

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

Location: Boondocs Bar & Grill, Otsego **Date:** November 3, 2018

Time: 3pm

Officers Present:

President:	Keith "Smoker" Efron	<u> X </u>	Sergeant at Arms:	Nikki Arne	<u> X </u>
Vice President:	Dan Arne	<u> X </u>		Mike Jencks	<u> </u>
Chapter Rep:	Todd Riba	<u> X </u>		Curt Johnson	<u> </u>
Treasurer:	Karen May	<u> </u>		April Murch	<u> </u>
Secretary:	Leah Otto	<u> X </u>		Fred Pawelk	<u> X </u>
				Scott Trout	<u> </u>

Total number of members attending: 20 **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 for coming out. Dan said hello to everyone.

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary's report:

Motion to accept the minutes -Mitch, 2nd Dawn Motion Passes

Treasurer's Report:

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report, Dawn 2nd Mitch Motion Passes
Mitch reporting for Karen.

Chapter Rep:(Todd)

Had a board meeting in Grand Rapids. Twenty three of the twenty six chapters were present. On the rally raffle, there was enough money so we could pay back money to the chapters. As of the board meeting we have \$230.48 in our gambling account, this doesn't include the split. Heart of the Lakes chapter did sell over \$500 in tickets. One chapter lost five books of tickets, this will come out of chapter funds if the person that checked them out don't pay the cost of the tickets back. Let's be careful with the tickets. Anyone that sells raffle tickets make sure that people don't stick mailing labels on the tickets.

We got our ass chewed at the board meeting on buddy bears, Todd and Dawn will get the ten delivered to 212 in Chaska that they have in the next two weeks, Smoker delivered his ten last Thursday to Cross Lake. The ten I have still have to be delivered.

Right to Ride program is where you write a letter to an elected official and the Frank gives you a patch or a rocker. From the July to the October board meeting, Frank only handed out four patches. This is kind of sad for an organization that promotes riding free.

Abate University-we need some silent auction items and a center piece, we have until April to figure this out. So if someone wants to create a centerpiece, you have a little time. You now can start making hotel reservations, the hotel has a hundred and forty rooms and would like to see them all booked by Abate members. They have some good classes planned, more details to come later. Todd has Abate U raffle tickets, there are ten of them, cost is \$100 each. Prizes are two bikes and cash.

Membership- we are close to 3,500 for the state and at one time had almost 4,000, let's try to increase this. If people have membership tri-folds laying around, let's try to use them instead of printing new ones up. Bring them back to Todd so he can get them to membership people. Frank challenged everyone at the B.O.D to sign up on one new member by January, this challenge is being extended to Lake Chapter members. Jim LaSpisa our membership chair really wants to step down so we could use a membership chair or co-chair. The primary thing is taking care of the membership at Algona, handing out membership stuff, taking care of the tri-folds, let Todd or Mack know if interested.

Benny our state products person wants to step down, so if someone could help him with some of the administrative stuff he may stick around. We can now sign out state products to sell at our fundraisers, so if anyone is willing to take this on for the Grounded Hogs party coming up in February.

A number of chapters have approached Smoker over the last five years that would like to see 18 to 20 years olds being allowed into the rally. Currently you have to be twenty one to get into the rally, if your there your legal to drink. Todd asked that we discuss this. Todd and the rest of the chapter reps were asked to come back to the board meeting prepared to vote on if 18 to 20 year olds should be allowed into the State Rally. Mack and Smoker have checked with the company that provides the event insurance and they don't seem to have a problem with it as long as we have a policy in place to deal with the 18 to 20 year olds if they are caught drinking. This issue is just exploratory at this stage and we talk all the time about how to get more people and younger people involved in our organization. All we are deciding as a chapter is if this is a good idea and if we should go forth with it. The rally voted twelve to eleven to support this.

Dial-A-Ride: We did have seventy three pick-ups, high number but at least they chose not to ride impaired. We need to come up with an idea of how many bars we want to pass information out to by the January B.O.D. meeting. So far we have twenty seven bars and restaurants. Mike would like to push that number up to about thirty five places we want to visit.

