

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

**Location:** Missile Park, St. Boni **Date:** May 5, 2018 **Time:** 3pm

**Officers Present:**

<b>President:</b>	Keith "Smoker" Efron	<u>  x  </u>	<b>Sergeant at Arms:</b>	Nikki Arne	<u>  x  </u>
<b>Vice President:</b>	Dan Arne	<u>  x  </u>		Mike Jencks	<u>  x  </u>
<b>Chapter Rep:</b>	Todd Riba	<u>  x  </u>		Curt Johnson	<u>      </u>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Becky Hasslen	<u>  x  </u>		April Murch	<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:** 27 **Guests:** None

**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:** Fred Pawelk

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

Smoker thanked everyone that came out to the Ditch Pick-Up and helped out, there was a lot of people so it went fast. Thanks to everyone that made it up to Abate U and to Buzz, Karen, Gene, Dan and Nikki for helping out with the hospitality room. Thanks to everyone that did the washout, Dan, Mitch, Jimmy, Dale and Bitzer.

There was no money spent by the chapter for the hospitality room at Abate U, when allowed to do Smokers thing, we had about \$226 in donations. Mike Berger wanted to strike the earmark for the website hosting fee of \$39.95, he said he just takes care of it each year because it goes thru his media account. Mike Edgett asked everyone to keep in mind that it would be great to find someone to take over for Becky as Treasurer, this can also be a group effort if you want to do it with another person.

Dan said it's nice to see some riders, hope you had a chance to burn some of the winter fuel out in your bikes. Nice to see everyone.

Mike Jencks said he would do a spring run for a fundraiser.

Jon "Trashy" Smith is our new Southwest District Director. This was announced at Abate U. The vote happened at Abate U and there was a fair bit of discussion on how the district directors get voted in. It comes down to each chapter having six votes, with the votes we, cast plus the absentee ballots, "Trashy" won Lake Chapters vote. We're going to miss Paul and hope "Trashy" follows in Paul's footsteps.

**OFFICER REPORT**

**Secretary's report:**

Motion to accept the minutes - Mike Edgett, 2nd Mary Berger, Motion Passes.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report Mike Edgett, 2nd Lee, Motion Passes

**Chapter Rep Report:**

Todd has a copy of the proposed budget and treasurers report to be passed around. Lake Chapter's gambling account had \$27.54 as of the board meeting. For share the road classes there currently is no one in Lake Chapter participating, please let Paul Tjepkes know if you want to help out securing the road. Membership for the state is 3,552 as of Abate U.

Next big push is Algona. Todd went last year and there was no one at the A.B.A.T.E of Minnesota table so he jumped in for a bit. Todd guessed by what the Iowa folks had in mind that we lost Fifty to a Hundred members that signed up with Iowa. Let's do whatever we can to help out in Algona.

Heartland S.T.E.A.M had 165 attendees, we gave a check to MRF for about Eleven grand. Thanks to all that helped out with that. They voted at the board meeting to give a chapter officers list to Dial-A-Ride, those of us that are officers are on the volunteer list for pick-ups.

Some bad news, Lower Corner Chapter down by Rochester has no people to sign on as chapter officers and to sign the chapter charter. The chapter has not officially folded, it's just kind of sitting there waiting until they get enough volunteers for officers and to sign the chapter charter. We need to keep this on our radar to see if we can help out.

Election results: We have all new District Directors. Southwest District Director is Jon "Trashy" Smith, Northeast District Director is Dale Peterson, Northwest District Director is Edgar Burke, Southeast District Director is Virgil Legried. These stayed the same, State Coordinator Mack Backlund, Assistant State Coordinator Jim Orn, State Treasurer Michelle "Mitch" Backlund, State Secretary Michele Legried.

Todd has rally raffle tickets, only five thousand printed, so if anyone wants to check some out to sell, see Todd. This will help get our gambling account back up.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Special Events (Mike B.):

We are looking for someone to step up and take charge of the special events committee. Our annual Lake Chapter Memorial Run is the Saturday (May 26th) not Sunday of Memorial weekend, we are going to try and get more members to go down to Fort Snelling, we would love to have a big group going. We will leave the Hopkins Legion at 10 am, ride to Fort Snelling to pay our respects to our fallen chapter members and members of their families.

