

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

Date: February 5th, 2022

Location: Rockford Township Hall

President:	Keith "Smoker" Efron	X	Sergeant at Arms:	Blythe Bucher	X
Vice President:	Scott Bitzer	X		Nikki Arne	X
Chapter Rep:	Scott Trout	X		Gaida Trout	X
Treasurer:	Christina Lincoln	X		Mike Berger	X
Secretary:	Dale Morin	X			X

Total numbers of members attending: 28

Guests: 0

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: Blythe B.

Mtg Start Time: 3:06pm

Mtg End Time: 4:15pm

Welcome to members and guests; President's Remarks; Vice-President's Remarks: *Smoker welcomed and thanked all for attending, as did Scott.*

Officer Reports:

Secretary's report: Dale Morin

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| • Motion to accept the minutes as written - <i>Mike J.</i> | 2nd | • <i>Jim B.</i> | Motion passed. |
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Treasurer's Report: Christina Lincoln – [See Included Treasurer's Report](#)

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| • Motion to accept the Treasurer's report - <i>Karen M.</i> | 2nd | • <i>Mary B.</i> | Motion passed. |
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Chapter Rep Report: Scott T. – *ABATE U needs auction item donations, as well as T-shirts for the staff. If we have previous event or chapter shirts we can donate, we should do so. Scott has ABATE U raffle tickets available. He had a sample ABATE U t-shirt, and if anyone would like one, contact A.B.A.T.E. University Chair, Stephanie Christensen (763) 443-4732 or abateu@abatemn.org. He did not have a price. We also need to spend some of our Gambling money by March 3rd, or the Gambling Comity will spend it for us. He thought the balance was about \$70. He said the state will have what he thought would be 200 Buddy Bears in reserve for state donations. If we need Buddy Bears, or don't have enough, we can get them thru that.*

Committee Reports, Vice President:

Membership: Scott Bitzer – *81 Couples, 100 Singles for a grand total of 181. Those were the only numbers he had to report. He encouraged everyone to sign people up. Please consider taking over for Scott, as he is in need of being relieved from his duty.*

Products: Gaida Trout – *She has the Grounded Hogs t-shirts available if you pre-ordered, and has extras available for sale. The "Family Isn't Always Blood" patches are finished, and she has them available. The provider she had found to do Dan's patch experienced a medical emergency, so Gaida will be going back to the one who did the blood patches, who worked with Dan for a long time. She will keep us informed. The Grounded Hogs shirts, instead of being priced by size, were priced by shirt. This resulted in the cost totaling \$300 instead of the allotted \$150. We will determine if we need to make up the difference after the sales.*

Special Events: Rick Van Horn – *He was still in need of help with the party, especially clean up, and made an appeal for volunteers to help meet these needs. A question was presented in regards to whether or not we would accept tickets from last years canceled party, and it was determined we would accept 2021 tickets if pressed on the issue, in order to avoid discord.*

Training and Education: Sherry Edgett – *We are good to go for May 21st Advanced Riders course. They are having trouble finding instructors for the May 22nd Intermediate course. There is an opening on May 14th, which is normally an open enrollment class, which they will instead reserve for us. So we can have them continue to search for instructors for the 22nd, or secure the 14th, which already has instructors assigned. Sherry has not had anyone contact her regarding this class, but will have a signup sheet at the door tonight.*

Public Relations: Mitch Backlund- *No Report*

Buddy Bears: Myra Van Horn – *No Report*

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| • Motion to accept the Committee reports - <i>Devin D.</i> | 2nd | • <i>Maureen O.</i> | Motion passed. |
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Other Reports, President:

MRF Report: Todd Riba- *No Report*

Dial-A-Ride: Mike Edgett- *No Report*

Government Relations/Legislative Report: Mack Backlund- *Not Present. Smoker asked for a show of hands by all that have registered for Biker Day at the Capital. Although none had registered, many are planning to attend. Smoker reminded everyone there is still time to register. Smoker read the following from the Road Noise Legislative Report by Gary Goracke:*

The Capitol building is currently open, masks are required. The State Office building is closed to the public for the entire session. The Administration Department will be meeting soon to determine when the buildings will be open during 2022. Our reservation is still in place for the rotunda from 9:00 am to 11:30 am on February 16th. This year's session starts on January 31st.

Busses will remain an option for now. A statement will be listed with the bus schedule that states "members should have alternate transportation arranged just in case buses are not available."

Anyone who carools may fill out paperwork for mileage reimbursement.

A boxed lunch will be provided to those who pre-register for a lunch. A donation jar will be set out to help offset the cost of the meal. Lunch option will be added to registration so that the correct number of lunches are ordered. Estimated cost of a boxed lunch is \$20.

Registration will include bus routes, carpool option, and lunch option.

There will be no individual appointments this year.