Motorcycle Safety Task Force--last year we had fifty three and as of mid October, we are now at fifty six. We have had three profiling complaints that are being processed now.

Motorcycle Federation of Clubs has donated \$1001 dollars towards bikerday. This is more than any chapter has donated to bikerday. Motion made by Dawn to donate \$250.00 towards bikerday, seconded by Mike Edgett, motion passes.

The C.O.C has an events calendar that they pass out all over the place, for a \$10 dollar donation you can get your event on the calendar. If we could get the information and the ten bucks to Jane Doyle but mid December, we could get the Grounded Hogs Party on the calendar.

Please let Todd know if you would like to nominate someone for a State level position, nominations are in January. Mack said that he would not be accepting a nomination this year. Jim Orn our assistant state coordinator did announce at the October board meeting that he is going to run along with Jane Doyle. Jane would be the State coordinator candidate and Jim would be the assistant coordinator candidate.

MN Pac-They received \$3,200 in contributions. Two thousand of this was for memberships which is the check off part on the tri-folds. Freedom First is the second largest chapter that contributed \$1,050 of this money from their fundraiser. Borderline chapter contributed \$100. Todd has a list of candidates that the Pac contributed money to and it was spread around pretty good between republicans and Democrats.

Publications-Becky Hasslen has moved to South Dakota, so we need a publications chair. Kimmer has agreed to stay on as the organizer. Mack did a really good job and has worked out a deal with Baker printing who prints up our road noise to be our editor. We currently pay the editor \$400 a month, and they are going to work within that price range, if we don't like it after six months we can get out of the deal.

Todd passed out four different colored report sheets, the one he focused on was the one that shows how much money Abate of Minnesota (all chapters combined) has in the bank in one account. Abate of Minnesota basically shows there is about \$73,000 in the bank with the overall account showing it is at \$71,900 and the difference is at least \$800 that the organization is in the hole. When we have these fundraisers we have to split with the state but this is what keeps the organization going.

Todd thanked everyone that went to the Tri-County Turkey sandwich feed. Tri-County was very appreciative and we have another opportunity to help out again on Saturday November 24th at the Litchfield Eagles club.

Our rally volunteers that signed up and did at least three shifts or more at the rally, your entitled to have your name out in a bucket to win a gift as a thank you. Our very own Cindy won a gift.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Special Events (Open):

We are still looking for someone to head up the special events committee. We will have the Grounded Hogs Party coming up in the next few months on February second two thousand nineteen. We need help with food, set up, tear down, security, also need live and silent auction items and door prizes. Mitch can make up some sign up sheets. Ticket prices are the same as last year. Motion made by Dawn to put 1/2 page ad in the January road noise, seconded by Mike Edgett, motion passes.

Membership:(Scott B):

Total for the state is 3,504. Lake is first with 273, Freedom First has 259 and Central has 238. If anyone has any events coming up, Scott can help with a membership table at your event.

Legislative / Government Relations Report (Mike B.):

Todd talked about the basic rider course fee proposals being increased. Raising the endorsement fee from thirteen to nineteen dollars and the permit application from twenty one to twenty nine. This was discussed at the board meeting and there was no objections about it, so this is moving forward and will be a talking point at bikerday in January. These fee increases have an opportunity to put a half million dollars into the motorcycle safety fund with the hope that we can stop some of these training classes from being cancelled and get more rider participation. This is a good PR opportunity because we are going to ask legislators to take money from us, which they rarely get to do.

The right to ride patch-we are looking to create a patch for people that make political contributions, so if anyone wants to help design of one for that, let Todd know. He talked about the hands free electronic device at the board meeting, no objections or concerns so we are moving forward with the bill. We will get some help from law enforcement on this.

