

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

Date: Nov 4th, 2023

Location: Sons of Silence Clubhouse, Cokato, 3pm.

President:	April Murch	<u>X</u>	Sergeant at Arms:	Blythe Bucher	
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>X</u>
Secretary:	Maureen O'Hern	<u>X</u>		Mike Jencks	<u>X</u>
				Nikki Arne	<u>X</u>

Total numbers of members attending: 30 **Guests:** 3 - Jane D., Frank E. & Scott A.
Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: **Mtg Start Time:** 3:02pm **Mtg End Time:** 4:21pm

Welcome to members and guests; President's Remarks; Vice-President's Remarks: April - Thank to the Sons for hosting us. Welcome to Jane, Frank & Scott for joining us. Welcome back to Tim & Patti Olson and their son Cody. A thank note was passed around from Jim Bengston. Jim B. – Thanks to everyone for the plant, it was important because his family saw my motorcycle family and really appreciated that. Todd – Thank you to everyone for being here.

Officer Reports:

Secretary's report: Maureen O'Hern
Motion to accept the minutes as written - Gaida T. 2nd Scott B. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Dale Morin
Motion to accept the Treasurer's report - Karen M. 2nd Dawn R. Motion passed.

Chapter Rep Report: Scott Trout – Biker Day at the Capital is March 13th registration starts Nov 1st and runs through Feb 23rd it's very important to preregister and attend. ABATE U posters & 5 ABATE U raffle tickets are available. Just a reminder that All VPs must attend the rally meeting, the next meeting is Saturday, Dec 9th at the Eagles Club in Litchfield. The motion to have all the chapters look into interest for moving forward on the biker summit did not pass. The Buddy Bear order form was given to Cyndi. April - Thank you Scott for bringing the biker summit motion to the board.

Motion to accept the Chapter Rep report - Jim B. 2nd Dawn R. Motion passed.

Committee Reports, Vice President:

Membership: Dale Morin – No membership numbers. Thank you to Scott T, Mike J. & Scott B. for helping me with my last-minute move.

Products: Gaida Trout – she has patches and pins. She still has people that have product coupons outstanding.

Special Events – Grounded Hogs: Rosa Kreitlow / Karen May – next mtg Sunday, Nov 19th at Rosa's house at noon. Our goal is to raise \$10,000. At our last meeting Lee P. came to the meeting and had a lot of good ideas Rosa wanted to give him a shout out. The Sponsorship program was explained please put a contact name on the form, so the right people get the tickets. A copy of the Grounded Hog party flyer was passed around and will be available at the Dec meeting. Some advanced tickets are available today and more will be printed before the Dec meeting. Advanced tickets sales are key to us getting to our \$10,000 goal. Dial-A-Ride will be available to take people to the following hotels: the Super 8 and Country Inn & Suites in Buffalo and the Grand Stay in Delano. Dial-A-Ride is just asking for donations for the ride back and forth. Some of the money-making ideas are a booze bottle toss (bottle donations are welcomed) a signature scavenger hunt, and a bake sale. Subcommittees have been established if you want to help, please let Rosa know. \$1275 in sponsorships.

Training and Education: Sherry Edgett – April – the dates of Jun 8th & 9th was picked.

Public Relations: Open – April - Bowling for Kids is scheduled for Jan 21st at McPete's in Big Lake. \$ 2000 is the goal. We will be partnering with Sand Dunes again this year. Sponsorship forms were passed out and a link is on the facebook. Please send photos for the calendar to Tammie Black. You send them to the chapter email. The Wright County Journal Press has a photo of our Buddy Bear drop off and they followed up the next week with a feature on our chapter. Thank you to Mike J. for setting that all up. *Motion to order 30-chapter calendars – Mike J. 2nd Buzz P. Motion passed.*

Buddy Bears: Cyndi Buttweiler / Jim Kosse – Cyndi we have given out 30 bears to the Buffalo PD. Wright County Community Action will take 20. Big Brothers and Sisters will take 20 at the Bowling for Kids event. *Motion to spend \$485 from our gambling funds on however many Buddy Bears that will buy – Mike J. 2nd Dean W. Motion passed.*

Motion to accept the Committee reports - Karen M. 2nd Dawn R. Motion passed.

