

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

Date: Nov 2nd, 2024

Location: Dave’s Town Club, Delano, 3pm.

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

Total numbers of members attending: 35 **Guests:** None

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: Jim B. **Mtg Start Time:** 3:00pm **Mtg End Time:** 3:59pm

Welcome to members and guests; President’s Remarks; Vice-President’s Remarks: April – Gaida would like a moment of our time before we start the meeting. Gaida – Gaida shared that her biker mom Vicki passed away the night before, a picture was sent around for everyone to sign. April – Everybody said “Hi” to Mike for being our bartender for the day. A thank you card for Chris and Scott hosting our last meeting around. Jane Doyle’s father passed away; a card was sent around for everyone to sign. Welcome to Ron “Pogo” P. & Kay J. our WI members thank you for coming.

Officer Reports:

Secretary’s report: Maureen O’Hern

Motion to accept the minutes as written - Fred P. 2nd Cyndi B. Motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report: Dale Morin

Motion to accept the Treasurer’s report - Dean W. 2nd Mike J. Motion passed.

Chapter Rep Report: Scott Trout - Bikerday is Thursday, January 30th, 2025. Pre-registration is extremely important. This will ensure scheduling a meeting for you with your Representative and Senator is facilitated. Bike, business, member, and veteran of the month submissions are needed for the Road Noise. There will be a banquet at A.B.A.T.E. U next year. Frank – Bikerday is Thursday this year. There are Bikerday at the Capitol shirts being made and available to be ordered, please order by mid Dec so everyone can wear them to the Capitol. ABATE U raffle tickets are available for purchase.

April Murch: Steven J Kreitlow voting took place. The nominees were Scott B., Keith “Smoker” E., & Buzz P. Presentation of the award will be at the December meeting.

Committee Reports, Vice President:

Membership: Maureen O’Hern – we have 86 single members and 142 couple memberships, 370 members in total.

Products: Gaida Trout – Pocket Tees & mechanic shirts are available. Dan Monson memorial patches are available.

Special Events – Grounded Hogs: Keith “Smoker” Efron – Thank you to everyone who is a sponsor or has gotten sponsorships. Sign-up sheets will be available next month for Grounded Hogs work shifts. Money was requested for the GH food room. Motion to give \$200 to Smoker for the Grounded Hogs food room Deb K, 2nd Karen M. – Motion passed. Advanced tickets are available to purchase. Thank you to East Central, Sand Dunes & Tri-County for their gold sponsorships.

Training and Education: Mike Edgett – the chapter needs to decide when they would like the training to happen in May or June. FYI the Sand Dunes Bike Show is June 14th.

Public Relations: Tammie Black – Bowling for Kids, more information to come. We are searching for a bowling alley that will partner with us on this event since McPete’s in Big Lake is under new ownership.

Buddy Bears: Cyndi Buttweiler / Jim Kosse – Cyndi B. – all our bears have been handed out. We did 20 to Loretto Fire, 15 to Rivers of Hope & 30 to the Rogers Fire Dept.

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

Other Reports, President:

MRF Report: Todd Riba – Join the MRF at mrf.org. Jim B. – you can go to a few different social media outlets to keep informed about issues. The MRF and IMA are on Instagram, facebook and X. You can sign up for alerts The internal combustible engine is depending on your vote Tuesday, please get out and vote.

Frank E. – Jim B. was recently acknowledged at the Meeting of the Minds for being a fully self-funded board member of the MRF.

Dial-A-Ride: Scott Trout – the DAR season is over if you have any literature drop off information let him know.

Government Relations/Legislative Report: Mack Backlund – April M. - Bikerday at the Capitol is Thursday January 30th. Registration is live on the A.B.A.T.E MN website until January 15th. Pre-registration is extremely important this will ensure a meeting with your Representative and/or Senator is scheduled and make checking in on the 30th go much smoother. And, because all Representatives are up for election this year, we may have to rebuild relationships in some districts. Senate district 47 has an election that could change the power in the MN Senate, for those in that district, please review the candidates, vote and sign-up for Bikerday. Shirts for Bikerday will be available at the A.B.A.T.E. MN website soon.