We will come back to the Hopkins Legion and depart at Noon sharp on the Memorial run. The last stop on our run will be at the grave of beloved Lake Chapter President Steven J. Kreitlow, after which there will be a cookout/party hosted by Buzz and Karen. This is hopefully the first year of many that they will have an American flag on every single headstone at Fort Snelling.

In past years we used to do things that made us money, we don't have a lot of money right now and things aren't looking very rosy and won't improve unless we start doing things again. The runs we used to do became problematic due to less and less people coming to our stuff and attending what other organizations were putting on.

We have to start thinking outside of the box on ideas for fundraisers to start pumping money back into our accounts. Mike Berger is exploring doing something online, either through a Go Fund Me, kickstarter campaign, or a pay pal service where people can just make a donation right to us and we push this through social media. We can do dart runs because it is a game of skill and not chance.

We could do another garage sale. Lee asked if we could have a garage sale in Missile Park. Lee will talk to the city of St. Boni about it, and if we can there is a fifty/fifty split with the state.

Batman added that way back when he was the guy that originated the Memorial Run because we had a bunch of brothers and sisters that had died, some in vehicle crashes some naturally. I think we have enough of skilled riders we should be able to ride down to Fort Snelling to pay our respects to the dead and it's a great addition to add to the Memorial Run. We need to show the public that we are a group of bikers that do other things than ride and have parties. We all know that being a motorcyclist is probably one of the biggest targets out there for discrimination just for who you are and what you ride.

### Membership (Scott:)

Total members for the state is 3,537. Freedom First is first with 268, Lake is second with 251, and River Valley is third with 235. We will have a membership table at Crow River Harley Davidson in Delano for their open house and hog roast on Saturday May 19th from 10 am to 4 pm for anyone showing up. If anyone needs tri-folds see Scott after the meeting.

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

This was the legislators Directors report at Abate U. Motorcycle permit modification bill that would let someone that has a permit to ride on the interstate. The bill sailed thru the committee hearings in the Senate and the House. The bill passed the House 67-0. No one voted against this thing. It's on Dayton's desk for a signature.

The hands free cell phone bill, it passed the Senate transportation committee, it has gained some traction thanks in part of A.B.A.T.E of Minnesota's influence. Please call your Minnesota State Senator Paul Gazelka, Representative Kurt Daudt, Representative Jim Knobloch and ask them to get the hands free cell phone bill moving through the House and Senate.

No movement on the profiling bill as of now. Will get more people on board next year. No threats to change the helmet law or on insurance requirements. Bikerday at the Capital, attendance was adequate.

Recap on the Just Drive Event. This was our third event in Monticello. It was expanded to Buffalo, Annandale and Albertville. This is a community event where you walk around a designated route promoting awareness about distracted driving. Many members of the Just Drive Event has lost someone to distracted driving and the goal is to go statewide with this event.

The weekend is a good time to call your Senator and leave a voicemail with two to three talking points you want to discuss.

Bikerday at the Capital 2019, instead of earmarking money, the chapter is looking at starting a Go Fund Me site online with a certain amount of money they are asking for in donations.

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

We have two spots open yet in the advanced class. Sherry is collecting the extra \$12.50 from the eight people currently signed up in case the other two spots don't get filled. We are short \$100 for the two spots on the advanced class that's not filled at this time.

#### **State Rally (Smoker):**

Smoker thanked everyone from Lake Chapter that has gone out and gotten sponsors for the rally, we seem to be number one in getting sponsors for the rally and don't see that changing this year. We can use all the sponsors we can get. Bands are very expensive and the money already spent towards them is well over the budget. Smoker will be working with some radio stations in the twin cities area to see if he can get something out of them, free advertising, or if they will do a sponsorship for the rally.

Dan last year had about a half dozen of the \$100 copper sponsorships, try to talk them into going up a level. Dan doubled two of the sponsorships already this year. They will get signage out at the rally and their name in the road noise which is seen by over 3,500 members, their name on the website. Become a friend of the rally, spread the word on it, the more people we have the funner it is. If you have any photos from previous rallies, please get them to Mike Berger and we can get them on the Facebook page. We don't actually have a rally page on Facebook but Mike is taking over pushing the word on the rally through paid advertising campaigns with a different theme each month on the Facebook page and the A.B.A.T.E of Minnesota's State page as well as chapters pages, that way we can try and reach at least a Hundred and Fifty Thousand people thru these campaigns.

