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

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| **Date:** | Mar 6th, 2021 | **Location:** | VFW in Monticello, 3pm |

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| **President:** | Keith “Smoker” Efron | X | **Sergeant at Arms:** | Blythe Bucher | X |
| **Vice President:** | Scott Bitzer | X |  | Dan Arne | X |
| **Chapter Rep:** | Todd Riba | X |  | Gaida Ulrick | X |
| **Treasurer:** | Christina Lincoln | X |  | Jim Bengston |  |
| **Secretary:** | Maureen O’Hern | X |  | Nikki Arne | X |
|  |  |  |  | Scott Trout | X |

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| **Total numbers of members attending:** | | 25 | **Guests:** | | None | | | |
| **Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:** | Scott T. | | | **Mtg Start Time:** | | 3:00pm | **Mtg End Time:** | 4:06pm | |

**Welcome to members and guests; President’s Remarks; Vice-President’s Remarks:** Smoker – Thank you to everyone who stepped up for to be an officer & thank you to all the outgoing officers. Scott – Thanks for coming thanks to the VFW for having us. Election judges were chosen State and Chapter voting was conducted.

**Officer Reports:**

**Secretary’s report:** Maureen O’Hern

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| *Motion to accept the minutes as written -* | *Mary B.,* | *2nd* | *Gaida U.* | *Motion passed.* |

**Treasurer's Report:** Christina Lincoln

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| Motion to accept the Treasurer’s report - | Chris K., | 2nd | Fred P. | Motion passed. |

**Chapter Rep Report:** Todd Riba – ABATE U raffle tickets are still available to buy.

**Election** – Voting for the 2021 State and Chapter officers was held.

**Committee Reports, Vice President:**

**Membership:** Scott Bitzer – 3199 State members, 243 Lake Chapter members Scott plans to have a membership table setup at the Gear Head Get Together and at the VFW this summer.

**Products:** Nikki Arne – There are calendars, mugs and small yellow memorial patches available.

**Training and Education:** Sherry Edgett – There probably won’t be any chapter safety courses this year.

**Public Relations:** Mitch Backlund – May is Motorcycle Awareness month Mitch will check with the state to see if we are doing the Wash Out.

**Buddy Bears:** Myra Van Horn – Donation sites have been chosen we just have to decide on deliver dates.

**Special Events:** Dan Arne / Rick Van Horn – Jun 12th meet at the Legion in Monticello at 10am, leave at noon ride by Camp Courage so the residents can see us. Mike – Memorial Run on Sat, May 29th meet at the Hopkins at 10am ride down to Fort Snelling then ride back to Hopkins leave for the next part of the run at noon. *Motion to have spring run tickets printed – Mike B., 2nd Dan A. – Motion passed.* Cost of the tickets $10 advanced tickets

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| *Motion to accept the Committee reports -* | *Mike B.,* | *2nd* | *Devin D.* | *Motion passed.* |

**Other Reports, President:**

**MRF Report:** Todd Riba – Our MRF priorities are going to be in the transportation when they get around to talking about that. He spoke about how the MRF was invited to the National Council of Clubs meeting in Gulfport, MS and how it was a big deal to be invited to it, how clubs have been profiled and that the clubs recognize the importance of getting together to fight for our freedom of the road. Bikers inside the Beltway is May 18th, Heartland STEAM is Mar 26th-27th there are some great speakers lined up.

**Dial-A-Ride:** Mike Edgett – Smoker – We will be getting our D-A-R material at ABATE U please visit bars that we have frequented and distribute the material.

**Government Relations/Legislative Report:** Mack Backlund – Biker Day is cancelled the Capitol is closed is until June.

**MN Motorcycle Safety Task Force:** Monte Ohlrogge – Mike B. – Please consider applying to be on the task force it is especially important the year because Bill Shaffer is retiring this year he has been one of our biggest allies and we need motorcycle friendly people on the task force. This where they set the training courses and they determine what public message money is spent on. Meeting are held every other month watch the Road Noise for info on how to apply.

**State Rally:** Keith “Smoker” Efron – The State Rally would like to thank Lake Chapter for their sponsorship. Sign-up sheets for work shifts will be available.

**Drawing of the Name** Mike Edgett - None

**Old Business:**

Member of the Year presentation – Smoker was unable to pick the plaque because the vendor has Covid the Member of the Year plaque will be awarded at a future meeting.

**New Business:**

Chapter Officer Election Results – Smoker - Thank you to everyone who won an officer position, thank you to everyone who ran for office thank you to the out going officers.

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ABATE U Hospitality room food – *Motion to spend $100 on food for the Hospitality room – Mike B., 2nd Chris K. – Motion passed.* We will also have a potluck both nights.

ABATE U centerpiece – if anyone would like to make / donate anything to the ABATE U auction please do so.

Grounded Hogs Party 2022 – *Motion to earmark $500 for the 2022 Grounded Hogs – Fred P., 2nd Karen M. - Motion passed.*

Dan A. – *Motion to donate a Lake Chapter calendar to Danny Casper – Dan A., Mitch B. – Motion passed.*

**Upcoming Meetings/Events:**

Mar 26th-27th – Heartland STEAM Conference, Brookfield, WI

Apr 3rd – Lake Chapter mtg, Madigan’s in Maple Lake, 3pm

Apr 16th-18th – ABATE U, Holiday Inn, Alexandria, MN

Apr 21st – Biker Day at the Capitol - **Cancelled**

May 1st – Tri-County Carver Bike Run

May 2nd – Lake Chapter mtg, Mound American Legion, 3pm

May 18th – Bikers inside the Beltway, Washington D.C.

May 29th – Memorial Run, meet at the American Legion in Hopkins at 10am for a run to Fort Snelling and back

meet at the American Legion in Hopkins at 12pm for the rest of the run.

Jun 5th – Lake Chapter mtg, Red Lodge, Waverly, 3pm

Jul 10th – Lake Chapter mtg, Smoker’s place, Breezy Point, 3pm

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| *Motion to adjourn -* | *Mitch B.,* | *2nd* | *Mike B.* | *Motion Passed* |

Minutes submitted by Maureen O’Hern

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| **Motion passed at the** | **Mar 6th, 2021** | **Meeting:** | |
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