

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

**Date:** Dec 2nd, 2023

**Location:** Dave's Town Club, Delano, 3pm

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

**Total numbers of members attending:** 49      **Guests:** None

**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:** Mike J.      **Mtg Start Time:** 3:03pm      **Mtg End Time:** 4:21pm

**Welcome to members and guests; President's Remarks; Vice-President's Remarks:** April - Thank you to everyone who attends other chapter's events their presidents appreciate the support. A thank you note was passed around for the Sons of Silence for hosting us last month.

### Officer Reports:

**Secretary's report:** Maureen O'Hern

**Motion to accept the Secretary's Report -** Dawn R. 2nd Cyndi B. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dale Morin *Motion to get some start up cash for the Grounded Hogs party – Dawn R., 2nd Deb K.*

**Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report -** Jim K. 2nd Jim B. Motion passed.

**Chapter Rep Report:** Scott Trout – Shelley has decided to have a SWDD meeting in Ortonville, MN. It's a good time to get you Write to Ride patch please write your congressmen. ABATE U and Young Riders flyers are available. Lake Chapter GH party sponsorship forms are available too.

### Committee Reports, Vice President:

**Membership:** Dale Morin – Lake chapter #s are 94 singles and 152 couples. We are up by 20.

**Products:** Gaida Trout – A moment of silence was held for Nikki's father who passed away. GH t-shirt (\$20-25 ea.) pre-order sheet was passed around.

**Special Events – Grounded Hogs:** Rosa Kreitlow / Karen May – Rosa - Thank you to everyone for contributing their time, finances, ideas to the GH party. *Motion to donate 5% of the at the door tickets sales to the PAC and 5% of total ticket sales to the MRF – Dawn R., 2nd Deb K. – Motion passed. Motion to donate 5% of live and silent auction proceeds to Dial-A-Ride – Deb K., 2nd Tammy B. – Motion passed. Motion to give Gaida \$300 to purchase Grounded Hogs T-shirts – Keith "Smoker" E., Lee P. – Motion passed.* GH posters, sponsorship forms and GH reminder cards were distributed. Please start getting silent auction items together. Karen – advanced tickets are available. Rosa – Thank you, Smoker, for handling the food for the party. Next meeting Sat 12/9 10 am at Rosa's house. Tammy needs more t-shirts for the quilt.

**Training and Education:** Sherry Edgett – June 8th & 9th dates they are struggling to get instructors, we need to fill the class because if we have 5 or so people an instructor may not come out. We need 10 people for each class.

**Public Relations:** April Murch – Bowling for Kids is Jan 21st, 11am remember to get your pledges in. Central chapter, Sand Dunes chapter and Bikers Against Child Abuse (B.A.C.A.) will be joining us.

**Buddy Bears:** Cyndi Buttweiler / Jim Kosse – Cyndi we gave out 30 bears to Buffalo FD, we have 20 going to Big Brothers, Big Sisters at the Bowling for Kids event and Dec 12th we will be giving 20 to Wright County Community Action. Frank thanked Jim for doing a wonderful job of reporting on the Buddy Bear donations.

**Motion to accept the Committee reports -** Keith "Smoker" E. 2nd Jim "Gramps" K. Motion passed.

### Other Reports, President:

**MRF Report:** Todd Riba – There is an MRF call to action. If you don't want an electric motorcycle, please spend 2 minutes to fight for your internal combustion engine. Todd read the MRF's call to action about the Choice in Automobile Retail Sales Act. Please look up the MRF alert.

**Dial-A-Ride:** Scott Trout – no report

**Government Relations/Legislative Report:** Mack Backlund – This is one of the most important events. Pre-registration is very important, it only takes 3 seconds online, that will ensure that you get your packet and a legislative appointment.

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

**State Rally:** Keith “Smoker” Efron – Thank you to everyone who showed up, stepped up and went and got sponsors. Sponsorship packets should be available after the January BOD. Thank you to Lake Chapter for getting sponsors. Thank you to Mitch for kicking ass working on sponsorships. If you have any entertainment ideas get a hold of him.

**Pick A Winner:** Karen May – Welcome to Bob our newest member. Tim L. is the winner of the \$5 off products coupon.

**Old Business:**

Toy Drive – it was a good turnout.

**New Business:**

Member of the Year Voting – Contestants – Rosa K., Karen M., and Dale M.

Steven J. Kreitlow Award Ceremony – Fred Pawelk is the recipient of the award. Congratulations Fred.

Kreitlow Award Reimbursement – *Motion to reimburse the Kreitlow award builder \$100 for expenses – Michelle “Mitch” B., 2nd Keith “Smoker” E. – Motion passed.*

Bikerday donation \$500 last year - *Motion to donate \$500 to Bikerday Michelle “Mitch” B., 2nd Deb K. – Motion passed.*

Passport books please get sponsors.

ABATE U raffle tickets – Top prize is \$29,999. This is how we fund our gambling account.

Karen M. – Sheila & Keith will be in town for the holidays there is a get together Saturday, Dec 30th at Dave’s Town Club, 5pm.

Young Riders Donation- \$400 per year *Motion to donate \$400 to the Young Riders program for the year of 2024 – Sandy B., 2nd Jim B. – Motion passed.*

Officer Nominations start next month at the January meeting, officer packets were distributed.

Scott T. – Gaida’s birthday is tomorrow. Happy Birthday Gaida.

**Upcoming Meetings/Events:**

November 1st – February 23rd – Preregistration dates for Bikerday at the Capitol.

January 6th – Lake Chapter Meeting, Choo Choo Bar, Loretto, 3pm.

January 19th-20th – BOD, Holiday Inn Express, Rogers, see attached photo.

January 21st – Bowling for Kids, McPete’s, Big Lake, 11am.

February 3rd, 2024 – Lake Chapter Meeting, Rockford Township Hall, 3pm.

February 3rd, 2024 – Grounded Hogs Party, Rockford Township Hall, 6pm-11pm.

March 2nd, 2024 – Lake Chapter Meeting, Red Lodge, Waverly, 3pm.

March 13th, 2024 – Bikerday at the Capitol.

March 23rd-24th, 2024 – Donnie Smith Bike Show, River Centre, St. Paul.

April 19th-21st – ABATE U, Holiday Inn, Alexandria.

*Motion to adjourn - Keith “Smoker” E. 2nd Jim “Gramps” K. Motion passed.*

Respectfully submitted by Maureen O’Hern

**Motions passed at the Dec 2nd meeting.**

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Motion to adjourn.