If someone doesn't ride a bike that gets a sponsorship, you can have them keep the tickets and use them, this helps Smoker out, it still makes money.

Batman asked about wood for the rally, we have always gotten it from Popeye, Buzz and Karen are supplying the wood this year. Anyone that wants to donate wood to Lake Chapters fire can do so and is greatly appreciated. About six years ago it became the rally fire due to the loss of our chapters large tent. We now have another tent and are taking back over the fire again. There will be a sign, it's Lake Chapters fire, all are welcome. We do have wood that is brought in that is sold by Dial-A-Ride to finance Dial-A-Ride. The excess wood from last year's rally went to Jim Orns brother-in-law and sister that didn't have very much, they were very happy to have the excess wood.

If anyone is interested in checking out advance tickets to sell for the rally, see Smoker or Nita Baker and they can get you some. For the first time this year advance tickets and tickets for the rally will be available online at abatemn.org

**Public Relations (Mitch B):**

Not present. Bitzer got a text from Mitch to ask the chapter if we want to participate in Bowling for Kids Sake in October and set a date later time. Bike Show at Camp Courage in August and Camp Friendship in July.

Motion to accept the committee reports - Mike Berger, 2nd Lee, motion passed.

## OTHER REPORTS

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

Motorcycle Dial -A-Ride season started the last weekend in April. Mike has Dial-A-Ride packets with posters, tri-folds, business cards, writing pads and coasters in them to deliver to your favorite bars or restaurants. If you want packets to drop off and some t-shirts too that you can give to the bar, restaurant or wear yourself, see Mike Edgett.

**MN Motorcycle Safety Task Force (Monte:)**

Monte not Present. Jodi was at Abate U, she asked Smoker to thank everyone for her that sent prayers and well wishes in Lake Chapter. They hope to be here for the June meeting.

**Buddy Bears (Leah:)**

Todd picked up the buddy bears from Abate U for me. Motion made by April to donate ten Buddy Bears to Family Counseling Center in Buffalo, seconded by Mike Jencks, motion passed.

Motion made by Sherry to donate ten Buddy Bears to Two Twelve Emergency Center in Chaska, seconded by Mike Edgett, motion passed.

Motion made by Mary to donate ten Buddy Bears to Cross Lake and North Memorial Ambulance Service, seconded by Mike Jencks, motion passed.

Motion made by Mike Edgett to donate ten Buddy Bears to Wright County Human Services in Buffalo, seconded by Karen, motion passed.

We have ten bears left to decide where to take them.

**Products (Nikki):**

The chapter has talked about earmarking some money for t-shirts, the hat was passed and got \$150, along with the \$226 in donations from the hospitality room at Abate U, and what was sold in products. Motion made by Karen to spend \$200 on products, seconded by Batman, motion passes. The chapter voted to restock our products with about two dozen shirts, some in black and white, the message on the shirt will be "if found return to Lake Chapter."

**MRF Report (Todd R):**

Talking points: Bikers Inside The Beltway. #1 Pass the recognizing of protection in motorsports act. #2 Congress must make changes to the renewable fuel standard. #3 Pass the motorcycling anti profiling resolution. #4 Pass the A V start Act. See Mike after the meeting and he will catch you up to speed on what all of this means.

Our very own Kirk "Hardtail" Willard has been selected to be introduced into the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum Hall of Fame as this year's freedom fighter. The ceremony will be on Wednesday August Eighth at Nine am. You can buy individual tickets at \$45 or you can get a group of twelve together and split a \$425 reserved table bringing your cost down to \$35 for a seat.

Some things to watch on the national level are the EPA's bill that may not regulate vehicles used solely for competition and for other purposes on the clean air act. A bill to require the automobile manufacturers to disclose to the consumers

the presence of black boxes on new vehicles, this could creep over into motorcycles and is already starting to on Ducati motorcycles. In two years they are going to start releasing motorcycles with radar that sense vehicles in front and behind and attempt to make decisions for you. This is damaging when it comes to freedoms. A bill to provide for comprehensive assessment of scientific and technical research on E-15 gas that is already illegal to use in a motorcycle. A bill about hackers taking control of your vehicle when driving it, or affecting motorcycles in the future if they are required to have black boxes installed on them. A bill to end Title 49, United States Code for what's a motorcycle and what's not. A bill to accurately document vehicles that were significant in the history of the United States. So many things going on, on the national level that will impact the state level.

