

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

**Date:** May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022

**Location:** Grumpy's, St. Bonifacius, MN

<b>President:</b>	Keith "Smoker" Efron	X	<b>Sergeant at Arms:</b>	Blythe Bucher	X
<b>Vice President:</b>	Rick VanHorn	X		Nikki Arne	_____
<b>Chapter Rep:</b>	Scott Trout	X		Gaida Trout	_____
<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:** 21

**Guests:** 0

**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:** Blythe B.

**Mtg Start Time:** 1:05pm

**Mtg End Time:** 2:15pm

**Welcome to members and guests; President's Remarks; Vice-President's Remarks:** Smoker welcomed everybody, and thanked all for attending. Thank you to those who did the ditch pickup before the meeting. Thanks to everyone who came out to ABATE U, and those who helped out with the hospitality room, as well as those who provided food. Rick also welcomed and thanked everyone. Smoker thanked Rick for leading the April meeting. There were no guests in attendance.

### 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 - Buzz P. | 2nd | Mike E | Motion passed. |
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**Treasurer's Report:** Maureen O'Hern – [The report presented is the last page of this document.](#)

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| • Motion to accept the Treasurer's report - Karen M. | 2nd | Dean W. | Motion passed. |
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**Chapter Rep Report:** Scott T. – ABATE U had a very good turnout. The hospitality room was excellent. Thank you Smoker. Passport books are available for \$20 each. \$10 goes to the chapter, \$10 to the state. Event flyers from other chapters were passed around. He has rally fliers, as well as the advance tickets. He also has Spring Run tickets. He also communicated Mike Jencks willingness to offer his home for us to socialize after the memorial run. Smoker passed around the state budget and numbers.

### Committee Reports, Vice President:

**Membership:** Dale Morin – Membership numbers posted in the Road Noise were provided. Membership is up 3, totaling 3398. 1568 as singles and 1830 as couples. The chapters with the largest increases are Lake with 9, South Central with 8 and River Valley with 7. Rick presented a membership opportunity whereas ABATE of MN could sponsor the upcoming 2022 Lucas Oil AMA Pro Motocross Championship Series taking place July 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> at Spring Creek in Millville. This would give us the opportunity to display signage and set up a table, as well as receive 4 to 6 tickets. A motion was made to buy a \$1000 sponsorship on behalf of ABATE of MN.

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| • Motion to pay \$1000 to sponsor the 2022 Lucas Oil AMA Pro Motocross Championship Series on behalf of ABATE of MN -- | Todd R. | 2nd | Karen M. | Motion passed. |
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**Products:** Gaida Trout – via Scott- We have 10 Dan Arne patches left. \$355 has been raised so far to donate to True Friends in Dan's name. Gaida would like feedback on what products most interest the chapter, because many items don't move. Rick suggested we use some of the memorial patches to make a banner we can display at events, and Karen suggested binder folders with Lake Chapter's logo on the cover.

**Special Events:** Rick VanHorn – Scott B. and himself went on a Spring Run pre-run Saturday, and thinks it's going to be a good ride. We will also be supporting South Central's Spring Fling on our first stop of the run. The last stop is still being determined. Maple Lake and Silver Creek are being considered.

**Training and Education:** Sherry Edgett – via Mike-Thank you to the chapter for paying for the rider classes. There are 8 people signed up for each class. The contract has been signed. Contact Sherry if you would be interested in filling the remaining 2 spots in each class. Those who have signed up will receive a reminder email, the Wednesday before the class. Thank you everyone for your interest and participation.

**Public Relations:** Mitch Backlund- No Report

**Buddy Bears:** Myra VanHorn – She has 30 Buddy Bears and asked if we knew who we would like to distribute them to. Lee talked with St. Boni Fire and they would like more. April suggested Monticello Rivers of Hope.

