

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

Date: March 5, 2022

Location: American Legion, Delano MN

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	—
Secretary:	Dale Morin	X			—

Total numbers of members attending: 30 **Guests:** 0
Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: Gaida T. **Mtg Start Time:** 3:15pm **Mtg End Time:** 4:35pm

Welcome to members and guests; President's Remarks; Vice-President's Remarks: Smoker welcomed and thanked everyone. There were no new members or guests in attendance. Scott also thanked everyone. In preparation for the chapter voting, election judges were selected, memberships were verified, and ballots were distributed. Nominees were each given 5 minutes to introduce themselves, and speak. Ballots were completed, and given to the judges; the results to be revealed in New Business.

Officer Reports:

Secretary's report: Dale Morin

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| • Motion to accept the minutes as written - | Jim B. | 2nd | Lee P. | Motion passed. |
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Treasurer's Report: Christina Lincoln – February Start: \$2703.53, Spendable: \$4743.59. Copy of the treasurer's report was not provided. Contact the Chapter Treasurer for a detailed report. Smoker thanked Christina for her service as Treasurer

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| • Motion to accept the Treasurer's report - | Mike J. | 2nd | Mike E. | Motion passed. |
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Chapter Rep Report: Scott T. – Trashy is doing his Passport Run books again. The chapter needs to determine how many we need by March 15 so Scott can order them. They are \$20 apiece. He had Rally sponsorship forms available as well as ABATE U raffle tickets. Run and event information was passed around, and the support of other chapters was encouraged. Scott and Gaida visited Danny Casper, and gave him a chapter calendar, a Dan Arne patch, and a Grounded Hogs t-shirt. Scott found out that Danny has not received a Road Noise in the past year, and his membership seems to have expired. A motion was passed at the March 2021 meeting, to pay for a 5 year membership for him, and we are working to resolve the issue. Gaida provided him with the missed issues, which she had saved. Danny was very excited to see his picture in the calendar.

Committee Reports, Vice President:

Membership: Scott Bitzer – There was a total of 18 memberships at the Grounded Hogs. Scott had one membership in possession, and Smoker provided 3 more, for a chapter total of 194. That is the only numbers he had available. He has trifolds available, and encouraged all to sign up members.

Products: Gaida Trout – She has 1 men's XL Grounded Hogs t-shirt and three calendars left. The profit from GH t-shirts was \$200. She and Scott decided they would donate the cost to have Dan's patches made. If you would like to donate toward the patches, the donation will go to True Friends (Camp Courage, Camp Courage North, Camp Friendship, and Edenwood), in Dan's name.

Special Events: Rick Van Horn – Thank you to everyone who came to the Grounded Hogs party, and special thanks to all who helped. The Spring Run will be May 14th, leaving from the SOS Clubhouse, Cokato. See him for tickets.

Training and Education: Sherry Edgett – She has sign-up sheets available for the rider training classes. The schedule is May 14th for the Intermediate. The cost is \$300, and regardless of if two people go, or 10, that cost is split between students. Advanced is May 22nd, and the cost is \$500, split likewise. The location for both is Brooklyn Park North Hennepin campus. In order to promote these classes, in attempt to fill them, the following motion was passed. Sherry is going to see if there is a better option for the May 14th Intermediate class, in order to avoid the date conflict with the Spring Run.

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| • Motion to place a ¼ page ad in the RN to promote the rider training classes - | Lee P. | 2nd | Karen M. | Motion passed. |
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Public Relations: Mitch Backlund- No Report

Buddy Bears: Myra Van Horn – Via Rick, the chapter needs to decide where we want to distribute the 30 bears we ordered.

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

MRF Report: Todd Riba- Federal level NHTSA 2021 crash reports revealed a troubling 11% increase amongst motorcyclists (highest number since first data collection in 1975), and out of all traffic fatalities, motorcyclists account for 14%. MRF is keeping a close eye on this, as it will certainly be used against us. They have at least 4 going to Bikers Inside the Beltway in Washington DC in mid-May. Heartland Steam is somewhere in Illinois, April 1st. Meeting of the Minds is in Des Moines, Iowa, in September. Dawn brought the House Resolution 366 Anti-Profling bill Call to Action to everyone's attention. If you have not responded to that Call to Action, please do so. There are a few representatives who have not signed on to that bill. It was passed in the Senate a few years ago, but has not been passed in the House. The last time it was in the House, we had over 200 co-sponsors. Right now we have around 70, of maybe 1 from Minnesota. Please check it out.

