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

Date: July 8th, 2023 Location: Smoker's place, Breezy Point, MN, 3pm

**President:** April Murch Χ Sergeant at Arms: **Blythe Bucher** Χ Todd Riba Х **Vice President:** Dean Webb Χ Χ **Chapter Rep: Scott Trout Gaida Trout Treasurer:** Dale Morin Jim Bengston **Secretary:** Maureen O'Hern Mike Jencks Χ Nikki Arne

Total numbers of members attending: 21 Guests: 0

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: Mike J. Mtg Start Time: 3:05pm Mtg End Time: 4:27pm

Welcome to members and guests; President's Remarks; Vice-President's Remarks: Todd - A moment of silence was observed for the passing of Mike "TC" Strobel. April - welcome to Noma, Mike Strobel's information is listed below, thank you again to Scott B. for leading our spring run.

## **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 -** Dawn R. 2nd Karen M. Motion passed.

**Chapter Rep Report:** Scott Trout – All of the passports have been sold let me know if you want more. **Motion to accept the Chapter Rep report -** Mike J. 2nd Scott B. Motion passed.

# **Committee Reports, Vice President**

**Membership:** Dale Morin – Lake Chapter has 225 members. April – reminded everyone of the membership contests going on. Todd – He is sending out letters to expired MRF members in the state we look at doing that again for Lake Chapter. Dawn – we should bring the expired list, renewal letters and then we can stuff envelopes at the next meeting. We should have another membership committee and campaign. Scott B. – go to dealerships and ask if we can have a table at their open houses.

**Products:** Gaida Trout – I have products with let me know if you want anything.

**Special Events – Grounded Hogs:** Rosa Kreitlow / Karen May – Karen – Rosa would like to raise \$10,000 this year, we want to have GH tickets available at the rally and the 2 BODs before the party. Rosa would like everyone to bring in an abundance of auction/live items. GH ticket prices \$15 for advanced & \$20 at the door. Mike B. will do a flyer.

**Special Events – Fall Run:** April – *Motion to have a fall run – Dawn R., Chris K. motion passed.* Dawn is the organizer, and the run date is Sept 9th we can make the Buddy Bear drop off at St. Boni part of the run.

**Training and Education:** Sherry Edgett – Dawn the classes were fun.

**Public Relations:** Mitch Backlund – April – Camp Friendship Bike Show July 25th meet at the Maple Lake school in Maple Lake leave for the camp at 5:30pm. *Motion to take \$500 out of our gambling funds, if the request is denied the money would come from the general fund, to donate to Camp Friendship - Dawn R., 2nd Buzz P. Motion passed.* 

**Buddy Bears:** Cyndi Buttweiler / Jim Kosse – April - Wright County Human Services is declining a Buddy Bear donation this year.

Motion to accept the Committee reports - Karen M. 2nd Lee P. Motion passed.

# Other Reports, President:

**MRF Report:** Todd Riba – Dawn explained what the Right to Repair Act was, The MRF is taking nominations for the Farmer's Award until Aug 1st. Todd spoke about how NCOM organization and others have come together because of the challenges motorcyclist are facing. April Thank you to Smoker for hosting us it's good to see you.

Dial-A-Ride: Scott Trout – He passed around the Dial-A-Ride volunteer list signup sheet.

**Government Relations/Legislative Report:** Mack Backlund – No report.

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

**State Rally:** Keith "Smoker" Efron – still looking for sponsors, entertainment is set rally posters will be available at the July BOD. There are 17 vendors signed up. If you want a rally mug, please let Gaida or April know.

Pick A Winner: Karen May - Mike J. is the winner of the \$5 off chapter products coupon.

#### **Old Business:**

Todd – April needs an active member patch.

#### **New Business:**

Set meeting dates & locations for Nov & Dec – dates were set see below.

Elect State Rally King & Queen – Motion to nominate Smoker and April for the State Rally King & Queen contest – Rick V., 2nd Lee P. – Motion passed.

State Rally (tent, fire ring, wood?) – Rally cleanup day is Aug 27th tent set up at noon, Lee contacted Dave D. about wood Dave replied he will need help splitting, stacking and delivering the wood to the rally. The fire ring is at the fairgrounds.

Fall Run Road Noise Ad – Motion to place an ad in the Aug Road Noise, if we can, for the Sept 9th fall run – Buzz P. 2<sup>nd</sup> Smoker Motion passed.

Steven J. Kreitlow Award nominations – April read the qualifications for this award and a list of past recipients; nominations will close at the Oct meeting.

Dawn R. – she spoke about the recent Unity Rally in California. Motion to have the ABATE of MN Board of Directors "chapter reps" ask their chapters if they see value in ABATE of MN planning a unity rally where representatives from ABATE of MN, The St. Croix Valley Riders, American Motorcyclists of America (AMA), The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF), Minnesota Motorcycle Club Coalition, Minnesota Confederation of Clubs and any other interested parties would be invited to participate in the rally – Dawn R. 2nd Mike J. Motion passed.

### **Upcoming Meetings/Events:**

July 21st – Small group of riders accompanying from home to Camp Ripley, 10am

July 23rd – Celebration of Life Party Fairhaven Park, 1pm

July 25th – Bike Show at Camp Friendship, Maple Lake, MN, 3pm

August 4th-13th - 83rd Sturgis Rally

August 8th – Minnesota Day in Central City, SD

August 19th – Gear Head Get Together, Maple Lake

August 27th – Rally cleanup and tent setup, 12pm

September 1st-4th - ABATE of MN State Rally

September 2nd – No Meeting just an informal get together at the State Rally

September 21st-24th - Meeting of the Minds, Harrisburg PA

October 7th - Lake Chapter Meeting, Chris Kalway's house, Howard Lake, 3pm

November 4th – Lake Chapter Meeting, Choo Choo Bar, Loretto, 3pm.

December 2nd – Dave's Town Club, Delano, 3pm

**Motion to adjourn -** Lee P. 2nd Scott B. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Maureen O'Hern

### Motions made at the Jun 3rd meeting:

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Motion to accept the Treasurer's report.

Motion to accept the Chapter Rep report.

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Motion to accept the Committee reports.

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Motion to adjourn.