

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

**Date:** December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

**Location:** Dave's Town Club, Delano MN

<b>President:</b> Keith "Smoker" Efron	X	<b>Sergeant at Arms:</b> Blythe Bucher	X
<b>Vice President:</b> Rick Van Horn	X	Nikki Arne	X
<b>Chapter Rep:</b> Scott Trout	X	Gaida Trout	X
<b>Treasurer:</b> Maureen O'Hern	X	Karen May	X
<b>Secretary:</b> Dale Morin	X	April Murch	X
		Mike Jencks	X

**Total numbers of members attending:** 36      **Guests:** 2  
**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:** Blythe B.      **Mtg Start Time:** 3:00pm      **Mtg End Time:** 3:45pm

**Welcome to members and guests; President's Remarks; Vice-President's Remarks:** Smoker welcomed and thanked all for attending, and introduced CMA guests Scott and Bev Averil. Rick also welcomed and thanked everyone.

### Officer Reports:

**Secretary's report:** Dale Morin – A summary of the motions passed at the previous meeting was presented.

• Motion to accept the minutes as written -	Deb K.	2nd	Mitch B.	Motion passed.
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**Treasurer's Report:** Maureen O'Hern – [Report presented is on the last page of this document.](#) Maureen will not be running for Treasurer next year.

• Motion to accept the Treasurer's report -	Dean W.	2nd	Deb K.	Motion passed.
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**Chapter Rep Report:** Scott T. – Flyers for upcoming holiday celebrations and a sketch of the ABATE U t-shirts were passed around. He still needs suggestions for Biker, Veteran, Business, and Member of the Month to submit. He needs a flyer for the Grounded Hogs party for the BOD meeting this Jan 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. He has advanced GH tickets available.

### Committee Reports, Vice President:

**Membership:** Dale Morin – I was not receiving membership lists previously due to the incorrect e-mail address on file for me. Shelly now has the correct address, and I apologize for the previous assumptions that they were not being sent.

From the Road Noise, State numbers are 1390 Single, 821 Couples totaling 3032 members. Highest increases for the month were Flatlanders +9, Sand Dunes +5, Lake and South East LC tying with +4.

Lake numbers are 103 Singles, 64 Couples, for a total of 231 members. 1 expired renewal was received from Dave G., who was present after the meeting.

**Products:** Gaida Trout – Sweatshirts and T's are in the works and she needs sizes necessary for those wanting them. Chapter calendars are available. She also has more of the bourbon glasses.

**Special Events:** Rick Van Horn – Rick will be stepping down from Special Events. They will be heading south next month, and won't be back until April, so we will need someone to plan the early bike runs. GH live and silent auction items are needed. Signup sheets for food and duties will be available at the next meeting. Posters will be available also.

**Training and Education:** Sherry Edgett – No report.

**Public Relations:** Mitch Backlund- Per Karen May via Smoker, the KARE 11 Toys for Tots donation times have changed. We need to be there by 6:30pm for the 7:00 pre-recording for the 10:00 broadcast. Meet at the Holiday across the highway at 6:00pm. We will be joined by Dan Matzdorff, and a couple of people from the gambling committee, who are also making a donation. Come on out if you can and want to. Mitch continued by asking for someone to take a picture to submit to the RN if she is unable to be there. Our next PR event is Bowling for Big Brothers and Big Sisters. She has a few Lake members signed up, but has not checked in with Sand Dunes to see how many they have bowling. Pledge sheets are available. If you know someone who would like to bowl, sign them up and pledge them. If you are not bowling, pledge someone who is. Come out and watch if you want.

**Buddy Bears:** Myra Van Horn – She doesn't know how many Buddy Bears our \$500 will buy us, but start thinking about who we want to donate to. Somebody is also needed to take over this position for her.

• Motion to accept the Committee reports -	April M.	2nd	Dean W.	Motion passed.
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### Other Reports, President:

**MRF Report:** Todd Riba- Not a lot of new stuff to report at the federal level. We need to continue to watch the autonomous vehicle issue. I'm sure some of you have heard about the recent motorcycle fatalities from not being recognized by the vehicle in auto mode. So we will continue to work on that on the federal level. For those of you that haven't taken the Motorcycle Profiling Project survey, please consider taking it. It only takes a few seconds and can be found at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/2022NMPS](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2022NMPS). There has been a big turnover in the Federal level, so it's important to get people to Washington DC in May. If you would like to go, let Todd or Dawn know.

**Dial-A-Ride:** Scott Trout- Dial A Ride is over for the season. He still needs people to volunteer for a weekend next season.

**Government Relations/Legislative Report:** Mack Backlund- As he brought up at the last meeting, there has been a large turnover at the State level. About 35% will be walking in for the first time on Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>, so we need a large presence at Biker Day on Feb 1<sup>st</sup>. The bus schedules are set, so register online, including like-minded family, friends and riding groups. It's important to know your district number, so be sure to look it up, because it may have changed with the recent re-districting. You want to be sure your talking to the right people. Handouts with details and talking points will be handed out at the Capitol.

