

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

Date: January 8, 2022

Location: Red Lodge, Waverly, MN

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

Total numbers of members attending: 34 **Guests:** 0
Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: Blythe B **Mtg Start Time:** 3:00pm **Mtg End Time:** 4:00pm

Welcome to members and guests; President's Remarks; Vice-President's Remarks: *Smoker welcomed everyone. There were no guests in attendance. Welcome Michael Kielty. Mike joined in August/September and this was the first meeting he was able to attend. Scott B. also welcomed everyone, and was glad to be back from his illness.*

Officer Reports:

Secretary's report: Dale Morin

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| • Motion to accept the minutes as written - Deb K. | 2nd | Mike J. | Motion passed. |
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Treasurer's Report: Christina Lincoln – [Treasurers Report \(last page\)](#)

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| • Motion to accept the Treasurer's report - Dave T. | 2nd | Jim B. | Motion passed. |
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Chapter Rep Report: Scott T. – *No Report.*

Committee Reports, Vice President:

Membership: Scott Bitzer – *Did not have Lake Chapter numbers. The state membership numbers were given, and can be found in the January Road Noise reports.*

Products: Gaida Trout – *Has some patches, decals, some t-shirts and a couple more calendars. If you know of someone who does patches, please give her the information. She has not been getting responses back from the ones she has contacted. Jim K. and herself are working on Dan's patch.*

Special Events: Rick Van Horn – *Sign-up sheets for Grounded Hogs were passed around. Do not tape anything to the hall walls. Any tape on any wall forfeits our entire \$500 damage deposit. He has tickets available, and monies received from sales need to be turned in to him. He wants everyone to think about a spring ride, so he can start getting that organized. He needs to reserve the ABATE U hospitality room if the chapter wants to do that, so the question was asked and agreed upon. During discussion of supplies needed for the room, Todd R. raised a Point of Order that a motion needs to be raised, discussed and put to a vote regarding spending chapter funds for the room reservation first.*

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| • Motion to reserve the ABATE U Hospitality Room for 2 nights- Mike J. | 2nd | Deb K. | Motion passed. |
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Smoker stated that he has enough utensils, napkins, power strips, and condiments, but needs plates and bowls. Tim made a \$40 donation to buy some. Gaida has Grounded Hogs t-shirts ready to be made, and passed around an order form. She will have a few extras made also. Rick needs silent auction items, which should be brought to the next meeting, or you can contact him and arrange for drop-off or pick-up.

Training and Education: Sherry Edgett – *Sherry was not present, but the question was raised as to if we had dates set for the training classes. Minutes from the December meeting confirmed that May 21 was requested for the Advanced, and May 22 for the Experienced.*

Public Relations: Mitch Backlund- *Smoker relayed via an email from Mitch to remind everyone of Bowling for Kids on Jan 16th at McPetes in Big Lake at 2:00pm. Bowlers listed are Mike and Sherry Edgett, Dave T., Cyndi B., Scott T., Chad and Angie from Sand Dunes Chapter and Mitch B. Contact Mitch if you would like to bowl. For those who are not bowling, please sponsor someone who is, and come cheer us on.*

Buddy Bears: Myra Van Horn – *Myra asked a question regarding having no money in our gambling fund to pay for Buddy Bears. We won't have the money until after ABATE U from the raffle tickets, so this is not a concern at this time. Contact Scott Trout if need ABATE U raffle tickets to sell.*

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| • Motion to accept the Committee reports - Karen M. | 2nd | Lee P. | Motion passed. |
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Other Reports, President:

MRF Report: Todd Riba- *Dawn reported that they had a board meeting this morning by phone with members from Wisconsin, Nevada, Alaska, Pennsylvania, Iowa, Louisiana, and Arkansas. They got through a lot of business. There is nothing earth shattering going on legislatively. The highway bill passed a while ago. They didn't get everything into the highway bill they would have liked to. The legislative agenda will be out in the next 80 days to show you what the MRF is working on. They will be doing Bikers in the Beltway again this year at the same hotel as this past year. If you are interested, plan on going to that in May. This year's Meeting of*

the Minds will be in Iowa, on September 22nd, which will be an easy ride for us to represent Minnesota. She also encouraged everyone to become a member.

