

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

**Date:** February 4, 2023

**Location:** Rockford Township Hall, Buffalo MN

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| <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:** 35      **Guests:** 0  
**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:** Mike J.      **Mtg Start Time:** 3:00pm      **Mtg End Time:** 4:15pm

**Welcome to members and guests; President's Remarks; Vice-President's Remarks:** *There were no new members or guests in attendance, as Smoker welcomed and thanked everyone for coming.*

### Officer Reports:

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

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| • Motion to accept the minutes as written - | Fred P. | 2nd | Mitch B. | Motion passed. |
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**Treasurer's Report:** Maureen O'Hern – [Report presented is the last page of this document.](#)

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| • Motion to reimburse Karen the \$600 she paid to the Rockford Township Hall. | Karen M. | 2nd | Fred P. | Motion passed. |
| • Motion to pay the band \$800  | Mike B.  | 2nd | Mike J. | Motion passed. |
| • Motion authorizing me to ask for front gate startup money of \$150          | Mike J.  | 2nd | Fred P. | Motion passed. |

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| • Motion to accept the Treasurer's report - | Deb K. | 2nd | Mary B. | Motion passed. |
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**Chapter Rep Report:** Scott T. – *Upcoming sister chapter party flyers were passed around. He requested the return of money or remaining advance tickets. From the BOD he found out the cost for Buddy Bears is \$7 each. They would also like members to consider volunteering for the Rally cleanup now. They would also like at least 1 more member to do the Right to Ride by the time of ABATE U. February 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for Buddy Bear orders. The ABATE U chapter challenge forms are not yet available. Gaida Trout is the new State Historian. See her if you have anything that you think would be of historical importance. She and Scott are also on the Ways and Means Comity. Harmony, our Marketing Director would like old flyers and photos emailed to her so she can compile some promotional and online content. Smoker also petitioned the older or founding members. The Rally comity is seeking a flyer from the first Rally, to use in designing this year's 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rally.*

### Committee Reports, Vice President:

**Membership:** Dale Morin – *Numbers were not available. A copy of expired members was available for members to review and reach out to. This role would be better served by another if anyone is interested in assuming this for me.*

**Products:** Gaida Trout – *Gaida made a plea to everyone to check out and purchase the products she had available, so she wouldn't have to take them all home again, as she would be receiving the Historian items and does not have room in the vehicle for everything. She also thanked everyone for wearing and showing off their GH shirts.*

**Special Events:** Rick Van Horn – *via Smoker, it was decided by a show of hands that the chapter would like to have a Spring Run. Due to time constraints, we will find someone to take over the Special Events role in the future, as Rick has stepped down from the position.*

**Training and Education:** Sherry Edgett – *via Cyndi, Rider Training courses have been set for June 10<sup>th</sup> (intermediate) and June 11<sup>th</sup> (advanced)*

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| • Motion to place ¼ page Rider Training adds in the April and May Road Noise | Mike J. | 2nd | Mary B. | Motion passed. |
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**Public Relations:** Mitch Backlund- *Mitch passed a write-up of the January Bowling event, that was published in one of the papers it was submitted it to, gaining us some public exposure. Another upcoming opportunity will be the Hospitality room at ABATE U. As April draws nearer, she will work on getting the True Friends Bike Shows settled. A question was asked regarding approximately how many we had signed up for Biker Day. Mitch thought about 120. Scott T. asked if this number was typical. She and Mack replied that it is down, and that we've had more in the past. Mack stated we need to quadruple that number.*

**Buddy Bears:** Jim Kosse/Cyndi Buttweiler – *\$500 that we have dedicated to spend on Buddy Bears will buy us 71 bears. At the next meeting we need to decide on recipients and amounts to distribute.*

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| • Motion to accept the Committee reports - | Mike J. | 2nd | Fred P. | Motion passed. |
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### Other Reports, President:

**MRF Report:** Todd Riba- *The MRF has been to several Biker Days, traveling around the country talking to other states. There will be MRF folks at ABATE U, so please consider giving them some time. They are looking forward to Bikers in the Beltway, and currently have 4 Lake Chapter members going, as well as a few going to Heartland Steam the weekend after ABATE U in Bismarck, ND.*

**Dial-A-Ride:** Scott Trout- *He has a lot of DAR cards available. Please get some from him. At Bikerday, April, Mike and Scott T. explained the DAR with Emmer, which he knew nothing about. During the conversation, they also mentioned meeting with the Wright County Sheriff's office to make sure they know about the program. If you would like to join them when they meet with the Sheriff's office, let them know, and they will get a date set. Karen stated that sheriff Deringer and his wife are also riders, so they will also encourage them to become members.*

**Government Relations/Legislative Report:** Mack Backlund- *We had a successful Bikerday. They had a lot of unregistered show up, and with the help of Jim Kosse, Mitch and others, they were able to get them registered. Lake Chapter did a great job getting people signed up. They got a lot of good response on our issues, and are waiting on some authors on our talking points. We need to get our numbers up for next year though. Jim K. relayed the appreciation from Gary Goracke to us for the number of people we send to man the registration table. Karen M. spoke of how she had to assertively get a meeting with her representative via his assistant, after being told she would be unable to meet with him. She encouraged everyone that, if your person is there, be persistent about being heard if faced with resistance.*

