

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

**Location:** Hollywood Road House, New Germany

**Date:** March 10, 2018

**Time:** 3 PM

**Officers Present:**

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| <b>President:</b>      | Keith "Smoker" Efron | <u>  x  </u> | <b>Sergeant at Arms:</b> | Dan Arne        | <u>  x  </u> |
| <b>Vice President:</b> | Dave Clifton         | <u>  x  </u> |                          | Scott Bitzer    | <u>  x  </u> |
| <b>Chapter Rep:</b>    | Jim Kosse            | <u>  x  </u> |                          | Mike Jencks     | <u>  x  </u> |
| <b>Treasurer:</b>      | Becky Hasslen        | <u>  x  </u> |                          | Colleen Johnson | <u>  x  </u> |
| <b>Secretary:</b>      | Leah Otto            | <u>  x  </u> |                          | Fred Pawelk     | <u>  x  </u> |
|                        |                      |              |                          | Scott Trout     | <u>  x  </u> |

**Total number of members attending:** 51      **Guests:** Paul Tjepkes, Jody Longman-Chapter Rep for Way West. Dave Johnson. New Members: Dale Morin, Dan Matzdorff from Minnetrista.

**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:** Dan Arne

**Welcome to members and guests; President's Remarks; Vice-President's Remarks:**

Smoker thanked everyone for coming out today. This is probably one of the most important meetings of the year. It's a chance to voice your opinion on chapter officers at the chapter level as well as the state level. This meeting we are going to do the officer reports first, then the election and then the committee reports so that the election judges have some time to count the ballots.

Dave thanked everyone for coming out today, welcome new members.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**Secretary's report:**

Motion to accept the minutes - Mike Edgett, 2nd Dave Dibb      Motion Passes

**Treasurer's Report:**

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report, Todd Riba, 2nd Curt Johnson Motion Passes

**Chapter Rep Report:**

Biker day is this week, you should of already signed up. Later in the meeting we will be discussing transportation issues and how to get there.

Right to Ride: This is an election year so write to your representatives. On the MRF website you can put your name and address in and it will email a form letter to them. It is recommended that you follow up with an email you write as these have a bigger impact when they receive them. Our former Senator was Al Franken, now it's Tina Smith. Please resend any letters to Tina Smith that you may have sent to Al Franken in the past to get them in front of her.

Minnesota is hosting the 2019 Meeting of the Minds. They are looking for names of people to help, support and donate to this event and for logo ideas, so if you are artistic and can help with this, let them know. There are options to support Meeting of the Minds, a keep me informed and prep work where you can help them get ready for the event but are not required to attend.

Abate U raffle tickets are available, there are six left. Cost is a hundred dollars a piece. The chapter gets gambling funds by selling raffle tickets and if enough are sold we get a kickback. These have to be turned in by April eleventh.

Candidates for chapter officers: Running for Sargent of Arms is April Murch, Nikki Arne, Mike Jencks, Scott Trout, Curt Johnson, Colleen Johnson, Dan Arne, Fred Pawelk. For Chapter President: Smoker. For Vice President: Dan Arne. For Chapter Rep: Todd Riba. For Treasurer: Becky Hasslen (temporary position). For Secretary: Leah Otto.

Paul Tjepkes and Jon "Trashy" Smith are running against each other for Southwest District Director.

Paul is the current Southwest District Director. He is running for this next year. He has been out visiting all the chapters in the district and has learned a lot and would like your continued support.

E-mail from Jon to Smoker that was read at the meeting today. Jon "Trashy" Smith is a member of Rolling Prairie and is running for Southwest District Director. With elections coming up he wanted to introduce himself so you have a choice for District Director. He has been a member of Abate since nineteen ninety one. As a chapter member of Rolling Prairie he has been a President, Vice President, Chapter Rep and he knows he can do a good job as Southwest District Director. He's looking for your support and will represent all the Southwest District chapters to the best of his ability by using his experience and advice from past District Directors. He will stay in contact with all the chapter reps to stay current with what's going on in the chapters. He will be available for all the Southwest District members of you have any questions. Just get in touch with him and he will get you the answers you seek and if he don't know he will find out for you and get back to you ASAP. Thanks for your time, see you on the road. Jon W. Smith, Rolling Prairie.

Todd commented the District Directors for Southwest District have seven different district meetings, four board meetings, and twelve chapter meetings so that is why sometimes you may not see them each month. There are a lot of meetings and usually not a lot of problems. One of the things a District Director does is help out the chapters in his area.

Election ballots: We have three different ones, the state officer election ballot, the chapter officer election ballot and a member of the year ballot. If you are not a member of the chapter you cannot vote in the officer election but can do so on the state election.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### **Special Events** (Becky and Dave C.):

We are looking for committee chairs. Do we want to do a Memorial Run, answer was yes. Mike Berger took charge for the Memorial Run.