Dial-A-Ride: Mike Edgett- via Smoker we will be getting our DAR care packages at the April BOD at ABATE U. Get some to distribute to the bars and encourage bikers to use it if they need to make the call and get themselves, as well as their bikes, home safely.

Government Relations/Legislative Report: Mack Backlund- Todd reminded everyone of Biker Day at the Capital on Feb 16th. Sign-up online if you are able to make it. This is the time we can actually go and meet our representatives at the Capital, and convince them to see things our way, and to make a difference. Busses will not be available this year.

MN Motorcycle Safety Task Force: Mike Berger- No Report

State Rally: Keith "Smoker" Efron- We are planning on having a State Rally. We will be getting together with our District Directors at the January BOD to start looking at bands for the Rally. Contact Smoker or John "Trashy" Smith if you know of a band you would like see at the Rally. All bands will be considered.

Drawing of the Name Mike Edgett- Dave Truax won a covid test kit, which Maureen O. supplied in Mikes absence. The company Maureen works for makes them.

Old Business:

Jim B. donated 2 Grounded Hogs tickets. Each will be attached to a Grounded Hogs poster for the chapter to give away at the January BOD.

Nikki Arne raised a Point of Order in regards to providing the funds to make Grounded Hogs t-shirts, that Gaida reported earlier.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion to spend \$150 from chapter general funds, to have Grounded Hogs t-shirts made- 	Nikki A.	2nd	Karen M.	Motion passed.
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Smoker informed everyone that the district hosting the ABATE U BOD typically provides the food for the hospitality room. Since we are in the Southwest District, Smoker asked for donations for food. Rick V. donated \$20, and Smoker matched his donation.

New Business:

Officer Nominations:

President	Scott Bitzer- Deferred to Feb meeting	Keith Efron- Accept
Vice President	Scott Bitzer- Deferred to Feb meeting	Scott Trout- Not Present
Treasurer	Maureen O'Hern- Accept	
Chapter Representative	Scott Trout- Not Present	
Secretary	Dale Morin- Accept	
Sargent @ Arms	Gaida Trout- Accept	Nikki Arne- Accept

Member of the Year Award – Smoker was unable acquire the plaque, so the award will be presented at next month's meeting to Nikki Arne

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

- Jan 14th-15th - BOD Wilmar MN
- Jan 16th - Bowling fundraiser for Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Central MN at McPetes in Big Lake @ 2:00pm
- Feb 5th - Chapter meeting, Rockford Township Hall, 3:00pm
- 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, Hollywood Roadhouse, New Germany 3:00pm
- April 2nd - Chapter meeting, Red Vest, Rockford 3:00pm

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion to adjourn - Lee P. 	2nd	Dave T.	Motion Passed
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Respectfully submitted by Dale Morin

Motions passed at the January 8th Meeting:

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- Motion to accept the Treasurer's report
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- Motion to adjourn

Treasurer's Report - January 2022

Month Ending December 31, 2021

Presented on January 8th, 2022 @ the Red Lodge, Waverly

Started December with: \$ 2,373.95

Income:

Memberships	\$ 50.00
Fundraisers	\$ 450.00
Fundraisers (Split 50% to State)	\$ (110.00)
Total:	\$ 390.00

Expenses:

Rent - Fundraisers	\$ 100.00
Printed Materials - Fundraiser	\$ 73.66

Total: \$ 173.66

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Petty Cash:	\$ 50.00
MRF Donation Fund:	\$ -
Chapter Gambling Fund	\$ -
Food Shelf Fund:	\$ 177.00
Toys for Tots Fund:	\$ 50.00
Total:	\$ 277.00

Spendable \$ 2,590.29