

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

**Location:** Chop's, Hanover

**Date:** November 11, 2017

**Time:** 3pm

**Officers Present:**

<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>      </u>
<b>Secretary:</b>	Leah Otto	<u>  x  </u>		Fred Pawelk	<u>  x  </u>
				Scott Trout	<u>  x  </u>

**Total number of members attending:** 30

**Guests:** Paul Tjepkes

**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:** Scott Trout

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

Smoker asked for a moment of silence for all the veterans we lost. Thank You to all the veterans at our meeting today and for the service you have done for our country. Thanks to everyone for coming out today and we have a pretty good turnout.

Dave thanked all the veterans for their service. We raised \$368 dollars for Toys for Tots. Mitch stated the calendar is done.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**Secretary's report:**

Motion to accept the minutes – Mike Berger, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Edgett                      Motion Passed

**Treasurer's Report:**

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report Karen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Trout    Motion Passed

**Chapter Rep Report:**

MRF-A.B.A.T.E of Minnesota received an award for getting our license plate thru in our state. Minnesota also received an award for third place for MRF memberships. Todd Riba received a top 10 award nationwide for recruiting memberships. Congrats Todd!

Heartland Steam will be in Albert Lea on March 23<sup>rd</sup> thru the 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The keynote speaker will be Lady Ninja. She is a national sports bike association president. Jim has her information on registering and volunteering. Heartland Steam is looking for sponsors, auction items and volunteers.

For the Meeting of the Minds, Lake Chapter has committed to \$750 and a minimum of 7 volunteers for the event. Bikerday is March 14<sup>th</sup> 2018. We need to come up with the best way to get our members to bikerday and let the state know. Is it best to carpool, drive separately, or take one of the regional buses. The need is to make the best use of the money possible. If we are taking our own bus, we can potentially send out invitations for other bikers not in our chapter that would like to ride our bus. This info needs to go to Paul Tjepkes as soon as possible to get put on the website so people can look at this.

Currently being discussed is Motorcycle permit restrictions being lifted. If you have a motorcycle permit, you are restricted from riding at night, riding on freeways or carrying a passenger. They are actually looking to lift the restriction from driving on the freeway.

The issue is the difference from driving on the freeways like Hwy 10 and 65 at the speed of traffic rates compared to driving on 94 and 35. Once you get outside the cities it's not as big a deal because of better flowing traffic.

Publication's is always looking for bike of the month, member of the month and business of the month and should be submitted to the publications committee. We have a contact for this, [Becky@roadnoise.org](mailto:Becky@roadnoise.org)

For gambling we got \$119 dollars kicked back to us for selling raffle tickets. There were multiple chapters that sold none and turned them back in prior to the deadline. We were in 5<sup>th</sup> place out of the 26 chapters. We have ABATE U raffle tickets available and already sold two of them. The prizes this year are a Road King Custom for first place, second place is an Indian Dark Horse, third place is an Indian Scout 60 and fourth place is \$5000 dollars in cash.

Mike Berger asked what happened to the lane splitting issue. As an organization we have not gotten behind this issue. We are holding back on this because of the language in the bill. The COC has gone on to say they will support this and it's based more on rights than safety. They say we should be able to do lane splitting, they want some rights as bikers so they will support it for that reason. This is not a mandatory thing that you have to split lanes. California roads are wider than Minnesota's. Becky said everyone should read Frank Ernst's NCOM report in the November issue of the roadnoise on lane splitting.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Fundraiser for lunch at the January B.O.D, Karen and Todd are in charge of this. Jim got some names at the last B.O.D. of some people from other chapters that may help us out.

Grounded Hogs party is coming up in February 2018. Everett Smithson will play. ABATE U is coming up in April 2018. Motion was made by Mike Berger to pay for the ABATE U Hospitality room that's booked. 2<sup>nd</sup> was Mary Berger Motion Passed. Smoker has confirmation numbers for the room reservation.

Becky thanked everyone that showed up for the Toys for Tots fundraiser. \$368 dollars was raised. We had about 20 people that showed up which was down from last year. Thanks to everyone that brought food. Dave got a glass boot from the Crossbar.

### Membership (Dave C.):

Scott thanked all the veterans and all our members. Total members for the State is 3,560. Freedom first is First with 281 and Lake is Second with 268. L.C.W.D deserves to be number one chapter again, consider buying a membership for someone as a Christmas present.

