

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

Date: March 4th, 2023

Location: Red Lodge, Waverly 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>X</u>
Secretary:	Dale Morin	<u>X</u>		April Murch	<u>X</u>
				Mike Jencks	<u>X</u>

Total numbers of members attending: 29

Guests: 0

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: Mike J.

Mtg Start Time: 3:05pm

Mtg End Time: 4:20pm

Welcome to members and guests; President's Remarks; Vice-President's Remarks: *Smoker thanked everyone for attending. He also thanked everyone for showing up at the Grounded Hogs party, everyone to stepped up to help, and those who donated items for the auctions. Former member Randy Deters who recently re-joined introduced himself, and was welcomed back.*

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 -	Karen M.	2nd	Mike E.	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 -	Michael S.	2nd	Karen M.	Motion passed.
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Chapter Rep Report: Scott T. – *A couple of sister chapter event flyers with a couple of tickets attached were passed around. He needs someone to sit in at the April 15th BOD meeting for him, as he has to be present at his workplace for inventory. Mike J. offered to sit in for him, and let Gaida ride along. Scott plans on arriving there Saturday.*

Committee Reports, Vice President:

Smoker had ballots distributed at this time, and election judges were appointed. *Nominees were given time to speak. Voting took place, and ballots were collected and given to the judges.*

Membership: Dale Morin – *Lake Singles=95, Couples=67 Total=229 (Change Unknown). There were 2 new couples, 4 single renewals, 8 couple renewals, and 2 unknown if they were singles or couples for Lake, 1 single renewal for Central, and 1 new single for Sand Dunes at the Grounded Hogs party.*

Products: Gaida Trout – *Thanked everyone for buying products at the Grounded Hogs party. \$750 in products was made just at the party. She was glad the Fun Bags went over so well, and has more plans for next year. Lee requested more "If found, return to Lake Chapter" t-shirts be made, to which Gaida will do.*

Special Events: open – *via Smoker there will be a spring run, but help is needed getting it set up.*

Training and Education: Sherry Edgett – *Sign-ups are now available. Todd R. motioned under new business that those signing up for classes pay a \$30 deposit, which they would get back when they show up. If they don't show, it would go to the Chapter.*

• Motion to require a \$30 deposit, refundable upon attendance, for the Training Classes -	Todd R.	2nd	Scott B.	Motion passed.
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Public Relations: Mitch Backlund- *No Report*

Buddy Bears: Jim Kosse/Cyndi Buttweiler – *via Smoker, Buddy Bears will be delivered to our chapter rep at ABATE U BOD.*

• Motion to accept the Committee reports -	Scott B.	2nd	Patrick G.	Motion passed.
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Other Reports, President:

MRF Report: Todd Riba- *via Dawn, as the MRF has been traveling, familiarizing themselves about what is happening around the country, they are finding many don't know the differences in lobbying at the national level and lobbying at the state level. She encouraged everyone to become members (\$35), and help in the fight to protect our rights at the national level, as our rights are dwindling away. It is just as important to be a MRF member as it is to be an ABATE member. Heartland Steam is a MRF fundraiser that is put on by members of motorcycle rights groups from South Dakota, North Dakota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Nebraska, Minnesota and Iowa. If you would like to attend this year's conference in North Dakota, contact Todd or Dawn.*

Dial-A-Ride: Scott Trout- *He has cards available to hand out, and will be getting more packets at ABATE U to bring back for distribution. They are still working on setting up a meeting with Sheriff Deringer.*

Government Relations/Legislative Report: Mack Backlund- *via James B. – Read a text he received from Representative Harder as follows- "Harder and Gillman introduced: H. F. No. 2365, A bill for an act relating to taxes; motor vehicle sales tax; expanding the in lieu tax imposed on older passenger automobiles and collector vehicles to motorcycles; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 297B.02, subdivisions 2, 3; 297B.025. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Taxes."*

MN Motorcycle Safety Task Force: open – *No Report*

State Rally: Keith "Smoker" Efron- *He will likely know more next month regarding the Rally Raffle. He is waiting on one contract from a band, and all the bands will be signed. You will find out about them when we pick up the posters at ABATE U. He again thanked Lake Chapter for working so hard over the years to get sponsors. Hopefully everyone is out getting sponsors again.*

Drawing of the Name: Karen May- *Randy Deters was selected to choose a number, of which he picked 13. Winning himself a Lake Chapter products coupon.*

Old Business:

ABATE U Chapter Challenge discussion (past \$250-\$501)

• Motion to spend \$300 on the ABATE U Chapter Challenge -	Mike J.	2nd	Karen M.	Motion passed.
Spring Run Road Noise ad discussion-The run is on June 17 th . Leaves from the Red Lodge, with 3 stops in between, ending at the Trout home.				
• Motion to place ½ page Spring Run ad in the May Road Noise -	Dawn R.	2nd	Gaida T.	Motion passed.
State Rally Sponsorship discussion (past Silver or Gold)	Tabled until Grounded Hogs report is in.			

