

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

Location: Chop's, Hanover

Date: November 11, 2017

Time: 3pm

Officers Present:

President:	Keith "Smoker" Efron	<u> x </u>	Sergeant at Arms:	Dan Arne	<u> x </u>
Vice President:	Dave Clifton	<u> x </u>		Scott Bitzer	<u> x </u>
Chapter Rep:	Jim Kosse	<u> x </u>		Mike Jencks	<u> x </u>
Treasurer:	Becky Hasslen	<u> x </u>		Colleen Johnson	<u> </u>
Secretary:	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, 2nd Mike Edgett Motion Passed

Treasurer's Report:

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report Karen, 2nd 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 23rd thru the 25th, 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 14th 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

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 5th 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. 2nd 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):