Dial-A-Ride: Mike Edgett- Minnesota Dial-A-Ride starts the last weekend of April, and runs through the last weekend in October. Contact him with questions. He would like someone to take over as the DAR Lake Chapter Representative. The role of the Rep is to provide the chapter with information and updates at the meetings; provide DAR materials each spring, to members who distribute them to their favorite establishments; and gather names of members willing to do pickups. Scott Trout has volunteered to accept this role.

Government Relations/Legislative Report: Mack Backlund- via Todd R.- there is a bill that would make uninsured-underinsured motorcycle coverage mandatory. If this were to pass, it would make insurance for younger riders, very expensive. A no-fault requirement would likely follow, again significantly increasing the cost of motorcycle insurance.

MN Motorcycle Safety Task Force: Mike Berger- *No Report*

State Rally: Keith "Smoker" Efron- *He has sponsorship forms available. He is waiting to hear back from one band. Thank you Lake Chapter for your phenomenal job of going out and getting sponsors. Day and Weekend pass prices have increased.*

Drawing of the Name Mike Edgett- *Dale M. drew Genes name from the hat. Karen M. volunteered to take this role, as both Mike and Sherry would like to step down.*

Old Business:

New Business:

• Motion to hold the 2023 Grounded Hogs party at Rockford Township Hall -	<i>Karen M.</i>	2nd	<i>Lee P.</i>	Motion passed.
• Motion to spend up to \$200 on food for the hospitality room -	<i>Karen M.</i>	2nd	<i>Gene</i>	Motion passed.
• Motion to spend \$250 on the ABATE U Chapter Challenge -	<i>Dawn R.</i>	2nd	<i>Mike E.</i>	Motion passed.

Gaida works for WCCA food shelf, and raised awareness to March being Minnesota Food Share month. She shared information available for those interested in donating. April M. motioned to donate \$250 to the WCCA food shelf. Buzz P. asked if she would adjust her motion to pass a hat, and add the offering to our food shelf fund balance of \$177, to which she agreed. The offerings were \$195, for a total donation of \$372 as of the end of the meeting.

• Motion to donate \$177 from our food shelf fund, and pass-the-hat gratuity to the WCCA Food Shelf -	<i>April M.</i>	2nd	<i>Todd R.</i>	Motion passed.
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Officer Election Results:

President	<i>Keith Efron</i>
Vice President	<i>Rick Van Horn</i>
Treasurer	<i>Maureen O'Hern</i>
Chapter Representative	<i>Scott Trout</i>
Secretary	<i>Dale Morin</i>

Sargent @ Arms	<i>Gaida Trout</i>
	<i>Nikki Arne</i>
	<i>April Murch</i>
	<i>Karen May</i>
	<i>Blythe Bucher</i>
	<i>Mike Jencks</i>

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

- April 2nd - Chapter meeting, Red Vest, Rockford 3:00pm*
- April 22nd - 24th - A.B.A.T.E. U, Holiday Inn, Alexandria MN*
- May 1st - Ditch Pickup 11am. Meet at the St. Bonifacius City Hall, Community Room parking lot*
- May 1st - Chapter meeting, St. Bonifacius Missile Park, 1pm*
- May 7th - Sand Dunes Spring Ride, KJ's, Orrock, KSU 10:30am*
- May 7th - Carver Motorcycle Ride, Dog House Bar, Carver MN, Registration@10:30am, KSU@12:00pm*
- May 14th - Lake Chapter Spring Run, SOS Club House, Cokato MN*
- May 14th - Lake Chapter Intermediate Motorcycle training (tentative)*
- May 22nd - Lake Chapter Advanced Motorcycle training*
- June 11th - Chapter meeting, Dave & Becky's home, Big Stone City SD, 3pm*
- July 9th - Chapter meeting, Smokers Place, Breezy Point, 3pm*

• Motion to adjourn -	<i>Mike J.</i>	2nd	<i>Dean W.</i>	Motion Passed
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Respectfully submitted by Dale Morin

Motions passed at the March 5th Meeting:

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- Motion to donate \$177 from our food shelf fund, and pass-the-hat gratuity (\$195) to the WCCA Food Shelf (\$372 total)
- Motion to adjourn