

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

Date: January 7th, 2023

Location: Red Vest, Rockford MN

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

Total numbers of members attending: 36

Guests: 0

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: Blythe B.

Mtg Start Time: 3:00pm

Mtg End Time: 4:10pm

Welcome to members and guests; President's Remarks; Vice-President's Remarks: *Smoker welcomed and thanked all for attending. He also extended well wishes to everyone dealing with the snow. There were no guests present, and Rick was not in attendance to make any remarks.*

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 -	Mitch B.	2nd	Jim K.	Motion passed.
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Treasurer's Report: Maureen O'Hern – [Report presented is the last page of this document.](#)

• Motion to accept the Treasurer's report -	Fred P.	2nd	Deb K.	Motion passed.
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Chapter Rep Report: Scott T. – *A couple of sister chapter party flyers were passed around. He still needs Bike, Business, Member and Veteran of the Month suggestions to take to the board. He has a couple of Grounded Hogs flyers, but not many. He is out of advance GH tickets, but there should be members that still have some, that you will have to ask around if you need any. He has been asked by a few to extend the Steven J Kreitlow Award statewide. The chapter as a whole feels it would lose its original, deeply personal inspirational intention, and is not in support of the suggestion.*

Committee Reports, Vice President:

Membership: Dale Morin – *State- Up 34, 830 Couples, 1406 Singles, Total 3066. South Central +6, Freedom First +5, Lake and River Valley tie +4. Lake-63 Couples, 101 Singles, Total 227. Dawn Reba asked if I could provide the list of expired members at the next meeting, which I will do. I emailed her a copy, which I can also do for anyone, any time they would like to review it and attempt to get some to renew. A copy of the Road Noise motorcycle crash and fatalities page was also passed around. Mitch asked if we were going to offer the advanced ticket price to people who show up at the Grounded Hogs party as an incentive to join, as we have done in the past. A motion to do so was made and passed.*

• Motion to offer advanced ticket prices to people who join at Grounded Hogs -	Fred P.	2nd	Jim K.	Motion passed.
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Products: Gaida Trout – *She did not have GH t-shirts available, due to her supplier selling his business. She contacted Christina from ABATE U, and found someone to make them. She will have them available at the party for \$20 each, but she only ordered a limited quantity, and they are going fast. Contact her to reserve one. Kari, State Products Manage, plans on being at the party, weather permitting. Gaida is out of Chapter Calendars, and one was sent out to Danny Caspers. She is being asked for them, so will be ordering more. She has 3 glasses left.*

Special Events: Rick Van Horn – *Grounded Hogs sign-up sheets were made up on the spot, and passed around. There are still open opportunities, especially food.*

Training and Education: Sherry Edgett – *Tentative dates were set as May 20th and 21st, and June 10th and 11th as a backup. Lake Chapter is paying the cost for these classes.*

Public Relations: Mitch Backlund- *She has Bowling for Kids sponsor sheets available. Even if you're not bowling, come support the event, and consider sponsoring someone who is.*

Buddy Bears: Jim Kosse/Cyndi Buttweiler – *The form has been sent out to the State*

• Motion to accept the Committee reports -	Deb K.	2nd	Fred P.	Motion passed.
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Other Reports, President:

MRF Report: Todd Riba- *MRF scored three big victories in Washington DC. The first being a Dear Colleague Letter sent to NHTSA, encouraging them to come up with some regulations requiring self-driving cars to recognize motorcycles. Comity Chair Representative Walberg (R) is responsible for sending this letter, so there is a good chance this will be brought up in his comity. Motorcycle Profiling HR366 was included in the Appropriations Bill. They are also going to require NHTSA to report back to congress on any activity that they participate in or support that may be related to Motorcyclist Profiling. They will continue to keep an eye on mandatory helmet regulation. They are also very concerned about the potential demise of the internal combustion motor.*

Dial-A-Ride: Scott Trout- *He is as always looking for more volunteers to be on call next season.*

Government Relations/Legislative Report: Mack Backlund- *Be at the Capitol at 8:30am on Feb 1st. Register online if you haven't already. Because they just got back into session Jan 3rd, there are not a lot of biker issues brought up yet. But they'll be there. Talking points should be available a couple of weeks before Feb 1st, which will also be passed out at the event. With the November elections, we have our work cut out for us. The Democrats have the majority in the Senate, House, and Governors office. One of the issues we're concerned about is the sales tax, which is much higher than it is for and older car.*

MN Motorcycle Safety Task Force: open – Meetings are every 3rd Thursday, every other month. Next one is Jan 19th.