MN Motorcycle Safety Task Force: Mike Berger- The preliminary statistics for the last riding season are concerning. 67 fatalities in 66 crashes for this year, in comparison to 64 fatalities in 62 crashes last year. About 1/3 of the deaths were by people without an endorsement. Mike would like this year's safety message to promote getting your permit, get training, and get your endorsement. Eliminating 1/3 of the incidents by training and endorsement would be a huge win for us. The state officials asked all comity members to submit their ideas for what the safety message should be this year, and many of them want the message to be urging motorcyclists to wear protective gear, which includes D.O.T. approved helmets and Hi-Viz protective gear.

State Rally: Keith "Smoker" Efron- The Friday BOD meeting was very long. Ticket and day pass prices have increased. There will not be a national act at the rally, despite a couple of befitting options provided by Smoker. He thanked the chapter for sponsoring last year's rally at the Gold level, and presented the opportunity to sponsor the upcoming rally. \$100 Copper, \$250 Chrome, \$500 Silver, \$1000 Gold, \$3000 Diamond. Scott T. has rally sponsorships for anyone interested.

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| • Motion to buy a \$1000 Gold sponsorship for the Rally - Rick V. | 2nd | Buzz P. | Motion passed. |
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Drawing of the Name Mike Edgett- No Drawing

Old Business:

None

New Business:

- Smoker presented Nikki Arne with the Member of the Year Award, which includes a 1 year membership. Thank you Nikki for all you do.

Officer Nominations:

	January	February
President	Scott Bitzer- <i>Deferred to Feb meeting</i> Keith Efron- <i>Accept</i>	Scott Bitzer- <i>Decline</i> Jim Kosse- <i>Decline</i>
Vice President	Scott Bitzer- <i>Deferred to Feb meeting</i> Scott Trout- <i>Not Present</i>	Scott Bitzer- <i>Decline</i> Scott Trout- <i>Decline</i> James Bengtson- <i>Decline</i> Rick Van Horn- <i>Accept</i>
Treasurer	Maureen O'Hern- <i>Accept</i>	-
Chapter Representative	Scott Trout- <i>Not Present</i>	Scott Trout- <i>Accept</i>
Secretary	Dale Morin- <i>Accept</i>	-
Sargent @ Arms	Gaida Trout- <i>Accept</i> Nikki Arne- <i>Accept</i>	April Murch- <i>Accept</i> Karen May- <i>Accept</i> Devin DeMarais- <i>Accept</i> Blythe Bucher- <i>Accept</i> Mike Jencks- <i>Accept</i>

- Rick asked if anyone had determined a date preference for the Spring Run. Receiving none, he asked if the chapter would like him to select the date, to which the members present supported. He will have details available at the next meeting. Last year we made \$350. Mike B. volunteered to make the poster.

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| • Motion to have 50 Spring Run tickets printed - Mike J. | 2nd | Mike B. | Motion passed. |
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- International Cycle Show, Mpls has been canceled
- Mike and Mary Berger are looking for land up north around the North Shore, and will be moving there in the near future.
- Rick contacted Medina Ballroom in regards to next years Grounded Hogs party. He needs to know if the chapter would like to have our party there.

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| • Motion to have Grounded Hogs 2023 at the Medina Ballroom - Krista H. | 2nd | Patricia V. | Motion failed. |
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Upcoming Meetings/Events:

- Feb 5th- Grounded Hogs party, Rockford Township Hall, doors open at 5:00pm
- Feb 16th- Biker Day at the Capital, St. Paul
- Mar 5th- Chapter meeting, Red Vest, Rockford 3:00pm
- April 2nd- Chapter meeting, Red Vest, Rockford 3:00pm
- May 21st- Lake Chapter Advanced Motorcycle training
- TBD - Lake Chapter Intermediate Motorcycle training

NOTE: The Hollywood Roadhouse is closed, so the Mar 5th meeting location has been changed to the Red Vest, Rockford

• Motion to adjourn - Devin D.	2nd Lee P.	Motion Passed
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Respectfully submitted by Dale Morin

Motions passed at the February 5th Meeting:

- Motion to accept the minutes as written
- Motion to accept the Treasurer's report
- Motion to accept the Committee reports
- Motion to buy a \$1000 Gold sponsorship for the Rally
- Motion to have 50 Spring Run tickets printed
- Motion to adjourn

Treasurer's Report - February 2022

Month Ending January 31, 2021

Presented on February 5th, 2022 @ the Rockford Township Hall 3:00 p.m.

Started January with:		\$ 2,590.29
Income:		
	Memberships	\$ 39.00
	Fundraisers	\$ 200.00
	Products	\$ 460.00
	Donations - Membership	\$ 750.00
	Total:	\$ 1,449.00
Expenses:		
	Purchases - Products	\$ 435.76
	Contributions - Organization	\$ 800.00
	Contributions - M.R.F.	\$ 100.00
	Total:	\$ 1,335.76
		\$ 2,703.53
Petty Cash:		\$ 50.00
MRF Donation Fund:		\$ -
Chapter Gambling Fund		\$ -
Food Shelf Fund:		\$ 177.00
Toys for Tots Fund:		\$ -
Total:		\$ 227.00

Spendable \$ 2,703.53