

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

Date: Feb 3rd, 2024

Location: Rockford Township Hall, Rockford, MN, 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> </u>
Secretary:	Maureen O'Hern	<u>X</u>		Mike Jencks	<u>X</u>
				Nikki Arne	<u>X</u>

Total numbers of members attending: 42 **Guests:** Scott A.

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: Mike J. **Mtg Start Time:** 3:02pm **Mtg End Time:** 4:22pm

Welcome to members and guests; President's Remarks; Vice-President's Remarks: Todd – Let's have a moment of silence for the soldiers that were lost recently. April – Welcome, thank you to everyone who participated in bowling last weekend we had 4 ABATE chapters, 2 organizations and 1 MC represented we made \$1400 for Big Brothers and Big Sisters. That event will happen again next at McPete's. We have our 2nd round of officer's nominations coming up. Happy Birthday to Fred & Colleen. Todd – Thank you for being here a lot of hard work goes into everything we do. April – we have 3 new members tonight, Shandy, Brian & Rodney welcome to all of you.

Officer Reports: President

Secretary's report: Maureen O'Hern

Motion to accept the minutes as written - Dean W. 2nd Mary B. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Dale Morin

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

Chapter Rep Report: Scott Trout – Bikerday at the Capitol is very important get registered and attend on March 13th. Other chapter event flyers as well as the mock draft of the ABATE U shirt was passed around. Membership totes will be available at ABATE U it has many items in it. ABATE U raffle tickets are available. Please get sponsors for the passport run.

Committee Reports, Vice President:

Membership: Dale Morin – ABATE #s are down. Algona is a great way to get members for ABATE of MN.

Products: Gaida Trout – sweatshirts have been ordered and will be available in March. Patches are available for Mike "TC" Strobel & Don "Doc" Goodale. Some older state memorial patches will be retired but will be available for purchase upon request.

Special Events – Grounded Hogs: Rosa Kreitlow / Karen May - Thank you to everyone for making this party a success. Thank you to everyone to everyone who stepped up to help. Thank you to April, Lee & Karen who were part of the GH committee. T-shirts were \$405 \$105 more than allotted for. *Motion for an additional \$105 to pay for Grounded Hogs T-shirts. – Dean W., 2nd Fred P. – Motion passed. Motion to put a 1/2-page ad in the March Road Noise to thank all our Grounded Hogs sponsors – Dawn R., 2nd Deb K. – Motion passed.*

Special Events – Memorial Run: Sat May 25th? Open – We need someone or some people to lead. Mike - I have a lot of information for this please contact him if you are interested in planning this event.

Special Events – Spring Run: Open – We need someone or some people to lead/organize? Date Tickets, Poster, Road Noise ad.

Training and Education: Sherry Edgett Volunteer needed to put road noise ads in ½ page for April & May (submitted by March 31). Classes June 8th & 9th. Dawn has graciously volunteered to help with the RN ad. Jim – an invitation was extended to Tri-County members to attend our class if they cannot attend the class that Tri-County is holding a couple weeks after ours.

Public Relations: Mitch Backlund/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 gave our last 20 bears to Big Brothers & Big Sisters at our bowling event. We get \$458 worth of bears at ABATE U.

Motion to accept the Committee reports - Mike B. 2nd Fred P. Motion passed.

April – We had 2 people that joined us after the meeting started welcome to Bob who is attending, he very 1st meeting and Rick who is a guest.

Other Reports, President:

MRF Report: Todd Riba – The MRF continues to monitor happenings in D.C. Thank you Lake Chapter for being a Sustaining Member and everyone who is an individual member. Dawn – Heartland STEAM is coming up in South Dakota April 12th & 13th please consider going she also explained what the event is about.

Dial-A-Ride: Scott Trout – Dial- A-Ride materials will be picked up at ABATE U. they also are providing transportation for anyone who needs during/after the party tonight. Thank you, Dial A-Ride.

Government Relations/Legislative Report: Mack Backlund. April – Please pre-register for Bikerday. From Mack at BOD do whatever you need to but show up. Awards - Greatest Distance/Highest number of registered attendees. Todd – D.C. is quiet right now but the legislature in St. Paul has been very busy. Freedoms seem to be going away and there is opposition to the internal combustion engine. Please attend Bikerday it is very important let's try and carpool down there and possibly stop at the Gopher Bar afterwards. Any child attending Bikerday will get an excused absence from school.