### Legislative / Government Relations Report (Todd R.):

There's not much really to report other than Bikerday at the Capital is March 14, 2018 and we will hit that hard come first of the year. Motorcycle awareness license plates will be available first of the year. A portion of the fee goes towards the manufacturing of the plates and the rest goes back into motorcycle safety. There are five new members on the Motorcycle Safety Task Force and one of them is the Tri-County President and an ABATE member. The task force is looking for messages to post on the overpass boards for 2018. The current message that will be used for 2018 is "We haven't had this much fun since recess."

Minnesota is going to be hosting the 2019 Meeting of the Minds. The last time Minnesota hosted was in 2009 and Mary Berger was the local coordinator for the event. It was the most attended as well as most money raised successful event. We will be looking for volunteers once that time rolls around. We used to do a fishing tournament and the chapter has decided to bring this back and make some money for the MRF. Turkey bowling will be out on the ice to help raise money for the MRF.

### Training and Education (Mary):

The last couple of years we have had some difficulty in filling classes so it was decided to take a year off. If there is someone else that would like to take this on and recruit people to the classes, Mary would be more than happy to assist you in that. Otherwise she will bring information of where you can take them on your own.

Our guest speaker is Paul Tjepkes. He talked about share the road classes. If anyone is interested in doing a class, please see Paul and he can help you get started.

**State Rally (Smoker):**

2018 is the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual A.B.A.T.E of Minnesota Motorcycle State Rally. Smoker is looking for a Vice Chair, someone to head up security and someone to head up the sponsorship committee. Becky has done a great job over the last couple of years covering this and would like someone to step up and take this over. At the January B.O.D we will be giving out sponsorship packets. Lake Chapter has been very successful over the years in getting sponsors for the rally. Thank You to everyone that has stepped up and helped out with getting sponsors for the rally. Send band recommendations to Smoker.

**Public Relations (Mitch B):**

We had our Bowling for Kids Sake event at McPete's in Big Lake. We raised over \$3000 dollars and a photo was printed in the Big Lake Paper.

Motion to accept the committee reports – Mike Jencks, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris                      Motion Passed

**OTHER REPORTS**

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

If you have questions on Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride program see Mike after the meeting. Mike turned in a form to our chapter rep that states what we did last year and he will be happy to be a representative for the next year. We handed out 29 packets last year and Mike would like to increase that to 31.

**MN Motorcycle Safety Task Force (Mike B.)**

Monte not Present

**Buddy Bears (Fred):**

We have ten bears left. A counseling center in Buffalo called April's Work will take the bears. Motion made by Mary to set up a date with April's Work Counseling Center for delivery of the bears, seconded by Cindy, motion passed. Jim said the buddy bear forms are available and need to be turned in at the January B.O.D. weather we order some bears or none. Becky believes Kim Ostlund is pushing this year to separate gambling from buddy bears so they will not be subsidized by gambling, just because it is a hassle for her committee. Becky will try and find out from Sharon if she has a ballpark price on the bears. I have offered to take the buddy bears over from Dave and Becky. If you know of a place that you want the bears to go to, please be responsible in calling the place and setting up a time.

**Products (Dan):**

Dan has t-shirts available to purchase in black or grey. Short sleeve are \$15 and long sleeve are \$18. Motion made by Mitch to spend \$30 dollars to add more L.C.W.D patches to products. Second was Mike Edgett, motion passed.

**MRF Report (Todd R):**

Already covered in report.

**Drawing (Mike E):** \$5 off products winner

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Toys for Tots drop off for Kare 11 in Golden Valley will be on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM. Meet across the road at Perkins by 4 or 4:30 at the latest so everyone can head over together to Kare 11 Studio for the 5 PM newscast.

Batman brought up that one of the founding fathers of Lake Chapter was a man named Jim Leyman who passed away recently in Butte, Montana. Jim was also the first president of Lake Chapter. Mary stated that one of the things the MRF A&E has started is a legacy program and its where you can make a donation in honor of a fallen motorcycle rider. Mary made a motion that the Chapter donate \$50 dollars in his memory to either a charity that was listed in his obituary or one that is specified in the A&E legacy program. Becky asked for it to go straight to the A&E so she can do paperwork. Seconded by Cindy, motion passed.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Steven J. Kreitlow award voting ballots were handed out. Nominee's are: Karen May, Keith Knee and Kimmer Robertson.

Additional New Business: Mike Berger made a motion to renew MRF sustaining membership, seconded was Buzz, motion passed.

Scott Bitzer and Scott Trout were recognized for active member patches for all the work they do. One small piece of business Mike Berger brought up is back in the day we used to sponsor a Lake Chapter membership for the MRF Vice President Jeff Henney. Mike made a motion that Lake Chapter sponsor the MRF's new Vice President of Government Relations as a Lake Chapter member. Seconded by Mike Edgett, motion passed. This is something we have done for many years and would like to see it continue.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Dec. 2, Special Events Committee Meeting, Madigan's, Maple Lake, 2:30 PM

Dec. 2, Lake Chapter Meeting, Madigan's, Maple Lake, 3 PM

Dec. 8, Toys for Tots drop-off, Kare 11, Golden Valley, 5 PM, meet between 4 & 4:30 across the street at Perkins.