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| • Motion to donate 10 Buddy Bears to St. Boni Fire and Rescue, and 20 to Rivers of Hope in Monticello- | April M. | 2nd | Blythe B. | Motion passed. |
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| • Motion to accept the Committee reports - Dean W. | 2nd | Jim K. | Motion passed. |
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**Other Reports, President:**

**MRF Report:** Todd Riba- *Todd reported for both MRF and Legislative Report. Both are closely watching HF 2250/SF 1086, SF 214, and HF 3520/SF 3873. The MRF got Michelle Fischbach to sign on to SF 9 Motorcycle profiling, and are working to get Dean Phillips onboard. ABATE of Minnesota wrote their own May is motorcycle awareness month proclamation, being our governor remains less than cooperative with us. ABATE is asking you to encourage your city and county boards to proclaim May as Motorcycle Awareness Month. Contact Todd for copies of the relevant documents.*

**At The Capitol** (copied from May 2022 Road noise)

We are watching a number of different bills this year:

- ◆ HF895/SF 1428 Underinsured and uninsured motorist coverage required for motorcycles.
- ◆ HF 1588/SF 358 Older motorcycle flat amount imposed in lieu of sales tax.
- ◆ HF 2250/SF 1086 All-electric vehicles surcharge modification; plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, electric motorcycles, and plug-in hybrid electric motorcycles surcharge authorization; electric motorcycles definition; surcharge rate adjustment requirement
- ◆ HF 3520/SF 3873 Biofuel standard minimum modified, technical changes made, reports required, and exemptions established.
- ◆ HF 4164/SF 3582 Driver's license expiration date extended to every eight years.
- ◆ HF 4242/ SF 3996 Speed safety camera pilot program, petty misdemeanor penalty imposed, reports required, and money appropriated.
- ◆ SF 9 Motorcycle profiling
- ◆ SF 214 Motor vehicle automated driving systems use prohibition
- ◆ SF 944 Gasoline minimum biofuel content increase; fuel retailers blends offering requirement; dates modifications

**Dial-A-Ride:** Scott Trout- *DAR started this weekend. He has DAR bags that have the cards and posters to distribute. He has 25 bags right now, and is waiting for business cards to complete the rest, which he will bring to the next meeting. He also has a list for volunteer sign up. If you could volunteer for even just one weekend, it would be great. Smoker asked for anyone who has distributed DAR products in the past, to please continue to do so, and if anyone can sign up as a volunteer, that would be great too.*

**Government Relations/Legislative Report:** Mack Backlund- (combined with MRF Report above)

**MN Motorcycle Safety Task Force:** Mike Berger- *via Smoker- Last month's report, I wrote that we were on the cusp of meeting the new leader of the task force, and now that has happened. Unfortunately we were unable to meet in person as the meeting was held via Microsoft Teams. Jay Bock has all the necessary qualifications to make a successful head of the taskforce, but there's a big learning curve. If you can, try to imagine being a chapter president and attempting to run your first meeting without ever meeting any of the chapter members. He was a bit overwhelmed in Mike's opinion. It's understandable. It's also Mike's opinion that our responsibility as task force members is to help guide him in his new endeavor to get the task force where it needs to be. As of this moment, we have not received any motorcycle crash statistics or fatality reports. Hopefully that means one of two things. Either there are no motorcycles out on the road, or the task members are not receiving the information we got used to getting every couple of weeks. Let's try and figure that one out. During the meeting, we discussed motorcycle awareness and training, advertisement buys, and the timing of their rollouts. We received an update on motorcycle training and curriculum. The training coaches are on pace with teaching the E5 course, the BRC to the rider coaches, the rollout of the new BRC course curriculum is currently on schedule. We also received an update from driver vehicle services. There has been an uptick in motorcycle permits being issued. This most likely can be attributed to the widespread financial burden at the gas pumps. I am happy to report that all DVS testing sites are now open through the pandemic. Many of them were closed, which made it more of a burden for those trying to take motorcycle permit tests and road tests. Also, it is no longer required to make an appointment to take the motorcycle knowledge test. The next task force meeting will be Thursday, May 19th between 5:00 and 7:00 pm., with the location to be determined. We usually have a rider training event in the afternoon prior to the main meeting, but that remains to be seen. I encourage all of you to take a rider's training course and get your skills sharp for the riding season that is now upon us. Please remember cage vehicles operators have not had to look for motorcycles in months, so remember to keep a vigilant eye open.*