State Rally: Keith “Smoker” Efron- Smoker encouraged everyone attend, get Sponsors, and to step up and work the Rally. The budget was set. They are working on entertainment, and will know more about who it will be at the March Rally Meeting at ABATE U. Mitch stated there are sponsorship forms in the Road Noise.

Drawing of the Name Karen May- Mike Edgett selected #5, winning Deb K. a Lake Products coupon, and Mike Edgett gave away a bottle wine to Todd Vail, whose number was picked by Jeanne T.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Congratulations and thanks went out to Gaida Trout, recipient of this year’s Member Of The Year award.

Smoker was contacted by the State asking if we were going to continue Saint Bonifacius ditch pickup, now that Berger’s will no longer be involved in dealing with it. The Chapter decided they wanted to continue this. Mitch suggested Lee P. assume the responsibility, and he accepted the role.

• Motion to pay for a 1 room, 2 night reservation for an ABATE U hospitality room -	Deb K.	2nd	Mitch B.	Motion passed.
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Road Noise Ads for Riders Training Courses have been tabled until Mitch can secure specific dates.

Officer Nominations:

	January Nominations
President	April Murch – Accept Scott Bitzer – Accepted as relayed to Scott T.
Vice-President	Rick Van Horn – Accepted as relayed to Smoker Lee Plante – Decline Mike Jencks – Deferred
Chapter Representative	Scott Trout - Accept
Treasurer	Dale Morin – Accept
Secretary	Maureen O’Hern – Accept
Sargent At Arms	Mike Jencks – Accept Dean Webb – Accept Blythe Bucher – Accept Gaida Trout – Accept Nikki Arne – Accept Chris Paumen – Decline Tammy Webb – Decline April Murch – Accept and Deferred

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

- Jan 15th - Bowling For Kids, McPete’s, Big Lake MN, 12:00-2:00pm
- Feb 1st - Bikerday at the State Capitol
- Feb 4th - Chapter meeting, Rockford Township Hall, Buffalo MN, 3:00pm
- Feb 4th - Grounded Hogs fundraiser, Rockford Township Hall, Buffalo MN, 6:00pm

Open Discussion:

Stricken from record and/or publication

• Motion to adjourn -	Mitch B.	2nd	Fred P.	Motion Passed
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Treasurer's Report - December 2022		
For the Month Ending December 31st, 2022		
Presented at the Jan 7th, 2023 Meeting: Red Vest in Rockford, MN, 3:00 pm		
Started December with		\$ 1,749.78
Income:		
	Memberships	\$ 66.00
	Products	\$ 97.00
	Fundraiser	\$ 30.00
	Toys for Tots Donation	\$ 500.00
	Grounded Hogs ticket sales	\$ 100.00
	Total:	\$ 793.00
Expenses:		
	Biker Day at the Capital Contribution	\$ 500.00
	Toys for Tots Donation	\$ 500.00
	Total:	\$ 1,000.00
December Ending Balance		\$ 1,542.78
Earmarks		
	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 Rental (remaining balance)	\$ 700.00
	Reimburse Chapter Rep Hotel Rm @ BOD (1 left of 3 per year)	\$ -
	Total	\$ 1,670.00
Petty Cash:		\$ 50.00
MRF Donation Fund:		\$ -
Chapter Gambling Fund:	* Buddy Bear Purchase earmark \$500	\$ 1,267.81
Food Shelf Fund:		\$ -
Toys for Tots Fund:		\$ -
Grand Total:		\$ 2,860.59
	<i>spendable</i>	\$ (127.22)

Respectfully submitted by Dale Morin

Motions passed at the Jan 7th Meeting:

- Motion to accept the Minutes as written
- Motion to accept the Treasurer's report
- Motion to offer the advanced ticket price to people who join at Grounded Hogs
- Motion to accept the Committee reports
- Motion to pay for a 1 room, 2 night reservation for an ABATE U hospitality room
- Motion to adjourn