Other Reports, President:

MRF Report: Todd Riba – There is some good news out there in relation to the attack on the internal combustion engine, the Biden administration has received some bite back, not everyone has given up and accepted the fact that we will be driving electric cars. The MRF certainly hasn't. We do have to keep an eye on the EPA they are going after tailpipe emissions. The Federation of European Motorcyclist Association (FEMA) has a new working group that is looking at new digital safety measures that cars that self-driving cars would have to interact with motorcycles. There has been some motorcyclist that have died because of the self-driving cars. California has not renewed the permits for some self-driving testing. The MRF is still working with NCOC, NCOM and some after market groups, there were about 100 people from the aftermarket world at a meeting in Sturgis. The Independent Motorcycle Aftermarket (IMA) is getting new members. Right to Repair there has been some good movement on this, the manufacturers must release information so small shops can repair motorcycles.

Dial-A-Ride: Scott Trout – the season ended the end of last month. There were 49 pickups. The motorcycle accidents numbers were passed around. Frank pointed out that many years about 50% of the motorcycle fatalities were alcohol related now that number is very low, not all the credit can go to DAR but they did play a part in the reduction of the number.

Government Relations/Legislative Report: Mack Backland – Frank – Biker Day is very important to attend even if you don't talk to a representative your presence in the rotunda makes a difference. Frank explained what the Political Refund Program is and how important is. Todd – after handing off the talking points if the representative asks you a question you don't know the answer to don't lie just say you don't know and that someone can follow up with them later.

MN Motorcycle Safety Task Force: Dean Webb – This year's fatality numbers were 62 as opposed to 77 at this time last year. Last year ended with 82 fatalities last year about 40% of those were unlicensed riders this year is slightly down to 35%.

State Rally: Keith "Smoker" Efron – Doug and Ingrid Cohen from South Central are the new State Rally co-chairs. Thank you everyone from Lake Chapter who stepped up and helped. Thank you to everyone from Lake Chapter who got sponsorships unfortunately sponsorships were down and so was attendance. Hopefully Save the Date cards will be available at the next BOD. Please go out and get sponsorships. If you have any band names to consider for the rally, please let him know. If anyone would like to submit a rally poster idea, please email that to Doug and Ingrid. Scott A. from the Strong Tower Chapter of the Christian Motorcycle Association asked if the rally needed volunteers to help distribute water and ice, Smoker suggested he contact Doug and Ingrid for information on volunteer opportunities.

Drawing of the Name: Karen May – Nikki A. was the winner of the \$5 off product coupon.

Old Business:

QR code is fixed now and goes to the State website

President's discretionary fund was tabled until the Dec meeting.

Set Chapter Meeting Dates & Times for January & March – Jan 6th, Choo Choo bar in Loretto Mar 2nd, Red Lodge in Waverly.

Toys or money collection/distribution ideas – Nikki explained how the Angel Tree program works at Walmart. Gaida explained how the Wright County Community Action distributes toys on Dec 18th. Please bring toys or money to the Dec 2nd meeting.

Frank E. explained what the Young Riders Program was all about. ABATE spent about \$15,000 educating 60 would motorcyclist on how to ride a motorcycle. Please let Frank know if you have any ideas of events young riders can go to and the program can pay for the admission. Bring young people along to the Biker Day event. American Income Life is offering insurance to young riders.

New Business:

Member of the Year Nominations – Karen M., Dale M, & Rosa K.

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

November 1st – February 23rd – Preregistration dates for Biker Day at the Capital

December 2nd – Dave's Town Club, Delano, 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. TBD

March 13th, 2024 – Biker Day at the Capital

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 Scott B. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Maureen O'Hern

Motions passed at the Nov 4th Meeting:

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Motion to accept the Committee reports

Motion to adjourn