

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

Date: November 6, 2021

Location: Delano Lanes, Delano, MN

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

Total numbers of members attending: 18 **Guests:** 4
Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: Gaida T **Mtg Start Time:** 3:00pm **Mtg End Time:** 4:06pm

Welcome to members and guests; President's Remarks; Vice-President's Remarks: *Smoker welcomed everyone and introduced guests, then thanked all for attending. Scott B. also thanked everyone for coming.*

Officer Reports:

Secretary's report: Dale Morin

- Motion to accept the minutes as written - Mitch B. 2nd Fred P. Motion Passed

Treasurer's Report: Christina Lincoln – [See included Treasurers Report](#)

- Motion to accept the Treasurer's report - Dean W. 2nd Deb K. Motion Passed

Chapter Rep Report: Scott T. – *After welcoming everyone, Scott thanked Mitch and Mack for bringing him the things he needed from the B.O.D. that he was unable to attend. Metro chapter has State Rally calendars available for \$20. He has an order form if anyone would like to request one. South Central chapter has a Toys for Kids event at Litchfield Eagles Club on Nov 27th, and anyone interested is encouraged to attend. Scott had 2 gifts for helping at the Rally. One was an oversized shirt for him that he ended up giving to Sand Dunes chapter via Chad M., for a member that is making a quilt to offer as an auction item. Scott B. received a choker.*

Committee Reports, Vice President:

Membership: Scott Bitzer – *Did not have current numbers, but considering the upcoming holiday season, encouraged all that signing others up makes for a great gift.*

Products: Nikki Arne – *Nikki needs someone to take over Products. She may decide to stay involved, but wants someone to accept the position. She will provide the contacts Dan had, and Mitch also has relevant info to supply.*

Special Events: Rick Van Horn – *Everett Smithson will be playing at the Grounded Hogs party. Myra needs silent and live auction items. Myra and Mitch both have advanced tickets available to distribute for sale.*

- Motion to place a full page add in the Road Noise - Mitch B. 2nd Todd R Motion Passed

Training and Education: Sherry Edgett – *No Report*

Public Relations: Mitch Backlund- *She has been in contact with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Central MN, and they are still providing services. Some in person, some virtually. They do not have a set time for things, so everyone is kind of on their own. We have been supporting them for around 20 years. If we want to do bowling, or something else, we need to get it set up. Chad M. is going to discuss it with Sand Dunes chapter, and we will be discussing it at the next meeting.*

Buddy Bears: Myra Van Horn – *We gave out 30 Buddy Bears this year.*

- Motion to order 30 Buddy Bears - Mitch B. 2nd Gaida T. Motion Passed
- Cokato FD relayed to Myra, that at their open house, many now older children voiced their memories of receiving these in times of distress, and that they still have them. We can now legally give them to sheriff's offices also.*
- Motion to accept the Committee reports - Fred P. 2nd Lee P. Motion Passed

Other Reports, President:

MRF Report: Todd Riba- *35 States and 12 members from MN participated in the MRF Meeting of the Minds in Atlanta, GA. Expect another impressive occasion next year in Iowa. Todd talked about the Highway bill, and the voting televised the previous evening. MRF was able to include three provisions that Todd was able to recall. One is renewing the Motorcycle Advisory Council. The language reads that there will be at least one member from motorcycle rights community present, and another one from the national motorcycle rights foundation at the federal level. So if this*

passes, we should get a seat on that. Another concerns autonomous vehicles. There is no current legal requirement, to prove that autonomous vehicles can see motorcycles, which is a big concern. In 2030, California is putting a ban on the sale of new internal combustion motors, and Europe is doing the same thing. Often the actions of California prompt the rest of the nation to follow suit. ABATE of Wisconsin attended a transportation summit where many modes of transportation were discussed. There was no mention of motorcycles. At the Tri-County meeting, Frank mentioned that at a national safety conference he attended, they talked about many types of vehicles, but not motorcycles. There's a reason why autonomous vehicles are not being required to see motorcycles, and a reason we are not being included in these conversations. The goal is zero deaths, and motorcycles, which account for 8% of the fatalities, are the mode of transportation having the least significance in their outlook. We need to get serious about this. We don't know how this highway bill is going to turn out, everything is being done behind closed doors, but we really have to be paying attention.

Dial-A-Ride: Mike Edgett- No Report

Government Relations/Legislative Report: Todd Riba- Biker Day at the Capitol 2022 is scheduled for Feb 16th.

Registration will be online. Keep an eye out for the registration deadline. He wasn't at the BOD, but there was a PAC report passed out. He received information that Greg Boll and Jim Nash are having a fundraiser November 10th at the Schram Vineyards Winery & Brewery in Waconia. Tickets \$15 plus a \$50 per person suggested donation. Todd encouraged members to meet at Vics in Victoria at 6:00 pm along with members of Tri-County. Mike B. also echoed Todd Nash has been behind us 100% all the time, and that we should support him for being a great ally for us. Mitch reminded everyone to take advantage of the Minnesota Political Contribution refund. Each person can give \$50 annually to any State candidate, and get that money back shortly after submitting the receipt form.

