

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

Date: October 5th, 2024

Location: Chris Kalway’s house, Howard Lake, MN, 3pm

President:	April Murch	<u> X </u>	Sergeant at Arms:	Cyndi Buttweiler	<u> </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> X </u>

Total numbers of members attending: 34 **Guests:** Grady & Noel from South Central chapter
Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: Jim B. **Mtg Start Time:** 3:01pm **Mtg End Time:** 4:04pm

Welcome to members and guests; President’s Remarks; Vice-President’s Remarks: April - Thank you to everyone who took volunteer shifts at the rally, your help was greatly appreciated. Special thanks go out to Mike Jencks, Chris Paumen, Cyndi & Lee who saved my ass on Saturday morning. Thank to everyone who did the ditch pickup. Thank you to Chris & Scott for hosting us.

Officer Reports:

Secretary’s report: Maureen O’Hern

Motion to accept the minutes as written - Karen M. 2nd Dean W. Motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report: Dale Morin

Details in the handout

Motion to accept the Treasurer’s report - Fred P. 2nd Jim B. Motion passed.

Chapter Rep Report: Scott Trout – Oct BOD is coming up on Oct 18th & 19th. The provisional members that are between 18 & 21 years old. We are discussing whether they should hold office. The consensus from the chapter was positive. Jim K. this will be a by law change that each person can vote on if it moves forward. The consensus was positive on holding a banquet at A.B.A.T.E. U.

Committee Reports, Vice President

Membership: Maureen O’Hern – We have 88 singles & 138 couples. -9 from last month. 364 total.

Products: Gaida Trout – For the OCT BOD Kari is looking for memorial patches from each chapter. Motion to donate 1 of each of the memorial patches we have to Kari – Frank E., 2nd Jim B. Motion passed. She will get the Dan Monson patches at the Oct BOD.

Special Events – Grounded Hogs: Keith “Smoker” Efron– April – GH party sponsorship forms available. April & Jim have been attending other chapters meetings. They got a gold sponsorship from Tri-County and they bought 7 advanced tickets. Metro & Sand Dunes may sponsor us. Scott Bitzer gave us a double gold and Karen & Buzz sponsored us. Ron Lischeid and Ally from Metro chapter donated items for the auction. Jim K. - is still looking frames, forks, engine, wheels & tires for his sculpture. We need a t-shirt design for the GH party give Gaida your idea by the Nov mtg. April ordered GH posters Motion to reimburse April \$41.87 for Grounded Hogs posters – Deb K., 2nd Fred P. Motion passed. Gaida talked about the fun bags that she wants to do at the GH Party. The process for handing them out was clarified and the fun bags are acceptable.

Special Events – Fall Run: Open – Tammi has graciously volunteered, completed, and finished our little chapter run and ended up at Blazing Saddles. Thank you very much it was a great time.

Training and Education: Sherry Edgett – No report

Public Relations: Tammie Black - the calendars will be available at the next meeting. April McPete’s has been sold so we can’t have our bowling event there. There are 3 other venues being looked at April will bring info to the next meeting.

Buddy Bears: Cyndi Buttweiler / Jim Kosse – We still have 30 Buddy Bears in our possession hopefully we will get them distributed by year end.

Motion to accept the Committee reports - Dean W. 2nd Deb K. Motion passed.

Other Reports, President:

MRF Report: Todd Riba- Join the MRF at mrf.org Todd - We had a great Meeting of the Minds the theme of the weekend was there’s a lot to be concerned about. He doesn’t think they can go 100% electric but if they take away 50% of the gas vehicles there will be higher gas prices for the rest of us. The Right to Repair act is another big thing that the MRF is working on so the family-owned businesses can stay in business, we can keep riding what we want and can put in the tank what we want. Jim B. – the Independent Motorcycle Aftermarket was a big focus of the weekend. Trying to get supplies of seats along with Harley Davidson, Indian & NITSHA all involved.

Dial-A-Ride: Scott Trout – The DAR season ends this month. DAR information is available. If you dropped off any info at any bars let him know so it can be reported to the state. Jim K – Dave Truax stepped up and volunteered for every weekend that wasn't taken.

Government Relations/Legislative Report: Mack Backlund – Please research the candidates and vote on Nov 5th. Depending on who wins control of the House our job will be easy or difficult. There is a candidate survey in the Road Noise, participation has gone down because people are reluctant to put their opinions on paper. MN Senate District 45 is the only district on the ballot this year. Whatever party wins that district will control the Senate. Jim K. Biker Day is very important, so you know how your legislator stands on the issues concerning us.

MN Motorcycle Safety Task Force: Dean Webb – Jim K. - A.B.A.T.E. of MN will be putting out information on what Lane Splitting / Lane Filtering is to help educate the public. Frank E. – Fox 9 had some incorrect information in one of their pieces he did call them to correct the information.

State Rally: Keith "Smoker" Efron – Jim K. – There were 952 attendees up from 719 the previous year. There were 220 day passes and 95 campers at the rally. The total profit isn't known currently. Dougie & Ingrid will co-chair the rally again next year. A special thank you to Randy Deters one of the heroes of the rally for helping with the medical emergency that occurred at the rally.

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

Old Business:

Toys for Tots – April M. – Please bring your unwrapped toys or cash donation to the December meeting we will be giving them to the Wright County Community Action center again. Gaida T. – Toys for Tots is a trademarked name, so we need to change the name. Holiday Toy Donation is the new event name. Noel mentioned that she works for school system and Dec 21st they will be handing out toys & food to those in need.

New Business:

Steven J. Kreitlow Award Nominations are now closed. There were 3 nominations received.

Set Jan, March, April Meeting Date & Time (Change dates for March/April) To give Shelley more time to send out absentee ballots and election information we need to change our meeting date. Motion to have our March meeting on the 8th – Frank E., 2nd Randy, Motion passed. Our April meeting falls during Heart STEAM Motion to change the April meeting date to the 12th – Todd R., 2nd Fred P. Motion passed.

Frank E. – he has some flyers and raffle tickets for A.B.A.T.E. U available.

Todd R. – We have been invited to the Sons of Silence Halloween party Oct 26th doors open at 3pm, food around 5pm.

Keith "Smoker" E. – I hope everybody is selling advanced tickets. Everett Smithson will be playing. We had a successful rally.

Scott A. – The CMA is helping with Target Sports' Fundraiser Against Human Trafficking. 6pm on Oct 26th.

Upcoming Meetings:

November 2nd, 3 pm Town Club, Delano (Mike J setting up)

December 7th, 3 pm, Red Lodge, Waverly (New Location)

January 4th, 3 pm TBD

February 1st, 3 pm Rockford Township Hall, Rockford Township

March 8th, 3 pm Election Meeting (Karen is working on Madigan's)

April 12th, 3 pm TBD

Upcoming Events:

October 18th- 19th, BOD Best Western Plus, 2100 US-12, Willmar 56201 320-235-6060

October 26th, 6-9 pm, IMA invited by CMA shooting event, Target Sports, Rogers

February 1st, 6-11 pm, Grounded Hogs Fundraiser, Rockford Township Hall, Rockford Township

April 25th-27th, A.B.A.T.E. University Holiday Inn Express, Alexandria

Motion to adjourn - Mitch B. 2nd Chris K. Motion passed.

Motions passed at the Oct 5th Meeting:

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