolling Prairie Chili Feed, St. James VFW, 5pm-8pm, \$12 at door.
- March 23rd-24th – Donnie Smith Bike Show, River Centre, Rivercentre St. Paul
- April 12th-13th – Heartland Steam Best Western Ramkota Sioux Falls SD 605-336-0650
- April 19th-21st – ABATE U, Holiday Inn, Alexandria 320-763-6577 for reservations
- May 4th – Tri-County’s Carver Motorcycle Ride.
- May 5th – 12:00 Ditch Pick up St Bonifacius
- May 20th-May21st – Bikers Inside the Beltway
- May 25th – Chapter Memorial Run
- June 8th-9th – Riders Training Classes
- June 8th – 11am Sand Dunes Bike Rodeo Bailey Ray’s Roadhouse Santiago
- July 11th-14th – Clean N Sober Bike Rally, Comfrey MN

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Motion to adjourn - Deb K. 2nd Keith “Smoker” E. Motion passed.

Rally Meetings:

- March 16th – 12pm Rally Meeting-Litchfield Eagles Club
- April 19th – 8pm Rally Meeting ABATE U
- May 18th – 12pm Rally Meeting Litchfield Eagles Club
- June 15th – 12pm Rally Meeting Litchfield Eagles Club
- July 19th – 8pm Rally Meeting – BOD Location
- Aug 17th – 12pm Rally Meeting Litchfield Eagles Club

Motions passed at the March 2nd meeting.

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- Motion to adjourn.