Jan. 6, Lake Chapter Meeting, American Legion, Delano, 3 PM

Jan. 19, Rally Meeting, Holiday Inn Express, Rogers, 6 PM

Jan. 20, A.B.A.T.E of Minnesota B.O.D. Holiday Inn Express, Rogers, 9:00 AM

Feb. 3, Grounded Hogs Party, Rockford Township Hall, Buffalo

Feb. 10, Lake Chapter Meeting, Red Vest, Rockford, 3 PM

Mar. 10, Lake Chapter Meeting, Hollywood Roadhouse, 3 PM

Mar. 23-25, Heartland Steam, Ramada, Albert Lea

Apr. 20-22, A.B.A.T.E University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria

Motion to adjourn the meeting – 2nd Motion - Passed 4:18 pm

Respectfully submitted by Leah Otto

## **Motions Passed at the Apr 9th meeting**

**Motion to accept the Secretary's minutes, Mike Berger, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Edgett, Motion Passed**

**Motion to accept the Treasurer's report, Karen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Trout, Motion Passed**

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**Motion made by Mary that Lake Chapter donate \$50 dollars in Jim Leyman's memory to a charity specified in the MRF's A&E Legacy program, 2<sup>nd</sup> was Cindy, motion passed.**

**Motion made by Mike Berger to renew MRF sustaining membership, 2<sup>nd</sup> was Buzz, motion passed**

Motion made by Mike Berger that Lake Chapter sponsor the MRF's new Vice President of Government Relations as a Lake Chapter member, 2<sup>nd</sup> was Mike Edgett, motion passed

Motion to adjourn the meeting, Mitch, 2<sup>nd</sup> was Mike Berger, motion passed

**Treasurer's Report - October, 2017**  
 For the Seventh Month Ending October 31, 2017  
 Presented at November 11, 2017 Meeting: Chop's, Hanover, 3:00 pm

Started October with		<b>\$2,085.50</b>
<b>Income:</b>		
	Memberships - October	\$48.00
	Donations collected for license plate business cards	\$105.00
	Donation to Chapter	\$20.00
	Products sold	\$30.00
	Donations collected for Toys for Tots	\$391.00
	Donations collected for the Food Shelf	\$48.00
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$642.00</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
	First Class Road Noise mailed to Lake Chapter President - October	\$2.00
	Contribution towards printing license plate business cards	\$130.00
	Transfer to Toys for Tots fund	\$391.00
	Transfer to the Food Shelf fund	\$48.00
	1/4 page ad in Road Noise for the Toys for Tots Fundraiser	\$24.50
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$595.50</b>
October Ending Balance		<b>\$2,132.00</b>
<b>Earmarks</b>		
	Reimburse Chapter Rep Hotel Rm @ BOD (1 remaining of 3 per year)	\$100.00
	Chapter Calendars	\$250.00
	January B.O.D. hospitality room and lunch fundraiser	\$200.00
	2018 Grounded Hogs Party	\$900.00
	2017 Member of the Year plaque and Chapter paid Membership	\$50.00
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>
Buddy Bear Fund		<b>\$51.73</b>
Food Shelf Fund:		<b>\$90.37</b>
Gambling Fund:		<b>\$277.54</b>
MRF Fund:		<b>\$0.00</b>
Petty Cash:		<b>\$38.80</b>
Toys for Tots Fund:		<b>\$553.00</b>
<b>Grand Total:</b>		<b>\$3,143.44</b>
	<b>Spendable:</b>	<b>\$632.00</b>

Lake Chapter Meeting sign in

Date 11-11-17

- 1 Leah Otto
- 2 Jim Kane
- 3 Dawn Bets
- 4 Olive
- 5 Sherry Bets
- 6 Mike Edgard
- 7 Dave CLIFTON
- 8 Becky
- 9 Mary Berger
- 10 Mike Berger
- 11 Bill Flante
- 12 Karen Max
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- 14 [unclear]
- 15 Paul Jeps R.P.
- 16 Kimbur
- 17 [unclear]
- 18 Batman
- 19 Nikki Arne
- 20 Dan Arne
- 21 Jerry Bartzel
- 22 Chris Korman
- 23 Lee P.
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- 25 [unclear]
- 26 Sue Raker
- 27 Stan Trout
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