**State Rally:** Keith "Smoker" Efron- *We are having a state rally. Again I want to thank Lake Chapter for stepping up and sponsoring the rally. We had posters. Unfortunately, they didn't get here for this meeting, but they will be here for next meeting. Let people know about the rally. It's a it's a great, fun event. Labor Day weekend in Litchfield at the Meeker County Fairgrounds. We've got some great entertainment lined up this year. Expanded bike games; there will be bike games going on Saturday as well as Sunday. Otherwise, pretty much everything's the same. There was an increase. So it is now \$50 to get in and \$50 for a non-motorcycle towed vehicle.*

**Drawing of the Name** Karen May- April M. picked Mike E.

**Old Business:**

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| • Motion to pay for the ½ page Spring Run ad placed in the Road Noise - | Dean W. | 2nd | Mike J. | Motion passed. |
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**New Business:**

- SJK award flag request (flown on 8/6) – April M.
- SJK award flag box request – Mike J.
- April would like to recognize member birthdays with card mailings. After discussion, it was decided to table the suggestion till next meeting.

**Upcoming Meetings/Events:**

- May 7<sup>th</sup> - Sand Dunes Spring Ride, KJ's, Orrock, KSU 10:30am*
- May 7<sup>th</sup> - Carver Motorcycle Ride, Dog House Bar, Carver MN, Registration@10:30am, KSU@12:00pm*
- May 14<sup>th</sup> - Lake Chapter Spring Run, SOS Club House, Cokato MN*
- May 14<sup>th</sup> - Lake Chapter Intermediate Motorcycle training*
- May 15<sup>th</sup> - CMA Bike Blessing at Buffalo EFC, Service @ 9:30, Blessing @ 11:15, Lunch, and Ride(destination ice cream)*
- May 17<sup>th</sup> - Bikers Inside the Beltway*
- May 21<sup>st</sup> - Granite City Chapter of B.A.C.A Bikers Against Child Abuse run, Stoney's Bar, Rockville MN*
- May 22<sup>nd</sup> - Lake Chapter Advanced Motorcycle training*
- May 28<sup>th</sup> - Lake Chapter Memorial Run, Leaves Hopkins Legion at 9:00am to Fort Snelling, Hopkins Legion 12:00pm to Local cemeteries.*
- May 29<sup>th</sup> - MetroMorial Day fundraiser, Route 47 Pub and Grub, Fridely, 12:00 – 6:00 pm*
- June 11<sup>th</sup> - Chapter meeting, Dave & Becky's home, Big Stone City SD, 3pm*
- July 9<sup>th</sup> - Chapter meeting, Smokers Place, Breezy Point, 3pm*

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

**Motions passed at the May 1st Meeting:**

- Motion to accept the minutes as written
- Motion to accept the Treasurer's report
- Motion to pay \$1000 to sponsor the 2022 Lucas Oil AMA Pro Motocross Championship Series
- Motion to donate 10 Buddy Bears to St. Boni Fire and Rescue, and 20 to Monticello Rivers of Hope
- Motion to accept the Committee reports
- Motion to pay for the ½ page Spring Run ad placed in the Road Noise
- Motion to adjourn

<b>Treasurer's Report - April 2022</b>		
	For the Month Ending April 30th, 2022	
	Presented on May 1st, at Missile Park in St. Boni, 1:00 pm	
Started April with		<b>\$ 4,584.42</b>
<b>Income:</b>		
	March Product Sales (Gaida)	\$ 61.00
	March Product Sales (Mitch's report)	\$ 476.00
	Membership	\$ 97.00
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 634.00</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
	Rent	\$ 50.00
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 50.00</b>
April Ending Balance		<b>\$ 5,168.42</b>
<b>Earmarks</b>		
	Intermediate & Advanced Rider courses	\$ 800.00
	Chapter Products	\$ 100.00
	1/2 page ad in the RN for Lake Chapter Spring Run	\$ 45.50
	1/4 page ad in the RN to promote the rider training classes	\$ 35.00
	ABATE U Hospitality Room (TBD)	\$ -
	Reimburse Chapter Rep Hotel Rm @ BOD (2 of 3 per year)	\$ -
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 980.50</b>
Petty Cash		<b>\$ 50.00</b>
MRF Donation Fund		\$ -
Chapter Gambling Fund		\$ -
Food Shelf Fund		\$ -
Toys for Tots Fund		\$ -
<b>Grand Total:</b>		<b>\$ 5,218.42</b>
	Spendable	\$ 4,187.92