

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

Date: May 7th, 2023

Location: American Legion, Mound, MN, 1pm

President:	April Murch	<u>X</u>	Sergeant at Arms:	Blythe Bucher	<u> </u>
Vice President:	Todd Riba	<u>X</u>		Dean Webb	<u>X</u>
Chapter Rep:	Scott Trout	<u>X</u>		Gaida Trout	<u>X</u>
Treasurer:	Dale Morin	<u>X</u>		Jim Bengston	<u>X</u>
Secretary:	Maureen O'Hern	<u>X</u>		Mike Jencks	<u>X</u>
				Nikki Arne	<u> </u>

Total numbers of members attending: 36 **Guests:** Karyn

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: Todd R.

Mtg Start Time: 1:02pm **Mtg End Time:** 2:41pm

Welcome to members and guests; President's Remarks; Vice-President's Remarks: April – Thank you to everyone who attended the washout, who manned the table at Moon Motorsports and for the fantastic turn out for the ditch pickup. Thank you everyone who helped with the ABATE U Hospitality room and brought food. Todd – Thank you to everyone for coming. Thank you to everyone for the ditch pickup and attending the Tri-County Run. Welcome to a new guest Karyn.

Officer Reports:

Secretary's report: Maureen O'Hern

Motion to accept the minutes as written - Dean W. 2nd Buzz P. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Dale Morin – If you write a check, please make it out to ABATE of MN Lake Chapter doesn't have its own checking account. Jim K. asked how much the Buddy Bears were and when it will be taken out of the Gambling Fund.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report - Dawn R. 2nd Mike E. Motion passed.

Chapter Rep Report: Scott Trout – The new Southwest District Director is Shelly Deutsch please contact her if you have any questions/concerns. Passport books are available for \$20 (\$10 goes to the state \$10 goes to our chapter) and include 155 stops. Scott passed around the list of members who have passed away and would like information/pictures that can be put in our Lake Chapter history file. Scott talked about Tri-County chapter's statewide membership drive that they are sponsoring. Scott talked about the Lake Chapter contest that will start June 3rd until Feb 3rd, 2024. Please contact your local government officials to ask them about proclaiming May Motorcycle Awareness Month.

Motion to accept the Chapter Rep report - Cyndi B. 2nd Dean W. Motion passed.

Committee Reports, Vice President:

Membership: Dale Morin – Thank you to Fred, Deb, Gaida, April, Mike & Dean who helped me set up and sat with me at Moon Motorsports. Thank you to Scott Bitzer, Scott & Gaida Trout for doing the washout. Dale reviewed items sold during his event. Lake Chapter has 234 members, ABATE of MN has 3214 members statewide. Scott stated that new members get a day pass for the 2023 State Rally. Also, someone renew their membership for 20yrs which extend their membership until 4 days before their 100th birthday.

Products: Gaida Trout – Thank you to private investigator Dale who got the guy to return the Lake Chapter products he had in his possession. They are taking orders for the State Rally 35th anniversary mugs. Gaida passed around a release form that people can sign so that she can use your likeness on certain products.

Special Events – Grounded Hogs: Open – Todd - Unfortunately Rosa had to step down as the GH Chair, April & Karen will meet with Rosa to pick her brain about the event. Please contact us if you would like to help with this event.

Special Events – Memorial Run: Dale Morin – At 9am Todd is leading the run from the Hopkins Legion to Ft. Snelling back to the Hopkins Legion, at 12pm Jim B. will lead from the Hopkins Legion to Delano & Mike J. will lead from Delano to Buffalo.

Special Events – Spring Run: Scott Bitzer – Please sell advance tickets they are our rain insurance. The run is June 17th leaving Red Lodge in Waverly at 12pm stops are Cosmos, Marty, Trail’s End, Red Lodge in Waverly. The is a get together at the Trout’s house after the run.

Special Events – Fall Run: Open – if anyone is interested in putting together a run let us know.

Training and Education: Sherry Edgett – we have 2 open spots for Saturday class and 3 open spots for the Sunday class. Thank you, Dawn, for putting an ad in the Road Noise. Dale will be hanging on to the checks that people made out and they will be returned to the people who show up for the class. Scott presented the Young Riders Scholarship information to the group.

Public Relations: Mitch Backlund – Todd asked that everyone take pictures our events and send them to your local paper and post them to facebook.

Buddy Bears: Cyndi Buttweiler / Jim Kosse – We will get 68 Buddy Bears so we need to decide who will receive them please make sure that organization is a 501 c3 organization and that the organization will accept them.

Motion to accept the Committee reports - Karen M. 2nd Lee P. Motion passed.

Other Reports, President:

MRF Report: Todd Riba – The biggest takeaway from Heartland STEAM was that Kirk “Hardtail” Willard said this was the most concerned he has ever been about the future of motorcycles. Todd, Dawn, Sandy & Jim will be going to Washington D.C. to attend Bikers in the Beltway event. Please contact your Representative about saving the internal combustible engine you can contact Todd for the bill number. We have a lot of people in Tom Emmer district a few in Angie Craig and Dean Phillips’ districts so please reach out to them. April relayed her experience about attending Heartland STEAM and highly recommends going. Dawn said the 2024 Heartland STEAM event will be held in Sioux Falls, SD.

Dial-A-Ride: Scott Trout – Scott has more Dial-A-Ride information please take it, distribute it, and write down where you delivered it to. Please contact him if you would like any DAR material.

