

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

Date: Oct 7th, 2023

Location: Chris Kalway's house, Howard Lake, 3pm

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

Total numbers of members attending: 30 **Guests:** Tracey B.

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: Mike J. **Mtg Start Time:** 3:02pm **Mtg End Time:** 4:14pm

Welcome to members and guests; President's Remarks; Vice-President's Remarks: April – Good afternoon and welcome. Thank to Chris and Scott for having us and proving food. Thank you to Dawn for the Fall run. Thank you to everyone who attend the ditch pickup. 2 drink tokens were offered up to anyone interested there were from The Minnesota Beer Company a Grounded Hogs party sponsor.

Officer Reports:

Secretary's report: Maureen O'Hern

Motion to accept the minutes as written - Buzz P. 2nd Karen M. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Dale Morin

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report - Dean W. 2nd Cyndi B. Motion passed.

Chapter Rep Report: Scott Trout – The Road Noise needs bike, member, and business submissions. On Oct 28th the North Star Chapter is having a Spooktacular Pool Tournament. Gaida – Kari is working on getting people their badges there was a problem at the vendor.

Motion to accept the Chapter Rep report - Scott B. 2nd Rick V. Motion passed.

Committee Reports, Vice President:

Membership: Dale Morin – No report

Products: Gaida Trout – She needs to get rid of some products before she can order more. Fun bags will again be available at the Grounded Hogs party. She has several people with outstanding \$5 off products coupons. She now has memorial patches for Tim Schaar. Gaida is working with Olga for patches for TC.

Special Events – Fall Run: Dawn R. – The Fall run was awesome.

Training and Education: Sherry Edgett – Please bring dates to the next meeting. Jim K – he is going to talk to Lisa Miller, an on-air DJ for KQRS, to see if she will either take our safety course or talk about it on air.

Public Relations: Mitch Backlund – April – Mitch would like to start backing off the Public Relations positions please consider taking over this position. April is setting up the Bowling for Kids if anyone would like to take this over, please contact April. Thank you to Tammie and Jeremy for attending the meeting. Welcome to Tracey thanks for coming. Bowling for Kids is Jan 21st. Tammie Black will take over the 2024 Chapter Calendar.

Buddy Bears: Cyndi Buttweiler / Jim Kosse – April has phone calls out to several people. Jim – several places have bears and don't need them now. Gaida - Wright County Community Action is a possible recipient.

Special Events – Grounded Hogs: Rosa Kreitlow / Karen May – Rosa - she has more sponsorship sheets available. She explained the sponsorship form. As of meeting time she had collected \$1125 in sponsorships and collected \$175 at the meeting. The next meeting is Oct 22nd at Rosa's house. We still need sponsors and advanced tickets sales. Thank you to everyone who has purchased or sold a sponsorship. We need a GH party T-shirt design please send your ideas to Rosa. rosakreitlow@gmail.com please make sure nothing is copyrighted. She needs them by the Nov 4th meeting. Thank you to Rosa, Karen, and April for all their hard work.

Motion to accept the Committee reports - Dean W. 2nd Scott B. Motion passed.

Other Reports, President:

MRF Report: Todd Riba – At one time we had the highest average of chapter members on the board, now we only have one after Dawn retired from the board. Thank you, Dawn, for all your hard work. The theme for the last couple of years has been Bridging the Gap. We've had this vision that the challenges are going to increase for our motorcycle lifestyle. Case in point the death of the internal combustable engine, limited fuel choice, inability to modify motorcycles and those issues are real. A new organization has been formed with the MRF called the Independent Motorcycle Aftermarket (IMA). At the Meeting of the Minds conference many, many groups that haven't been involved for a while are getting involved again because the threat is so serious. Recently there was a bill passed in the U.S. House of Representatives that protect internal combustion choice and we had a victory in with the Right to

Repair Act. Todd unveiled a MRF new logo. Dawn explained what the IMA is and has flyers available that individuals can give to their local shop to get the word out. BMW has ceased all sales of their gas-powered motorcycles. This is a scary development.

Dial-A-Ride: Scott Trout – There was an update to picking up a bike, Scott read what the update was and made the update available for people to read and take a picture of it.

Government Relations/Legislative Report: Todd Riba – Gary Goracke has formed a new legislative committee and Todd is a member will be giving us monthly reports. Biker Day at the Capital Mar 13th, 2024.

MN Motorcycle Safety Task Force: Dean Webb – No report

State Rally: Keith “Smoker” Efron – April M. – Congratulations to Way West for winning Rally King & Queen. There will be a new State Rally Chair next year. We had many award winners from our chapter some of the winners attended the meeting Tammy, Chris & Gaida, congratulations to all the winners.

Pick A Winner: Karen May – Buzz is the winner of the \$5 off chapter products coupon

Old Business:

Toys for Tots discussion – Motion to still participate in Toys for Tots and get donations but no longer go to KARE 11 to make an appearance - Rick, 2nd Buzz. Discussion was held. Motion was amended to read - skip Toys for Tots this and keep our donation at a local venue which will be decided at a later date - Rick, 2nd Buzz – Motion passed.

April – Dale is still looking for someone to take over the membership position, please contact Dale, April, or Todd if you’re interested in taking this over.

New Business:

Steven J. Kreitlow Award Nominations – April has received 1 nomination.

President’s Discretionary Fund Discussion – the fund was explained, and we will revisit this at the Nov meeting.

Set Jan & Mar Meeting Date & Time – Tabled until the next meeting. The Red Lodge would be a good place for our March meeting.

Scott T. – An active member patch was given to Chris Kalway. Thank you, Chris, for all that you have done.

Rick V. – We are going back to Millville next year.

Todd R. – Jim Bengston’s brother passed away. Motion to spend up to \$150 for flowers - Cyndi B. 2nd Sherry E. Motion passed.

Mike J. – Brought up the fact that the QR code on the new trifolds doesn’t go to the ABATE of MN website. April stated Jane has been made aware of the situation and will address the issue.

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

October 20th & 21st - October BOD, The Lodge, Detroit Lakes

October 28th Sons of Silence party, Cokato

November 4th – Lake Chapter Meeting, Sons of Silence Clubhouse, Cokato, 3pm.

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

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

Motion to adjourn - Dave T. 2nd Cyndi B. Motion Passed

Respectfully submitted by Maureen O’Hern, Lake Chapter Secretary

Motions passed at the Oct 7th Meeting:

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