New Business:

Start planning the 2024 Grounded Hogs party

• Motion to hold the 2024 Grounded Hogs party at Rockford Township Hall on Feb 3 rd -	Jim K.	2nd	Buzz P.	Motion passed.
Plans for paying for food for the ABATE U hospitality room, Friday will be pot luck				
• Motion to spend up to \$300 on food for the hospitality room on Saturday-	April M.	2nd	Chris K.	Motion passed.

Gaida received the Historian items, and the first State Rally poster previously requested was found within the Lake Chapter segment. It seems apparent that Lake Chapter has contributed the most content to ABATE history records, as Lake is the only chapter with 2 folders worth of content. She also stated that the Wright County Food Shelf & Thrift Shop not only accepts food donations, but also money and clothing. All the money is used to buy food. She encourages everyone to bring any of these items to the meetings for her. The hat was passed on the suggestion of Smoker, which yielded a \$141 donation.

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

- Mar 11th- Rolling Prairie Chili Feed, VFW, St. James MN, 5:00-8:00pm
- Mar 18th- SOS Pool Tournament and Party, Meet at the Delano Legion @ 2:00pm
- Mar 23rd- Young Riders Meeting, Zoom, 6:00pm - Contact Frank Ernst for Info
- Mar 25th-26th- Donnie Smith Bike Show, Saint Paul RiverCentre, 25th 9:00am - 7:00pm, 26th 10:00am - 5:00pm
- April 1st- Northeast Chapter Bunwarmer, River Inn, Scanton MN, 6:00 pm
- April 1st- Chapter Meeting, SOS Clubhouse, Cokato MN, 3:00pm
- April 14th-16th- ABATE U., Holiday Inn, Alexandria MN
- April 21st - 22nd- Heartland STEAM, Bismarck ND
- May 15th-16th- Bikers Inside the Beltway, Washington DC
- June 10th & 11th- Intermediate and Advanced Training Courses

Officer Election Results

President	April Murch
Vice-President	Todd Riba
Chapter Representative	Scott Trout
Treasurer	Dale Morin
Secretary	Maureen O’Hern
Sargent at Arms	Nikki Arne, James Bengtson, Blythe Bucher, Mike Jencks, Gaida Trout, Dean Webb

Smoker – I want to congratulate the incoming officers. I want to congratulate the outgoing officers. I want to thank everybody. It has been an honor and a privilege to be Lake Chapters President. I’ve appreciated all the help I’ve gotten over the years from so many people. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

• Motion to adjourn -	Scott B.	2nd	Mitch B.	Motion Passed
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Treasurer's Report - February 2023
For the Month Ending Feb 28th, 2023

Presented on March 4th, 2023 at the Red Lodge Grille, Waverly, MN

Started February with	\$	568.91
Income:		
Memberships - Jan report	\$	45.00
Memberships - Feb report	\$	51.00
Products - Jan report	\$	38.00
Total:	\$	134.00
Expenses:		
Website Expense	\$	12.00
Gifts & Prizes - Programs	\$	69.79
Total:	\$	81.79
February Ending Balance	\$	621.12
Earmarks:		
Intermediate & Advanced Rider Courses - 2023	\$	800.00
2 - 1/4 page ads promoting the 2023 MC training courses	\$	70.00
MRF Sustaining Membership	\$	100.00
Reimburse Chapter Rep Hotel Rm @ BOD (1 left of 3 per year)	\$	154.13
Chapter Rep mileage 144 miles	\$	-
Total	\$	1,124.13
Petty Cash:	\$	200.00
MRF Donation Fund:	\$	-
Chapter Gambling Fund:	\$	1,267.81
Food Shelf Fund:	\$	-
Toys for Tots Fund:	\$	-
Grand Total:	\$	2,088.93

spendable \$ (503.01)

Grounded Hogs Fundraiser Report	
Income	
Ticket Sales	\$ 2,705.00
Products	\$ 900.00
Food/Bar Tips	\$ 764.55
Silent Auction	\$ 1,163.00
Live Auction	\$ 1,375.00
Misc Donation	\$ 5.00
Total	\$ 6,912.55
Expenses	
Advertising	\$ 87.50
Prizes	\$ -
Tickets	\$ 42.02
Band	\$ 800.00
Postage	\$ -
Food / Beverages	\$ 331.01
Products	\$ 598.20
Rockford Township Hall	\$ 700.00
Ins/ Liq Lic	\$ 200.00
Blank Auction Forms	\$ 126.06
Total	\$ 2,884.79
Adjusted Total	\$ 4,027.76
Profit	\$ 2,013.88
Split with state	\$ 2,013.88

Memberships			
Type	Lake	Central	Sand Dunes
New Singles			1
New Couples	2		
Renew Singles	4	1	
Renew Couples	8		
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Advanced Tickets	Count	Total
Rick & Myra	39	\$ 390.00
Karen	14	\$ 140.00
Mitch	10	\$ 100.00
Jim K.	44	\$ 440.00

\$ 2,013.88
\$ 503.01
\$ 1,510.87

Respectfully submitted by Dale Morin

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