Motion made by Curt to earmark some money towards the 2019 Grounded Hogs Party. The same amount as last year, a thousand dollars. Seconded by Dan. Motion Passes.

### **Membership** (Dave C.):

Scott is in Daytona at this time, he sent this info to Smoker. The total members statewide is 3,543. Freedom First has 261, Lake has 252, and River Valley has 226. Scott will try and sign up members at Daytona and L.C.W.D.

### **Legislative / Government Relations Report** (Mike B.):

Bikerday at the Capital is just a few days away. The bus will stop just outside of Monticello at 6:50 am. If you can't make the bus there are people you can ask to carpool with.

If you are not registered and still want to come, you can register that morning at the capital. Your appointments won't be set ahead of time for you but you can find someone from your district and tag along with them.

The start seeing motorcycles license plates are officially available. If you have gone to your DMV and couldn't get the plates this has nothing to do with Abate or the Motorcycle Safety Task Force, it is because of the major problems with MNLARS. You may have to order them and have them sent to you in the mail.

Todd talked about the motorcycle riding permit restriction on freeways. Crash facts and the state feel the safest place to ride a motorcycle on a permit is on a freeway versus other roads that have slower traffic, more stoplights, where there could be farm machinery pulling out. Crash facts are showing the lowest crash rates and fatalities are on freeways. This was discussed at the B.O.D and all the chapters agree.

### **Training and Education** (Mary):

Mary and Sherri will get together and talk before the next meeting. The chapter still wants to try and do BRC2 class.

**State Rally (Smoker):**

It's the A.B.A.T.E of Minnesota 30th Annual State Rally, labor day weekend this year. We have all of our bands signed up. Friday night is the 70's Magic Sunshine Band and a band called Flipp. If anyone has a disco ball bring it to the rally and we will hang it up. Saturday is a band called Mountain Ash that is opening up for the band called Sweet. Sweet is on their fiftieth year tour and had two hit songs. On Sunday we have Legacy Loud and Rock Godz. When you have a little time check these bands out.

It's never too early to get sponsors for the rally. Lake Chapter has been absolutely phenomenal over the years in getting sponsors for the rally. Smoker can't tell you how appreciative he is to everyone that goes out and gets sponsors for the rally and to individuals that are sponsors. He's deep in the hole with money that was spent on bands so the sponsors really help. Sponsorship packets are available. The Hollywood Road House has been sponsors ing for the last few years. The rally committee is pretty much in place. Got a new rally vice chair that's in your roundhouse along with a couple of people that have stepped up as security head. We will be talking next month about what shifts we want to sign up for to work at the rally.

Colleen asked if anyone has any pictures from two years ago at the rally of Curt and Kenny, two of our finest dancers kicking up the dust. If you have any, please let Colleen know.

**Public Relations (Mitch B):**

Not present.

Motion to accept the committee reports - Mike Berger, 2nd Dawn                      Motion Passes.

**OTHER REPORTS**

**Dial-A-Ride (Mike E):**

Most of you know about Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride and if you don't please see me after the meeting. He will be more than happy to tell you about this great program. There are some wonderful people that serve on the board like Jodi Ohlrogge. Mike will be picking up Dial-A-Ride materials to get them out to people soon to take to your favorite bars @ establishment's.

**Motorcycle Safety Task Force (Monte O.):**

The motorcycle safety task force was looking for ideas for electronic interchangeable billboards. Dan Arne actually had an idea that would get kids involved and get their parents to look for motorcycles. So two messages were proposed. One message is " hey kid, who saw the motorcycle first" and the other message is "hey kids, let's play I spy a motorcycle. Monte was surprised that these messages didn't receive more votes or make the top twenty. He did learn the Ottertail Counties Safe Communities Coalition will be making a motorcycle safety poster that will say I spy the bike guy. They say that the poster is two gold. It's to get kids to think about motorcycle safety and two to get kids to engage their parents to recognize motorcycles while the kids play this game when on the road. So a hand to Dan for coming up with idea.

Monte asked if anyone tried the motorcycle simulator at Abate U. There's two guys that set that up and ran that. One was Dennis and he passed away while para skiing in February 17th. He had a helmet with big floppy ears on it.

Our next meeting will be propose the 2019 budget and hear about the upcoming construction season. The next meeting is March 15th, St. Paul College and guests are welcome to attend.

**Buddy Bears (Leah):**

Fifty bears are ordered and will be picked up at Abate U.

**Products (Dan):**

Currently out of volume of t-shirts right now. If you have an idea to put on a shirt let Dan know. Dan still has more than a dozen of the Lake Chapter Thirty Year patches available. Nikki said the patch for Wiskey is in the shape of a shot glass.