Some people believe that bikerday is the most important event of the year. Our opponent's see that our number of attendees and funding is down. The question is as an organization do we want to continue with the bikerday event? Mack and Todd have seen countless times the benefits of bikerday. Todd would like to have designated meeting locations posted in bikerday so people that are not in our group can still attend and carpool with us. Two locations decided on so far: Quick Trip in Chaska and the Delano Legion in Delano, we will figure out a third location at next month's meeting.

Motorcycle rights and safety-we spend to much time working against each other instead of working together. When Mack started twelve years ago he held up a sign saying "what does this have to do with motorcycle rights and safety." Let's focus on the things that really matter.

Training and Education (Sherry):

She asked if we are going to do training classes and if so, she would like to get a jump on scheduling the dates earlier. There is the 8th, 15th and the 22nd of June open. We chose to set up a rider training class on June 8th.

State Rally (Smoker):

The rally was kind of disappointing this year. We're going to work on something for next year. If people don't know about the rally they can't go, so let's start early getting the word out. Smoker will have cards at the Grounded Hogs for reminders about the post cards and business cards. So start making plans to go to the rally next year. We were a little over four hundred people down and had a nine thousand dollar loss due to additional advertising ideas and a very expensive band.

Smoker told the district directors to get with your chapters and by the January B.O.D he wants one band from each district that is willing to play at the rally. If you know of a band that is willing to play at the rally, send the information to Trashy not to Smoker. Todd said that he needs to know what to say at the board meeting and his opinion is just that he

thinks we should just have a biker party with some bands playing cover songs instead of trying to be as big as some of these other places like Algona. He doesn't believe the rally has been self sustaining without sponsorship for a very long time. We should focus on sustaining the rally from ticket sales and try not to live beyond that. Take the sponsorship money for profit for the cause.

Public Relations (Mitch B):

She got a copy of the picture that was in the paper from the Bowling for Kids Sake event in October. We raised a little over \$3,100 dollars. The next PR event is the Toys for Tots at Kate 11 in December. It is scheduled for December seventh at six pm. Starting at five meet at the Chinese place a cross the street from the Kare building. The Chinese place used to be Perkins restaurant.

Motion to accept the committee reports -Fred, 2nd Kimmer, Motion passes.

OTHER REPORTS

Dial-A-Ride (Mike E):

Mike will bring a list of the twenty seven places we brought materials to last year to the next meeting. See Mike with any questions about Dial-A-Ride after the meeting.

MN Motorcycle Safety Task Force (Monte.)

Not present. Next meeting is November 15th at 5pm, St. Paul College.

Buddy Bears (Leah):

Smoker delivered the ten he had last Thursday to Cross Lake. Todd and Dawn will deliver there's in the next two weeks. I still have to do the ten I have to set a date of delivery.

Products (Nikki):

Working on getting shirts made up. Long sleeve in men's or women's sizes. Maybe a v-neck or a scoop neck. Keeping it simple keeps the cost down. Please pre order next month if you want one. Nikki passed around a picture she had drawn up. Short sleeve is \$15 and long sleeve is \$20. We will be having more stickers, decals, and calendars will be available at next month's meeting.

MRF Report (Mike B.):

Todd gave the report on Meeting of the Minds that was held in Denver. It was very well attended and a lot of people from Minnesota that are also on the committee for the 2019 Meeting of the Minds event coming up in September were there. He thinks we are in good shape so far on the planning. If anyone wants to help out with the Meeting of the Minds event please see Todd, Dawn, Karen or Kimmer. Right now volunteers are being lined up.

We are making one last push for the profiling resolution. We really want to try and get this resolution passed. So if you have not sent an email about the resolution, see Todd and Dawn today and it can be taken care of easily. We have to get Klobuchar and Smith to at least say yes to this resolution.

The membership fee for motorcycle riders foundation is going to go up by May 20th, 2019, so if you want to save yourself some money you can renew early with Todd or Dawn and they will help you out. A.B.A.T.E of Wisconsin currently has more MRF members than any other organizationist in the country. It would really stink if we had a bunch of cheeseheads come to the Meeting of the Minds next year with more MRF members than Minnesota. We are behind them by a hundred and fifty members.