**MN Motorcycle Safety Task Force:** open – Smoker- If anyone would like to take over this position, it would be greatly appreciated.

**State Rally:** Keith “Smoker” Efron- We had an interesting rally meeting. I’m not sure if we got a lot accomplished or not. We went over the budget and a little different than it normally is. Mitch is still going to head the sponsorship Committee. Starting in the January Road Noise, there should be a Rally Sponsorship form. Again, Lake Chapter has done a phenomenal job of getting sponsorships for the Rally. On behalf of the Rally Committee, Thank You! If we can keep up the good work, it helps tremendously. If you’ve been a sponsor, feel free to sponsor again. If you’ve gotten a sponsor, please see if they would be willing to sponsor again. We are looking for band recommendations. He will be talking to Everett Smithson. It will be the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State Rally. They are doing a retro throwback, so the t-shirt will be reminiscent of the first one, and I believe they are going to try to find a poster from the first State Rally held out at Gopher State. If you showed up for the last rally, Thank You! If you had fun at the rally, come back next year, and bring a friend or three.

**Drawing of the Name** Karen May- April had guest Scott Averil pick the number. 21 was chosen, winning Deb K. a Chapter Products coupon.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

Member of the Year voting took place, and the winner will be presented with the plaque at the next meeting. Congratulations to Kimmer Robertson, recipient of this year’s Steven J. Kreitlow award. Kimmer was not able to attend the meeting, so the award will be packaged and delivered to her.

**Upcoming Meetings/Events:**

- Dec 4<sup>th</sup>- Bedrock Bar & Grill Customer Appreciation, South Haven, MN 3-6pm
- Dec 9<sup>th</sup>- Presentation of our Toys for Tots donation, KARE 11, 6:30pm. Meet at Holiday @6:00
- Jan 7<sup>th</sup>- Chapter meeting, Red Vest, Rockford MN, 3:00pm
- Jan 15<sup>th</sup>- Bowling For Kids, McPete’s, Big Lake MN, 12:00-2:00pm
- Feb 1<sup>st</sup>- Bikerday at the State Capitol
- Feb 4<sup>th</sup>- Chapter meeting, Rockford Township Hall, Buffalo MN, 3:00pm
- Feb 4<sup>th</sup>- Grounded Hogs fundraiser
- March 4<sup>th</sup>- Chapter meeting, Red Lodge, Waverly MN, 3:00pm

We have Chapter elections coming up, and there will be a number of openings available. If you would like to step up, that would be great.

**Open Discussion:**

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• Motion to adjourn -	Mitch B.	2nd	Deb K.	Motion Passed
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\*Please note the KARE 11 Toys for Tots time change.

<b>Treasurer's Report - November 2022</b>		
For the Month ending November 30th, 2022		
Presented at the Dec 5th Meeting at Dave's Town Club in Delano, 3pm		
Started November with		<b>\$2,134.48</b>
<b>Income:</b>		
	Memberships	33.00
	Toys for Tots Balance Transfer	276.00
	Toys for Tots Donation	500.00
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$809.00</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
	Print 100 2023 Grounded Hogs Party Tickets	42.02
	Reimburse Chapter Rep Hotel Rm @ BOD (2nd of 3 per year)	142.68
	Wright County Insurance - Grounded Hogs	75.00
	MNJUA Liquor License - Grounded Hogs	125.00
	Toys for Tots Donation	776.00
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,160.70</b>
November Ending Balance		<b>\$1,782.78</b>
<b>Earmarks</b>		
	Intermediate & Advanced Rider Courses - 2023	\$ 800.00
	2 ads* promoting the 2023 MC training courses *State may pay this cost not the chapter	\$ 70.00
	MRF Sustaining Membership	\$ 100.00
	Biker Day at the Capital Contribution	\$ 500.00
	Rockford Township Hall Rental (remaining balance)	\$ 700.00
	Reimburse Chapter Rep Hotel Rm @ BOD (1 left of 3 per year)	\$ -
	Buddy Bears Purchase *Gambling Funds	\$ 500.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,170.00</b>
Petty Cash:		<b>\$50.00</b>
MRF Donation Fund:		<b>\$0.00</b>
Chapter Gambling Fund:		<b>\$1,267.81</b>
Food Shelf Fund:		<b>\$0.00</b>
Toys for Tots Fund:		<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Grand Total:</b>		<b>\$3,100.59</b>
	spendable	-\$387.22

Respectfully submitted by Dale Morin

**Motions passed at the Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting:**

- Motion to accept the minutes as written
- Motion to accept the Treasurer's report
- Motion to accept the Committee reports
- Motion to adjourn