**MRF Report (Mike B):**

Two weeks from now is Heartland S.T.E.A.M I. Albert Lea, Minnesota. You can think of this as a mini meeting of the Minds of a bigger version of Abate U. There is a lot of great information to be shared that are part of the Heartland S.T.E.A.M system. There all going to have their members and reps there, it's a great opportunity to see what other states are doing in the world of motorcycling rights for us to learn from each other. There will be all sorts of great speakers and break out sessions, fundraisers. Even if you haven't registered, you can register on site. Friday night's event will be hosted by Lake Chapter. All the information is on A.B.A.T.E of Minnesota's website.

Bikers Inside The Beltway in Washington D.C. is a great opportunity for you to go to D.C. and lobby in front of your Federal Representatives and Federal Senators and let them understand what we care about as motorcyclists. All the information about the event is on Abatemn.org website. It's a great event to go to.

2019 Meeting of the Minds. Mike cannot stress enough how much the state is going to be looking to us to help out with this event. Mary Berger was the chairperson the last time it was hosted in Minnesota. We should make it the most successful this time around. Please step up and volunteer for a shift. Todd said we are currently looking at a hotel location and a volunteers list. Once we find out the hotel location he will let everyone know. Dawn said if you haven't yet met Megan, our lobbyists in D.C. or her office manager Tiffany they will be in Albert Lea at S.T.E.A.M. Come on down and meet them if you haven't already.

**Drawing (Mike E):** \$5 off products winner  
 Deb Kviz (Dial-A-Ride t-shirt)

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None to discuss.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Lake Chapter is all about family so please hold your chapter families in your thoughts prayers as many of them have been dealing with some health issues of family members lately.

Abate U. Chapter Challenge: If you make a donation to Abate U the University takes the money and puts it towards a challenge at the rally. The last few years Lake Chapter kicked the rally's ass in making money for Abate as an organization. Gramps made a motion to do \$250 for the university chapter challenge. Seconded by Karen. Motion passes.

Food Shelf Donation: The chapter wanted to continue to donate to the Wright County Food Shelf in Buffalo. March is a State Match for donating to the food shelf. Mike Edgett passed the hat. Amount was about

State election results: Mack Backlund for State Coordinator and Jim Orn for Assistant State Coordinator, Michelle "Mitch" Backlund for State Treasurer, Michelle Legried for State Secretary, Jon "Trashy" Smith for Southwest District Director.

Lake Chapter election results: For Sargent of Arms, April Murch, Nikki Arne, Mike Jencks, Scott Trout, Curt Johnson, Fred Pawelk. For President: Smoker, For Vice President: Dan Arne Chapter Rep: Todd Riba, For Treasurer: Becky Hasslen followed by Kimmer and then Cindy. For Secretary: Leah Otto.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- March 23-25, Heartland S.T.E.A.M, Ramada, Albert Lea
- April 7, Chapter Meeting, Chop's, Hanover, 3:00 pm
- April 20-22, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria
- May 5, Washout, Enfield Rest Stop, Monticello, 9:00 am
- May 5, Ditch pick-up, Community Center, St. Bonifacious, 3:00 pm
- May 5, Chapter Meeting, Middle Park, St. Bonifacious, 3:00 pm

June 2, Chapter Meeting, Madigan's, Maple Lake, 3:00 pm

Motion to adjourn the meeting –Lee, 2nd            Mike Berger Motion Passed            4:25 pm

Respectfully submitted by Leah Otto

**Motions Passed at the March10th Meeting**

**Motion to accept the Secretary's report, 1st Mike Edgett, 2nd Dave Dibb, Motion Passes**

**Motion to accept the Treasurer report, 1st Todd, 2nd by Curt, Motion Passes**

**Motion made by Curt to earmark some money towards the 2019 Grounded Hogs Party, the same amount as last year, \$1,000. 2nd by Dan, Motion Passes**

**Gramps made a motion to do \$250 for the Abate University Chapter Challenge, 2nd by Karen, Motion Passes**

**Motion to adjourn, 1st Lee, 2nd Mike Berger, Motion Passed**

**Treasurer's Report -February, 2018**  
 For the Eleventh Month Ending February 28, 2018  
 Presented at March 10, 2018 Meeting: Hollywood Road House, 3:00 pm