**Drawing (Mike E):** \$5 off products winner, Scott Trout.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The July chapter meeting will be up at Smokers on July 14th at Airport Marine and Storage.

August 19 chapter meeting will a Sunday at the Chaska VFW

September chapter meeting at the rally under the army tent at 2:10 pm

October 6th chapter meeting at the Red Vest, Rockford.

Smoker has rally posters and will make sure we have them at the membership table at Crow River Harley Davidson's Hog Roast on May 19th. If you want more posters contact Smoker, he will send them to you directly. Camp Courage and Camp Friendship dates are set.

Todd and Scott B. Talked about doing up a letter to send to expired chapter members asking where have they been, will bring the letter to the next meeting.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

May 14-15, Bikers Inside the Beltway, Washington D.C.

May 19, Membership table, Crow River Harley Davidson Open House & Hog Roast, Delano, 10 am

May 26 Chapter Memorial Run, American Legion, Hopkins, 10 am

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

June 9, Intermediate Rider Course, Hennepin Technical College, Brooklyn Park, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

June 10, Advanced Rider Course, Hennepin Technical College, Brooklyn Park, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

July 14, Chapter Meeting, Smoker's place (Airport Marine & Storage) Breezy Point, 3 pm

July 17, Camp Friendship Bike Show, Camp Friendship, Annandale, 6 pm

August 14, Camp Courage Bike Show, Camp Courage, Maple Lake, 6 pm

August 19, Chapter Meeting, VFW, Chaska, 3 pm

August 31-September 3, A.B.A.T.E of Minnesota's State Rally, Meeker County Fairgrounds, Litchfield

September 1, Chapter Meeting, Lake Chapter tent at the State Rally, Litchfield, 2:10 pm

October 6, Chapter Meeting, Red Vest, Rockford, 3 pm

Motion to adjourn the meeting –Mary 2nd      Mike B. Motion - Passed 4:42 pm

Respectfully submitted by Leah

#### **Motions Passed at the May 5 meeting**

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Motion to adjourn.

**Treasurer's Report - April, 2018**  
 For the First Month Ending April 30, 2018  
 Presented at May 5, 2018 Meeting: Missile Park, St. Bonifacius, 3:00 pm

Started April with		<b>\$1,781.62</b>
<b>Income:</b>	Products Sold	\$150.00
	Total:	<b>\$150.00</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	First Class Road Noise mailed to Lake Chapter President - April	\$2.00
	Member of the Year plaque	\$26.79
	Total:	<b>\$28.79</b>
April Ending Balance		<b>\$1,902.83</b>
<b>Earmarks</b>		
	A.B.A.T.E. University Hospitality Room	\$225.00
	A.B.A.T.E. University Hospitality Room food	\$200.00
	Reimburse Chapter Rep Hotel Rm @ BOD (3 remaining of 3 per year)	\$300.00
	Buddy Bears	\$375.00
	Annual Affiliation fee	\$25.00
	Food and supplies for Memorial Run Social	\$100.00
	Website annual hosting fee (August)	\$39.95
	Annual Blanket Special Events Insurance (August)	\$125.00
	2019 Grounded Hogs Party	\$900.00
	2018 Member of the Year plaque and Chapter paid Membership	\$50.00
	Total:	<b>\$2,339.95</b>
Buddy Bear Fund		<b>\$51.73</b>
Food Shelf Fund:		<b>\$0.00</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>\$2,139.15</b>
	<b>Spendable:</b>	<b>-\$437.12</b>

Lake Chapter Meeting sign in

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- 3 Snow GR
- 4 Scott Hunt
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- 6 Jim Mear
- 7 Deje Morin
- 8 W. MIKE EDGITT
- 9 SHERRY EDGITT
- 10 Sam
- 11 Mike Ann
- 12 Nancy Bell
- 13 Karen May
- 14 Lee P.
- 15 SCOT T. B. Tzell
- 16 Maureen E. O'Neil
- 17 B. L. Mear
- 18 Mrs. B. Mear
- 19 Mary Berger
- 20 Jim J. Kari
- 21 Ceynel. Buttenfield
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- 23 Becky
- 24 Doree J. Mear
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