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

Dave Dibb.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

The Toys for Tots drop off at Kare 11 is set for December 7th for the six o'clock news. Start meeting at 5 pm at the Chinese restaurant across the street from Kare 11. The Chinese restaurant used to be the Perkins restaurant.

Per discussion (\$472 from gambling plus \$38 donation from Fred to make a total of \$500 dollars) donation for Toys for Tots at Kare 11. Smoker is donating \$500 towards Toys for Tots at Kare 11. Biker beard wraps is donating \$200 towards Toys for Tots at Kare 11. All together this makes \$1200 so far as of this chapter meeting that's being donated to Toys for Tots at Kare 11.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 1, Lake Chapter special events meeting, Delano Legion, 2:30 pm

December 1, Lake Chapter Meeting, Delano Legion, 3 pm

December 7, Toys for Tots drop off at Kare 11, start meeting at 5 pm across the street from Kare at the Chinese restaurant (Used to be Perkins). We're on the 6 pm newscast.

January 5, Lake Chapter Meeting, Madigan's, Maple Lake, 3 pm

January 30, Bikerday at the State Capital.

February 2, Lake Chapter Meeting, Rockford Township Hall, Rockford, Note: at 4 pm

February 2, Grounded Hogs Party, Rockford Township Hall, Rockford, following chapter meeting.

March 9, Lake Chapter Meeting, Hollywood Road House, 3 pm

Respectfully submitted by Leah Otto

Motions Passed at the November 3 meeting

Motion to accept the Secretary's report, Mitch, seconded by Dawn, Motion Passes.

Motion to accept the Treasurers report, Dawn, seconded by Mitch, Motion Passes.

Motion made by Dawn to donate \$250.00 towards birthday, seconded by Mike Edgett, Motion Passes.

Motion made by Dawn to put a 1/2 page ad in the road noise, seconded by Mike Edgett, Motion Passes.

Motion to accept the committee reports, Fred, seconded by Kimmer, Motion Passes.

Motion to adjourn, Mitch, seconded by Debbie, Motion Passed, 4:30 pm.

Treasurer's Report - November, 2018
 For the Eighth Month Ending November 30, 2018
 Presented at December 1, 2018 Meeting: Delano Lanes, Delano, 3:00 pm

Started November with		\$2,882.69
Income:		
	Memberships - October	\$77.00
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	Total:	\$77.00
Expenses:		
	First Class Road Noise mailed to Lake Chapter President - September	\$2.00
	Biker Day	250.00
	Chapter Rep hotel room for October BOD (1 night)	92.30
	Chapter Calendars	381.62
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	Total:	\$725.92
November Ending Balance		\$2,233.77
Earmarks		
	Reimburse Chapter Rep Hotel Rm @ BOD (1 remaining of 3 per year)	\$100.00
	2019 Grounded Hogs Party	\$900.00
	2018 Member of the Year plaque and Chapter paid Membership	\$50.00
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	Total:	\$1,050.00
Food Shelf Fund:		\$13.00
Gambling Fund:		\$238.48
MRF Fund:		\$110.25
Petty Cash:		\$28.80
Toys for Tots Fund:		\$480.00
Grand Total:		\$3,104.30
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Spendable:		\$1,183.77

11/3/18 Lake Chapter
Meeting Sign In
Boondocks

1. Nikki Arne
2. Dan Arne
3. Mack Backlund
4. David Banks
5. Dave Banks
6. Nancy DBB
7. David DBB
8. Maureen E O'H
9. Dale Morin
10. SMOKER
11. Todd Rivera
12. Spuz Arnold
13. Dan [unclear]
14. Cyndi Buttweiler
15. Debra Ruiz
16. Mitch Backlund
17. Scott Bitzer
18. [unclear]
19. Kummer
20. Leahotto



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Volunteers Needed



6:00 p.m. Friday through midnight Sunday, last weekend in April through last weekend in October