

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

**Date:** December 7, 2024

**Location:** Red Lodge, Waverly, MN, 3pm.

<b>President:</b>	April Murch	<u>X</u>	<b>Sergeant at Arms:</b>	Cyndi Buttweiler	<u>X</u>
<b>Vice President:</b>	Jim Kosse	<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>
				Todd Riba	<u>X</u>

**Total numbers of members attending:** 34

**Guests:**

**New Members:**

**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:** Todd.

**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. April thanked everyone for coming to the East Central Turkey Bowling and congratulated the winners as well as thanking everyone for supporting South Central in their toy drive. We passed around our thank you note for Dave's Town Club signing and Jane's thank you note for us. We welcomed Maureen back from her surgery and gave her a get-well card. Jim thanked everyone for the toy donations for the Wight County Food Shelf.

### Officer Reports:

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

**Motion to accept the minutes as written -** Fred P                      2<sup>nd</sup> Dawn                      Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dale Morin read by Jim Kosse

**Motion to accept the Treasurer's report -** Karen M,                      2<sup>nd</sup> Deb K.                      Motion passed.

**Chapter Rep Report:** Scott Trout –Upcoming event flyers were passed around. Talked about Bikerday on January 30<sup>th</sup>. Bring a youngster. We have A.B.A.T.E. U raffle tickets. A vote was taken on Tug of War at the Rally. The chapter said no. Harmony is looking for membership tote item ideas. Jim Pierson's family donated \$1500 to Young Riders. Road noise really needs Biker, Business, and Veteran of the Month submission. They also need advertisers please contact them if interested.

### Committee Reports, Vice President:

**Membership:** Maureen O'Hern- The expired membership list was passed out. Let us know if we have any members passed away. If you know them, reach out to them. We have 87 singles and 140 couples. Total 227 members. April discussed upcoming state membership challenge idea. Idea 1 compete against all chapter's vs idea 2 compete against your district. Chapter chose idea 1. There are a lot of upcoming exciting new things coming In 2025 for membership.

**Products:** Gaida Trout – She has plenty of the pocket t-shirts left and patches. New products coming to be revealed at the January meeting. Limited quantities. She passed around a sweatshirt request form.

**Special Events – Grounded Hogs:** Keith "Smoker" Efron.

Sponsorship forms were handed out.

GH Sponsorships/Presale Tickets are available. Sell Sell Sell

Volunteer Sign Up Sheets were passed out for people to sign up

Motion to donate 5% of at door tickets sales PAC and 5% of all tickets sales to the MRF Fred 2<sup>nd</sup> Deb Motion passed

Motion to donate 5% of live and silent auction proceeds to Dial A Ride Dean 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike E Motion passed

Motion to spend \$450 to purchase Grounded Hogs T-shirts (\$405 for 2023) Deb 2<sup>nd</sup> Tammie B Motion passed

Gaida received four submissions for t-shirt ideas. She passed them around for voting and color options.

We need new unopened bottles for the ring toss again this year.

**Training and Education:** Sherry Edgett – Proposed date May 31<sup>st</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup>. Mike Edgett will have Sherry look into it and report back. Jon F Young Riders' program is up and running.

**Public Relations:** Tammie Black 2025 Chapter calendar photos can be submitted to [tblack692010@hotmail.com](mailto:tblack692010@hotmail.com). Tammie would like photos of everyone on their bike. Tammie Black calendars brought the Lake Chapter calendars. They are available for \$20. Bowling for Kids' Sake is scheduled for Sunday January 26, 2025 at Hiukko's in Buffalo from 11-1. Pledge sheets were passed out. East Central, Central, Sand Dunes, Metro, and Tri-County Chapters have been invited along with CMA. We will be extending an initiation to BACA and Dry Riders. Two benefactors came forward to pay for bowling this year. We will have to decide how to finance bowling next year.

**Buddy Bears:** Cyndi Buttweiler / Jim Kosse – Report by Cyndi. Discussion of buddy bears vs young riders. This was tabled for January. Note made that this decision will need to be made at that meeting as it is due at the January BOD.

**Motion to accept the Committee reports -** Keith "Smoker" E, 2nd Fred P. Motion passed.

#### **Other Reports, President:**

**MRF Report:** Todd Riba – You can join the MRF at [mrf.org](http://mrf.org). We do have some good news. California Air Resource Board (CARB) said 50% of bikes would be electric. They have backed off of that. This is exciting. CARB has a lot of influence. 10 new members in the Senate, 63 new members in the House so we have new relationships to establish. Bikers inside the Beltway is an important way to do that. It would be good to see new people there instead of the same people. Bikers inside the Beltway is coming up and perhaps the chapter could look into putting some money toward sending someone to it in 2025 to offset the cost. We are losing some agency heads that have been roadblocks to us and we are hoping that some doors will be opening up with some new opportunities. Sherman Packard, of New Hampshire, will still be Speaker of the House and that is good for us because he is a strong supporter of the MRF so that is exciting. Frank stated that Dean Phillips will no longer be representing Minnesota which is good because he was not responsive to us. Kelly Morrison has replaced him and is much more responsive. Todd and Dawn both agreed with this.

