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

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| **Date:** | October 2, 2021 | **Location:** | Chris K. home, Howard Lake, MN |

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| **President:** | Keith “Smoker” Efron | X | **Sergeant at Arms:** | Blythe Bucher |  |
| **Vice President:** | Scott Bitzer | X |  | Nikki Arne |  |
| **Chapter Rep:** | Scott Trout | X |  | Gaida Ulrick | X |
| **Treasurer:** | Christina Lincoln | X |  | Mike Berger | X |
| **Secretary:** | Dale Morin | X |  |  |  |
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| **Total numbers of members attending:** | | *27* | **Guests:** | *1* | | | |
| **Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:** | *Gaida U.* | | **Mtg Start Time:** | | *3:05pm* | **Mtg End Time:** | *4:00pm* |

**Welcome to members and guests; President’s Remarks; Vice-President’s Remarks:** *Smoker welcomed all, and guest James Hass was introduced. A moment of silence was taken, in respect of the recent passing of member Dan Arne. A text from Nikki to Karen was read to the group. Scott also welcomed and thanked all for coming.*

**Officer Reports:**

**Secretary’s report:** Dale Morin

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| Motion to accept the minutes as written - | *Mary B.* | 2nd | *Cyndi B.* | *Motion Passed* |

**Treasurer's Report:** Christina Lincoln – *Oct Start: $4272.40, Negative income of $1750.00, Products: $287.95, Insurance for fundraisers: $45.50, B.O.D. expenses: $259.00, Petty cash: $50.00, Food Shelf fund: $177.00, Toys for Tots fund: $50.00, Spendable: $3661.95*

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| Motion to accept the Treasurer’s report - | *Fred P.* | 2nd | *Lee P.* | *Motion Passed* |

**Chapter Rep Report:** Scott T. – *Mack still needs a replacement for the Sates webmaster position.* B.O.D. is Oct 15th and 16th. The 16th may also be the day of Dans’ memorial, and if that is the case, Scott will not be representing the chapter at the B.O.D., nor will there likely be anyone else from the chapter there either. He will contact Jane once he knows the absolute date. If there is anything that needs to be brought to the B.O.D., let Scott know and he will pass on the information to whoever will be able to represent him at that meeting.

**Committee Reports, Vice President:**

**Membership:** Scott Bitzer – *He has no numbers, sign people up if you get a chance. There was one renewal at the meeting.*

**Products:** Nikki Arne – Via Colleen, Nikki needs someone to take over products. Jim K. provided 20, Lake Chapter “Family is not always blood” patches, that he previously received from Dan, free for the taking.

**Special Events:** Rick Van Horn – *Via Scott B., Get the word out and see Rick or Myra for tickets to sell. Mike B. is working on the poster. If anyone has silent auction items, contact Myra or Rick.*

**Training and Education:** Sherry Edgett – *No Report*

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

**Buddy Bears:** Myra Van Horn – *No Report*

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| Motion to accept the Committee reports - | *Cyndi B.* | 2nd | *Fred P.* | *Motion Passed* |

**Other Reports, President:**

**MRF Report:** Todd Riba- *No Report*

**Dial-A-Ride:** Mike Edgett- *No Report*

**Government Relations/Legislative Report:** Mack Backlund- *No Report*

**MN Motorcycle Safety Task Force:** Mike Berger-Former Lake Chapter member, *Bill Shaffer has retired from the comity. Hopefully his replacement is friendly in support of us, unlike his predecessor, Pat Hahn.*

**State Rally:** Keith “Smoker” Efron- *Thank you everyone for coming out. Thank you again to Lake Chapter for bringing in the most sponsorships, probably more than all the other chapters combined. Doesn’t know the numbers, money amounts, or much else regarding the Rally, other than Jack Russel said it was one of the best shows they had done in a long time, enjoyed playing for us, and would like to come back as soon as he can. Again, thanks to everyone who showed up, thanks to everyone who pitched in. Setup of the army tent went well, and so did the Sunday tear down. We can’t do this without you.*

**Drawing of the Name** Mike Edgett- *No Drawing*

**Old Business:**

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| *Mike B. website analytics findings-Over the last 12 Months: 733 unique visits. Actual pages looked at: 1.7, meaning they didn’t make it far beyond the main page. 172 of the unique visits were in the last 3 months, most of those were in the last few days. Mike has been paying the $100.00 fee himself. Charm would like someone to take over for her. Dan was mostly the only one providing photos. Cyndi B. volunteered to take over for Charm. Everyone send Cyndi content to post.* | | | | |
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| Motion to keep the site up and running, and to reimburse Mike for the cost of hosting it. | *Gene B* | 2nd | *Colleen C.* | *Motion Passed* |
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| Motion to donate $200.00 from our general funds, to the Arne family, to offset expenses for Dans’ service | *Mike B.* | 2nd | *Karen M.* | *Motion Passed* |

The hat was also passed, and donations continued to be offered after the meeting ended, which resulted in over $1100.00 of additional contribution to the Arnes’, that I am personally aware of.

Service details should be available Tuesday.

Cards for the Arne family can be mailed to:

**Nikki Arne**

**16564 45th St NW**

**Annandale, MN 55302**

**New Business:**

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|  | SJK Award-*Smoker has not received any nominations from the website, but was handed one before the meeting, and one via the e-mail address. Both were for the same person. We need to confirm with Mike J. that he has the award and box.* |
|  | B.O.D. – *Nothing to discuss* |
|  | Bowling For Kids-*Smoker will contact Mitch and determine if we will be doing this, and get more details.* |
|  | Bartending for Toys For Tots-*Lee P. will be contacting the Crossbar and Delano Lanes and see if either would like to do it again.* |

**Upcoming Meetings/Events:**

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| *Oct 3rd-* | *Ways & Means meeting, Kingston Mini Market, 1:00pm* |
| *Oct 16th-* | *ABATE of Minnesota B.O.D, Best Western, Rochester, MN* |
| *Nov 6th-* | *Lake Chapter Meeting, Delano Lanes, Delano, MN, 3:00pm* |
| *Dec 4th-* | *Lake Chapter Meeting, Madigan’s, Maple Lake, MN, 3:00pm* |
| *Jan 8th-* | *Red Lodge, Waverly, MN, 3:00pm* |

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| Motion to adjourn - | *Lee P.* | 2nd | *Jodi O.* |  |

Minutes submitted by Dale Morin

**Motions passed at the Oct 2nd Meeting:**

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| Motion to accept the minutes as written |
| Motion to accept the Treasurer’s report |
| Motion to accept the Committee reports |
| Motion to keep the Lake Chapter website and reimburse Mike B. for the hosting costs |
| Motion to Donate $200.00 from our general funds, to the Arne family for Dans’ service expences. |
| Motion to adjourn |