MN Motorcycle Safety Task Force: Dean Webb – This the public safety information campaign about lane splitting will start next spring. The design for the insert included in the motorcycle tab renewal currently doesn't have any information about lane splitting but may in the future. There are changes coming for some trike operators. Please see picture at the end of this report. The 2024 Motorcycle Riding Season Preliminary Statistics were read in detail. This is a summary 66 motorcyclists killed 2024 YTD, 2024 YTD crashes 63. 61 motorcyclists killed 2023 YTD, 2023 YTD crashes 59. 69 motorcyclists killed 2023 (total). Total 2023 crashes 65.

State Rally: Keith "Smoker" Efron – Jim K. – they are looking for sponsorships if you get a sponsor early the more time that sponsor will be advertised in the Road Noise. Since there was an injury during the human bike games those may/may not happen next year. If you have any ideas for a band, please contact Smoker. If you have any ideas for a vendors, please contact Deb K. or Fred P. Dougie and Ingrid will co-chair the rally again next year. The Rally committee is looking for shirt and poster designs. Winning designs get a free rally ticket. Please submit ideas to rally@abatemn.org before the January 17th-18th,2025 BOD. Smoker – please get rally sponsors. Thank you to everyone who helped put on the rally in any way they did.

Pick A Winner: Karen May – Randy Deters is the winner of the \$5 off products coupon.

Old Business:

Set Chapter Meeting Dates & Times for January, March, April - January 4th, 3pm Choo Choo Bar, Loretto MN, March 8th, 3pm Madigan's Maple Lake. April 12th, 3pm S.O.S. clubhouse, Cokato, MN.

Holiday Toy Donation- For our Christmas toy donation to the Wright County Food Shelf, please bring a new unwrapped toy or cash donation to our December meeting.

Steven J Kreitlow voting – Presentation of the award will be at the December meeting.

New Business:

Member of the Year Nominations – Nominees are April M, Cyndi B, Dean W, Randy D, Jim B, Maureen O, and Mike J. Voting will take place at the December meeting; the award will be presented at the January meeting.

Memorial Gift to Jane Doyle \$100 – Motion to donate \$100 to Jane Doyle – Fred P., 2nd Karen M. - -Motion passed.

Karen M. – Christmas get together with the Knees. Please see the Upcoming events.

Fred P. East Central's Turkey Bowling. Please see the Upcoming events.

April M. – ABATE U posters and tickets are available. South Central Chapter has their Toys for Kids event coming up. Please see the Upcoming events.

Upcoming Meeting(s):

- December 7th, 3pm, Red Lodge, Waverly (New Location)
- January 4th, 3pm, Choo Choo Bar, Loretto MN (Pending confirmation)
- February 1st, 3pm Rockford Township Hall, Rockford Township
- March 8th, 3pm Madigan’s Maple Lake (*Election Meeting*)
- April 12th, 3pm S.O.S. clubhouse, Cokato, MN (Pending confirmation)

Upcoming Event(s):

- November 23rd, East Central’s Turkey Bowling, American Legion, 3073 Bridge St NW, St. Francis, 1pm - 5pm
- November 30th, South Central’s Toys for Kids, Eagles Club, Litchfield, Silent Action 6 - 9pm, DJ Music 8pm - 12am
- December 20th, 5 pm Christmas Party with the Knees Dave Town Club, Delano (to be confirmed)
- January 17th-18th, BOD Crookston Inn & Convention Center 220 University Ave, Crookston 218-470-1000
- January 30th, Bikerday, Minnesota State Capitol Pre-Register until January 15th.
- February 1st, 6-11 pm, Grounded Hogs Fundraiser, Rockford Township Hall, Rockford Township
- April 4th-5th, 35th 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 25th-27th, A.B.A.T.E. University Holiday Inn Express, Alexandria
- June 14th, Sand Dunes Rodeo

Motion to adjourn - Cyndi B. 2nd Lee P. Motion passed.

Motions passed at the Nov 2nd Meeting:

- Motion to accept the Secretary’s minutes as written.
- Motion to accept the Treasurer’s report.
- Motion to give \$200 to Smoker for the Grounded Hogs food room.
- Motion to accept the Committee reports.
- Motion to donate \$100 to Jane Doyle.
- Motion to adjourn.

Attention trike operators! If you have a full motorcycle endorsement and ride a trike, these next statements do not affect you. If you are a trike operator that has a driver's license with a "three-wheel restriction", there are changes coming. Soon you will be required to have a "motorcycle endorsement with a three-wheel restriction". This does not require any further testing. It simply means that you will need to pay the \$17 endorsement fee every four years when you renew your driver's license. You will be receiving a notification in the mail, and this will affect approximately 1,800 trike operators in Minnesota.