MN Motorcycle Safety Task Force: Dean Webb – Todd, Mike B. & April – the state wants motorcycles out of the equation it is very important to attend Bikerday to make our voices heard. Please read Jon Fernholz's report in the RN it is scary at the Capitol.

State Rally: Keith "Smoker" Efron – he put in a bid for a well-known national act he is still waiting to hear back from them. Sponsorships are going well so far. Dougie & Ingrid are doing a good job putting the rally together. Sign-up sheets for rally shifts will be available at ABATE U. We are still looking for a licensed electrician who can come out to the rally set things up, be on call all weekend and tear things down at the end. Fred P. is willing to show the person the ropes. Thank you to Fred for doing this all those years.

Pick A Winner: Karen May- Do we enjoy this? Do we want to keep doing it? It appears no one is turning in their coupon. Discussion was held and we decided to keep this. More discussion will be held at the next meeting please bring any ideas you have to that meeting. Jim Kosse was the \$5 off products winner, congratulations.

Old Business:

Member of the year award presentation – Congratulations to Rosa Kreitlow the 2023 Member of the year.

Officer Nominations- Absentee ballot deadline February 10th. Contact Shelly at stateoffice@abatemn.org Motion to waive the reading of the officer duties since there are copies on the tables - Dawn R., 2nd Fred P. Motion passed. You must be a current member to vote. If you are a member of 2 or more chapters, you can only vote once for state officers.

Website keep it or not? Hosting Fee renews 3/13/23 (\$120 for 2023) Domain name renews in July (\$39.95 for 2023) Discussion was held, Cyndi B. will take over the payment of this account from Mike B. Motion to pay the fee to keep the website – Dawn R., 2nd Chris P. Motion passed. Cyndi requested that people send her pictures so she can post them.

New Business:

ABATE U Chapter Challenge (past \$300 in 2023) Motion to table the ABATE U Chapter Challenge until the March meeting – Mike B., 2nd Jim K. Motion passed.

Motion to have the 2025 Grounded Hogs Party. Sat February 1, 2025 @ Rockford Township Hall – Dean W., 2nd Mary B. Motion passed.

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

Scott A. spoke about a Christian Motorcycle Association (CMA) fundraiser that will be held at Target Sports Center in Rogers. Cordless Hole Puncher Rodeo, March 9th, 6pm-9pm advanced tickets are \$15.

Upcoming Meetings, Vice President:

March 2nd 3pm Red Lodge, Waverly
April 6th 3pm Son's of Silence Clubhouse, Cokato
May 5th 3pm Missile Park, St. Bonifacius
June 1st 3pm Rendezvous Bar, Annandale
July 13th 3pm Smoker's in Breezy Point

Events, Vice President:

February 17th, 12:00 Litchfield Eagles Club.
February 23rd – Deadline to preregistration dates for Bikerday at the Capitol
March 9th, CMA's Cordless Hole Puncher fundraiser, Target Sports Center in Rogers, 6pm-9pm, advanced tickets \$15
March 13th – Bikerday at the Capitol
March 16th, 12:00 Rally Meeting Litchfield Eagles Club
March 23rd-24th – Donnie Smith Bike Show, River Centre, St. Paul
April 12th-13th Heartland Steam Best Western Ramkota Sioux Falls SD 605-336-0650
April 19th, 8 pm Rally Meeting ABATE U
April 19th-21st – ABATE U, Holiday Inn, Alexandria 320-763-6577 for reservations
May 4th, Great MN Washout, Hasty truck stop
May 4th, Tri-County Run
May 5th, Ditch pickup, St. Bonifacius
May 18th, 12:00 Rally Meeting Litchfield Eagles Club
May 20th-May 21st Bikers Inside the Beltway
June 8th, Sand Dunes Bike Rodeo
June 8th-9th- Motorcycle Training Classes
June 15th, 12:00 Rally Meeting Litchfield Eagles Club
July 19th 8 pm Rally Meeting– BOD Location
July 19th-20th, BOD
Aug 1st-Aug 11th- Sturgis Rally
Aug 6th, MN day in Central City, SD
Aug 17th 12:00 Rally Meeting Litchfield Eagles Club
Aug 30th-Sept 2nd- MN State Rally Litchfield Fairgrounds
Sept 25th-29th, Meeting of the Minds St Louis, MO.

Motion to adjourn - Mike B. 2nd Jim K. Motion passed.

Motions passed at the February 3rd meeting.

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2024 Officer Nominations

	<u>Accepted</u>	<u>Declined</u>
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