- Motion to buy \$100 of PAC products - Mary B. 2nd Todd R. Motion Passed

MN Motorcycle Safety Task Force: Mike Berger- Stats to date: 64 killed in 63 crashes. We have now surpassed last year's numbers and the season is not done yet. These numbers always get used against us when they start considering helmet legislation. 20 riders were wearing a helmet, 42 were not. The specific area of trauma is not tracked. 29 of the crashes involved only 1 motorcycle, 34 included another vehicle. 3 crashes involved hitting a deer. 2 passengers have died. 40 of the fatalities had a motorcycle endorsement, 20 did not have any kind of motorcycle endorsement. 22 of the crashes involved a rider failing to negotiate a curve. Fatalities by age are: 20's-4, 30's-12, 40's-23, 50's-9, 60's-9, 70's-4, 90's-1. 34 crashes happened in an urban area, 29 were in a rural area. Contact Mike if you would like to sit in on a meeting. Take part in a safety course. Todd and Mike both shared an incident they encountered, and stressed the value in taking a course even if you have already done so. Todd says his favorite part is getting to chase cops around. Bill Shaffer, the state employee who oversaw all this has retired. To the best of Mike's knowledge, they have not stopped accepting applications for this position. Bill was an ABATE member, a great supporter of ours, and a real champion of motorcycle rights.

State Rally: Keith "Smoker" Efron- We had a fairly successful rally. We made about \$19000. He thanks everyone who stepped up and volunteered, as well as those who got sponsors. Again, Lake Chapter seems to go above and beyond. Keep up the good work. After the January BOD, we should have sponsorship forms available, if not sooner. Our chapter rep will be bringing them back to the chapter so we can fill them out and get some money generated for the 2022 rally. Thank you everyone who took the time to help us advertise the rally, and showed up. Without you, we can't do this. He is working on entertainment ideas for national act. If anyone has any recommendations for bands for the rally, please forward them to Trashy, who will be bringing them to the January BOD for up to 5 spots we will fill with bands we as a chapter know and love, and would like to see at the rally. Whether they be old favorites or new ones, pass them onto Trashy, who is our Southwest District director. We actually have an entertainment comity now, made up of Smoker, 4 district directors, and overseen by Randy Prochazka, our Rally Chair. A question asked was if we had a head count of how many attended, to which Smoker thought was about 980. We are working hard to break the 1000 mark. Lee asked how long we were going to be able to go to Litchfield, and Mitch confirmed that we have one more year on our current contract (2022). After the last year, we'll do a 3 year renewal. There is always a clause where we can get out of it if we need to. Smoker stated we have worked very hard with the city of Litchfield and the Meeker County Fair board to help our rally become a success, and the citizens of Litchfield seem to like us. Mitch commented that they have also kept the rent reasonable, whereas other places keep trying to jack it up so much; it seems to be their fundraiser, not ours. Scott T. asked if there was any discussion regarding the rally poster being available earlier than the July BOD. Smoker confirmed that the rally posters will be available at the ABATE U BOD, like they should have been. Mitch stated that tickets will be again available online.

Drawing of the Name Mike Edgett- No Drawing

Old Business:

- *As brought up earlier, we are looking for somebody to take over products. Nikki and everyone else will help get people up to speed. Between Dan and Nikki, those were some big shoes that were filled. If anyone would like to step up, it would be greatly appreciated. We have had some great products over their tenure, and hopefully we can continue to do so. Keep it in mind, let it be known. We will talk about it again next meeting.*
- *Patches for Dan are in the works. We will have patches available, including the ones state products sell.*
- *We didn't allow enough time for Lee to organize a Bowling for Toys for Tots event. Smoker will be donating \$500, and along with the chapter's \$50 donation, we will have at least \$550 to donate. He will check with Karen to see if we have heard from KARE 11. If anyone would like to donate, we will be passing the hat at the Dec meeting.*

New Business:

- *Mike B. nominated Nikki Arne for Member of the Year. There were no other nominations. We will open this up again at the Dec. meeting.*
- *There was only one person nominated for the SJK award. Because of the extenuating circumstances, the recipient was revealed, and the vote was decided upon by a show of hands and viva voice. There was no opposition to the vote, or the protocol of agreement. The presentation ceremony will be at the Dec. meeting at Madigans in Maple Lake on Dec. 4th.*
- *Mitch is going to reach out to Kimmer about Lake Chapter calendars, and could do it herself, but needs pictures by Nov. 15th. Old pictures, new pictures, pictures of Dan Arne, Lake Chapter pictures specifically. She will print 30 calendars. Send your pictures to her at statetreasurer@abatemn.org*
- *Motion to pay \$50 to Mitch B. to cover calendar expenses- Lee P. 2nd Gaida T. Motion Passed*
- *Jane directed anyone interested in more about autonomous vehicles, to visit the NHTSA website.*

We can't expect other chapters to support our fundraiser, if we don't support theirs. If you have the time, please visit another chapter's fundraiser. It doesn't just help them; it helps the organization as a whole. Smoker encouraged buying advanced tickets, even if you know you will be unable to attend.

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

- Nov 27th- South Central Toys for Kids, Litchfield Eagles Club, Litchfield*
- Dec 4th- Lake Chapter Meeting, Madigan's, Maple Lake, MN, 3:00pm*
- Jan 8th- Red Lodge, Waverly, MN, 3:00pm*
- Feb 16th- Biker Day at the Capitol*

Motion to adjourn - Mitch B. 2nd Lee P. Motion Passed

Minutes submitted by Dale Morin

Motions passed at the Nov 6th Meeting:

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- Motion to adjourn

Treasurer's Report - 2021

Month Ending October, 2021

Presented on November 6th, 2021 Delano

Started November with:		\$3,661.95
Income:		
	Memberships	168.00
	Total:	168.00
Expenses:		
	Total:	0.00
October Ending Balance:		\$3,829.95
Petty Cash:		\$50.00
MRF Donation Fund:		\$0.00
Chapter Gambling Fund		\$0.00
Food Shelf Fund:		\$177.00
Toys for Tots Fund:		\$50.00
Total:		\$277.00
	Spendable	\$3,829.95