Government Relations/Legislative Report: Mack Backlund – Todd - Most of the bills we brought down to the Capital are not moving so we have a lot of work to do. The Motorcycle PAC of Minnesota fund is kinda of low please consider donating money to the PAC. Dawn – currently \$1 dollar of our advanced Spring Run ticket price goes to the PAC. *Motion to have \$2 of any Spring Run tickets sold the day of the run go to the PAC – Dawn R. 2nd Cyndi B. Motion passed.*

MN Motorcycle Safety Task Force: Open – April spoke about the responsibilities of being on the MMSTF committee or just being the person that relays the Task Forces’ information to our chapter. Todd spoke about the requirements to be on the committee. Dean W. asked about applying to the MMSTF. Thank you, Dean.

State Rally: Keith “Smoker” Efron – April spoke about the band lineup; our rally shifts and the Royalty Pageant.

Picking of the Name: Karen May – Micki P. is the winner of the \$5 off chapter products coupon.

Old Business:

State Rally Sponsorship - *Motion to buy a \$500 Silver sponsorship for the Rally and donate \$500 to the Motorcycle PAC of Minnesota – Dawn R. 2nd Jim K. Motion passed.* Todd – bring your ideas on how we can distribute our tickets to the next meeting.

New Business:

Website Officer Contacts – Gaida would like to see the officer contact information updated to include all the officers that feel comfortable having their #s published please contact Cyndi.

Lake Chapter Charter Member list – Gaida would like information on the people that founded Lake Chapter if you have any information, stories, or pictures please contact her

Grounded Hogs party – Motion to have a 2024 Grounded Hogs party – Cyndi B. 2nd Jim K. Motion passed. Motion to hold the GH party at the Rockford Township Hall – Mike J. 2nd Karen M. Motion passed. Karen M. will contact Everett Smithson about playing at the GH party.

Chapter Contest guidelines was discussed, and information was passed around.

Weebly next renewal date: Weebly website hosting expires Mar 13, 2024 (auto renew) Weebly domain name registration expires September 6, 2023 – Tabled until the June meeting.

Steven J. Kreitlow award flag request (flown on 8/6) – April Murch will request it from Rep. Tom Emmer’s office.

Steven J. Kreitlow award flag box request – Mike Jencks will make the flag box. Thank you, Mike.

Scott T. – Please submit information for a Member, Bike, Business or Veteran of the Month to the Road Noise they need entries.

Randy Deter – Randy asked if there is any interest in putting together First Aid kits that individuals can carry in their saddlebags and the possibility of it becoming an ABATE product. He asked if there is any interest in holding another CPR/First Aid class. He talked about FIDO Bags; how important they are and that he will buy the 1st one that can be donated to a fire & rescue group after that we can discuss buying more in the future.

Todd R. – there will be a short ride after the meeting.

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

May 15th-16th – Bikers Inside the Beltway, Washington DC

May 27th – Memorial Run, Hopkins Legion, 9am is the Fort Snelling run, noon is the regular run.

June 3rd – Lake Chapter Meeting, Missile Park in St. Boni, 3pm

June 10th & 11th – Intermediate and Advanced Training Courses, Hennepin Technical College, Brooklyn Park

June 17th – Spring Run, Red Lodge, Waverly, Kickstands up at noon⁶⁷

June 29th-July 1st – Algona Freedom Rally, Algona IA

July 8th – Lake Chapter Meeting, Smoker’s in Breezy Point, 3pm

July 29th – Lake Chapter Meeting, Madigan’s, Maple Lake, 3pm

• Motion to adjourn -	Dean W.	2nd	Cyndi B.	Motion Passed
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Respectfully submitted by Maureen O’Hern

Motions passed at the May 7th Meeting:

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Motion to accept the Committee reports

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Motion to have a 2024 Grounded Hogs party.

Motion to hold the 2024 GH party at the Rockford Township Hall.

Motion to adjourn

Lake Chapter Treasurer's Report - April 2023
 For the Month Ending April 30
 Presented at the May 7, 2023 Meeting - American Legion, Mound MN

Started April with		\$ 676.12
Income:		
Chapter Products Sales		\$ 121.00
Memberships		\$ 251.00
Fundraisers		\$ 7,038.55
Fundraisers-50% Split to State		\$ (2,013.88)
Total:		\$ 5,396.67
Expenses:		
Purchases-Products		\$ 110.00
Website Expences		\$ 159.92
ABTE U Hospitality Room food		\$ 300.00
ABATE U Chapter Challenge		\$ 300.00
Intermediate & Advanced Rider Courses - 2023		\$ 800.00
Printed Materials-Fundraisers		\$ 126.06
Reimburse Chapter Rep Hotel Rm @ BOD (2 left of 3 per year)		\$ 154.13
Chapter Rep mileage 144 miles		\$ 20.16
Total:		\$ 1,970.27
April Ending Balance		\$ 4,102.52
Earmarks		
2 - 1/4 page ads promoting the 2023 MC training courses		\$70.00
1/4 page ad promoting the spring run		\$35.00
Total:		\$ 105.00
Petty Cash:		\$ 50.00
MRF Donation Fund:		\$ -
Chapter Gambling Fund:		\$ 1,267.81
Food Shelf Fund:		\$ -
Toys for Tots Fund:		\$ -
Grand Total:		\$ 5,420.33
	Spendable	\$ 3,997.52