**Dial-A-Ride:** Scott Trout – Nothing new to report. He does have cards/coasters if you would like to distribute them.

**Government Relations/Legislative Report:** Mack reported that Bikerday plans are in full force. Right now, we have 40 people going according to registration. If you are going register. If you register go. Lots of changes in the MN legislature. We have new friends to make. We have a unique situation this year in the legislature in that they are tied in the House. 67 to 67. In the Senate the Democrats are 1 up. If you want someone to go with you to talk to your legislature let us know we can go with you. Frank if any of you have an association with any other groups, please invite them. April if you register and something happens let her know. Do not stand up your legislature. This is a great opportunity to your 2024 Write to Ride patch. Email your legislature and tell them you are coming and copy Frank. Earn your patch. Todd I just registered standing right here by the water cooler. It is that easy. Jim K if you can't go but want to write a letter let us know we can help you do that.

**MN Motorcycle Safety Task Force:** Jon Fernholtz- Please keep watching your road noise for updates.

**State Rally:** Jim Kosse – Smoker we are having a rally over Labor Day weekend. We are not having a national act. Entertainment is being worked on. Sponsorship forms are available. Scott T I will have plenty of forms available at the next meeting.

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

#### **Old Business:**

Member of the Year Voting. April read the list of nominees. Ballots were passed out. Voting was completed. Todd and Keith counted the ballots. Ballots were given to Chapter VP Jim Kosse as the Chapter President was a nominee. Winner will be presented with the award at our January meeting.

Steven J. Kreitlow Award Ceremony occurred. April read the Kreilow award. Previous award winners gathered at the front along with Jim Kreitlow, Steve's brother. Last year's winner Fred P presented the award to Keith "Smoker" Efron. Motion to renew our Young Riders Sponsorship for \$400 for the year. Jim B 2<sup>nd</sup> Fred. Motion passed  
ABATE U raffle tickets- Top prize is 29,999. This is how we fund our gambling account.

#### **New Business:**

Motion to donate \$500 to Bikerday. Mitch B 2<sup>nd</sup> Dean W Motion passed

Tree Decorating Howard Lake Friday December 13<sup>th</sup> . Cost of the tree \$10 donated by the Trouts. see Gaida for more information.

We had a discussion regarding the layout of the districts. Some members are discouraged with how far we have to travel to district meetings and to visit our district chapters. We find most of our collaboration tends to be with chapters that are not in our district. Should we bring this to the January BOD and start a discussion? The agreement was yes. Mack suggested that we should start the discussion on Friday night at the preboard. Jim as Scott T's proxy at the January BOD will bring it to the board and report back.

Officer Nominations start next month at the January meeting. April encouraged anyone interested in information about chapter offices to let her know and she can provide that. If you want to hold office have a conversation with someone, ask for a nomination or nominate yourself. If you know of someone that you think would be good, have a conversation with them ask if you can nominate them.

**Upcoming Meetings, Vice President:**

- January 4<sup>th</sup>, 3 pm Choo Choo Bar Loretto
- February 1<sup>st</sup>, 3 pm Rockford Township Hall, Rockford Township
- March 8<sup>th</sup>, 3 pm Election Meeting Madigan's Maple Lake
- April 12<sup>th</sup>, 3 pm SOS Clubhouse Cokato

**Upcoming Events, Vice President:**

- December 20<sup>th</sup>, 5 pm Christmas Party with the Knees Dave Town Club, Delano
- January 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, BOD Crookston Inn & Convention Center 220 University Ave, Crookston 218-470-1000
- January 30<sup>th</sup>, Bikerday, Minnesota State Capitol Pre-Register until January 15<sup>th</sup>.
- February 1<sup>st</sup>, 6-11 pm, Grounded Hogs Fundraiser, Rockford Township Hall, Rockford Township
- April 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Heartland Steam, Isle Casino Hotel, Bettendorf, IA 1-800-843-4743 Mention ABATE25 for hotel discount. Registration is live. \$50 by March 12, 2025
- April 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. University Holiday Inn Express, Alexandria

**Motion to adjourn** – Dean W.    2nd    Deb K.    Motion passed.

**Rally Meetings:**

- December 14<sup>th</sup> Eagles Club Litchfield 12
- January 17<sup>th</sup> BOD Crookston 8 pm
- February 15<sup>th</sup> Eagles Club Litchfield 12
- March 15<sup>th</sup> Eagles Club Litchfield 12
- April 25<sup>th</sup> BOD A.B.A.T.E U Alexandria 8 pm
- May 17<sup>th</sup> Eagles Club Litchfield 12

**Motions made at the July 27th Meeting:**

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- Motion to accept the Treasurer's report.
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- Motion to adjourn.