**MN Motorcycle Safety Task Force:** open – *Smoker invited anyone interested to take on this role.*

**State Rally:** Keith “Smoker” Efron- *Smoker encouraged everyone to attend the State Rally and to bring friends, as well as distribute posters, sponsor and get sponsors. He also encouraged all to fill needed volunteer positions. Speaking as someone heavily involved in the Rally, he said that ABATE members do a great job of picking up after themselves. He thanked the Chapter for the great job they do, stepping up at all levels that this organization does, and to please continue to do so. He also reiterated the desire for a poster from the first State Rally. Mitch said Randy has stated this will be his last year as State Rally Chair. Smoker thinks they have someone from South Central likely to fill this role.*

**Drawing of the Name** Karen May- Jeremy and Tammie Black picked number 27, winning Mitch B. a Lake Chapter products coupon.

**Old Business:**

The chapter discussed continuing to hold and maintain our webpage, despite a price increase.

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| • Motion to continue with the website at the additional cost - | Todd R. | 2nd | April M. | Motion Passed |
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**Officer Nominations:**

|                               | January Nominations  | February Nominations  |
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| <b>President</b>              | April Murch – Accept<br>Scott Bitzer – Accepted as relayed to Scott T.   | Scott Bitzer – Accept   |
| <b>Vice-President</b>         | Rick Van Horn – Accepted as relayed to Smoker<br>Lee Plante – Decline<br>Mike Jencks – Deferred  | Todd Reba – Accept<br>Mike Jencks – Decline   |
| <b>Chapter Representative</b> | Scott Trout - Accept   |   |
| <b>Treasurer</b>              | Dale Morin – Accept  |   |
| <b>Secretary</b>              | Maureen O’Hern – Accept  |   |
| <b>Sargent At Arms</b>        | Mike Jencks – Accept<br>Dean Webb – Accept<br>Blythe Bucher – Accept<br>Gaida Trout – Accept<br>Nikki Arne – Accept<br>Chris Paumen – Decline<br>Tammy Webb – Decline<br>April Murch – Accept and Deferred | Karen May – Decline<br>James Bengtson – Accept<br>April Murch – Accept with Contingencies |

**New Business:**

*ABATE U Chapter Challenge discussion was tabled until we have funds available.*

*Scott B. volunteered to organize a Spring Run; Mike B. volunteered to design the poster.*

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| • Motion to have 50 Spring Run tickets printed, amendment requested by Todd R. to print 150 - | Fred P. | 2nd | Mike J. | Motion Passed |
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*Spring Run RN add decision was tabled until the details are known.*

*State Rally Sponsorship (past Silver or Gold) decision was tabled until we have funds available.*

**Upcoming Meetings/Events:**

*Mar 4<sup>th</sup> - Chapter Meeting, Red Lodge, Waverly MN, 3:00pm*

*Mar 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> - Donnie Smith Bike Show, Saint Paul RiverCentre, 25<sup>th</sup> 9:00am - 7:00pm, 26<sup>th</sup> 10:00am - 5:00pm*

*April 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> - ABATE U., Holiday Inn, Alexandria MN*

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| • Motion to adjourn - | Mike J. | 2nd | Fred P. | Motion Passed |
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| <b>Treasurer's Report - January 2023</b> |  |                    |
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|  | For the Month Ending January 31st, 2023                                |                    |
|  | Presented on February 4th, 2023 at the Rockford Township Hall          |                    |
| Started January with                     |  | <b>\$1,109.30</b>  |
| <b>Income:</b>                           |  |                    |
|  | Memberships  | 51.00              |
|  | Products   | 38.00              |
|  | Donation - Membership  | 500.00             |
|  | <b>Total:</b>  | <b>589.00</b>      |
| <b>Expenses:</b>                         |  |                    |
|  | Products   | 422.48             |
|  | <b>Total:</b>  | <b>422.48</b>      |
| January Ending Balance                   |  | <b>\$1,275.82</b>  |
| <b>Earmarks:</b>                         |  |                    |
|  | Intermediate & Advanced Rider Courses - 2023                           | \$ 800.00          |
|  | 2 ads* promoting the 2023 MC training courses *State may pay this cost | \$ 70.00           |
|  | MRF Sustaining Membership  | \$ 100.00          |
|  | Rockford Township Hall   | \$ 600.00          |
|  | Reimburse Chapter Rep Hotel Rm @ BOD (1 left of 3 per year)            | \$ -               |
|  | <b>Total</b>   | <b>\$ 1,570.00</b> |
| Petty Cash:                              |  | <b>\$ 50.00</b>    |
| MRF Donation Fund:                       |  | \$ -               |
| Chapter Gambling Fund:                   | * Buddy Bear Purchase earmark \$500                                    | <b>\$ 1,267.81</b> |
| Food Shelf Fund:                         |  | \$ -               |
| Toys for Tots Fund:                      |  | \$ -               |
| <b>Grand Total:</b>                      |  | <b>\$2,593.63</b>  |
|  | <i>spendable</i>   | -\$294.18          |

Respectfully submitted by Dale Morin

**Motions passed at the February 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting:**

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