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| Started February with   |   | <b>\$341.25</b>   |
| <b>Income:</b>          |   |                   |
|                         | Memberships - February  | \$131.00          |
|                         | Donations collected for Toys for Tots                                 | \$8.00            |
|                         | Donations collected for the Food Shelf                                | \$7.00            |
|                         | Advance ticket sales to the Grounded Hogs Party                       | \$400.00          |
|                         | Products sold   | \$181.00          |
|                         | Product sold - Grounded Hogs Party t-shirts                           | \$374.00          |
|                         | Ticket sales to the Grounded Hogs Party                               | \$720.00          |
|                         | Tips collected at Grounded Hogs Party                                 | \$160.10          |
|                         | Grounded Hogs Party Silent Auction                                    | \$620.00          |
|                         | Grounded Hogs Party Live Auction                                      | \$640.00          |
|                         | Return of start-up cash for Grounded Hogs Party                       | \$300.00          |
|                         | Donation to Chapter   | \$5.00            |
|                         | Return of security deposit for Rockford Township Hall                 | \$500.00          |
|                         | Correction to December 2017 Road Noise Advertising charge             | \$2.00            |
|                         | <b>Total:</b>   | <b>\$4,048.10</b> |
| <b>Expenses:</b>        |   |                   |
|                         | First Class Road Noise mailed to Lake Chapter President - January     | \$2.00            |
|                         | Transfer to Toys for Tots fund  | \$8.00            |
|                         | Transfer to Food Shelf fund   | \$7.00            |
|                         | Products purchased - Grounded Hogs Party t-shirts                     | \$176.00          |
|                         | Beer for Grounded Hogs Party  | \$412.07          |
|                         | 5% of ticket sales to the Grounded Hogs Party to Motorcycle PAC of MN | \$83.00           |
|                         | 5% of ticket sales to the Grounded Hogs Party to MRF fund             | \$83.00           |
|                         | 10% of Grounded Hogs Party auctions to Dial-A-Ride                    | \$126.00          |
|                         | Pop for Grounded Hogs Party   | \$70.28           |
|                         | 50 % Split to State for Grounded Hogs Party                           | \$581.38          |
|                         | State Rally Silver Sponsorship  | \$500.00          |
|                         | Heartland STEAM Sponsorship   | \$125.00          |
|                         | Two registrations for Heartland STEAM                                 | \$100.00          |
|                         | <b>Total:</b>   | <b>\$2,273.73</b> |
| February Ending Balance |   | <b>\$2,115.62</b> |
| <b>Earmarks</b>         |   |                   |
|                         | 2016 Member of the Year Chapter paid Membership                       | \$20.00           |
|                         | Memorial patches for Jim "Whiskey" Leyden                             | \$100.00          |
|                         | Buddy Bears   | \$375.00          |
|                         | 2017 Member of the Year plaque and Chapter paid Membership            | \$50.00           |
|                         | <b>Total:</b>   | <b>\$545.00</b>   |
| Buddy Bear Fund         |   | <b>\$51.73</b>    |
| Food Shelf Fund:        |   | <b>\$97.37</b>    |
| Gambling Fund:          |   | <b>\$27.54</b>    |
| MRF Fund:               |   | <b>\$110.25</b>   |
| Petty Cash:             |   | <b>\$38.80</b>    |
| Toys for Tots Fund:     |   | <b>\$8.00</b>     |
| <b>Grand Total:</b>     |   | <b>\$2,449.31</b> |
| <b>Spendable:</b>       |   | <b>\$1,570.62</b> |

Lake Chapter Meeting sign in

Date 3-10-18

- 1 Spud Mull
- 2 Dan Arne
- 3 Nikki Arne
- 4 miki Dent
- 5 Maureen Eiff
- 6 Sue Parker
- 7 Cyndi Buttweide
- 8 Ken Kasper
- 9 Judy Halvug
- 10 Morte Ohlrogge
- 11 Jodi Ohlrogge
- 12 Tim Luch
- 13 Dale Morin
- 14 Cleon Johnson
- 15 Curtis Johnson
- 16 Kironer
- 17 Bechy
- 18 Dave Hut
- 19 SMOKER
- 20 Jim Kure
- 21 Leah Atta
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- 23 Mary B
- 24 Mike B
- 25 Jim Kuitlow
- 26 Betina
- 27 Nancy D
- 28 Dave B
- 29 Spud Mull
- 30 Jim East
- 31 Mike East
- 32 Maureen Lee
- 33 Lee Plante

- 34 Chas
- 35 Mr Nelson
- 36 Jan Matzdorff
- 37 Jim FLOBING
- 38 Dave & Joanne TRUAX
- 39 Dawn Kiba
- 40 Zee
- 41 Gunnar On
- 42 Beth Das
- 43 Todd Rube
- 44 Scott Grant
- 45 Karen May
- 46 Buzz Plante
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GUESTS

- 1 Paul Tjep's D.D.
- 2 Joby (Bjorn) Chap. Rep. Way West
- 3 Dave Jensen
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