

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

Location: The Red Vest, Rockford, MN **Date:** October 7, 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> </u>
Treasurer:	Becky Hasslen	<u> X </u>		Colleen Johnson	<u> X </u>
Secretary:	Leah Otto	<u> X </u>		Fred Pawelk	<u> </u>
				Scott Trout	<u> X </u>

Total number of members attending: 27 **Guests:** None

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: Scott Trout

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

Smoker thanked everyone that came out and helped pick up wet trash for the ditch pick up in the rain, we had 9 people and it took about an hour. He asked if everyone had fun at the rally because he sure did.

Dave thanked everyone for coming out and for helping with the rally.

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary's report:

Motion to accept the minutes -Mitch 2nd Karen Motion - Passed

Treasurer's Report:

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report , Karen 2nd Dan Motion – Passed

Chapter Rep Report:

Minnesota PAC at the time of the B.O.D. had over \$20,000 for a balance, that amount is nice and more would be great but you are encouraged to do individual contributions along with what chapters do as a whole. There is a form available if you want to designate your contribution to a specific legislator.

Jim passed around a riders rights and civil liberties brochure for everyone to look at. It tells what your rights are if you get pulled over, what to say and not to say and who to contact. There is also a mobile justice app that you can download on your phone to record the conversation between you and the police officer if you get pulled over.

Kenny requested help with products, great river volunteered for this.

If you are not receiving the road noise , check first to see if your subscription is expired. If expired contact the state office first instead of the publications committee.

Heartland STEAM is March 23-25, 2018 in Albert Lea, Minnesota. They are looking for volunteers. This is a smaller version of Meeting of the Minds conference.

If you have never heard of Slider Gilmore's presentation on accident management at ABATE University, you should. Slider talks about what to do before the EMT's and medical personel arrive. Jim has taken Sliders list of questions for accident management and added to them for writing down important information if you are ever in an accident. These can come in handy in the time of an accident, they are good to keep in cars or in your saddlebags and could help save a life.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Special Events (Becky and Dave C.):

The Toys for Tots fundraiser will be on October 28th from Noon to 4:00 pm at the Crossbar in St. Boni. Its potluck, bring your money and give tips to your bartenders.

The Grounded Hogs party will be on February 3, 2018 at the Rockford Township Hall with Everett Smithson playing. This is Colleen Johnson's birthday.

No committee meeting in November , just the chapter meeting.

Membership (Dave C.):

Total of members for ABATE of Minnesota is 3,589. Freedom First is first with 287, Lake is second with 270, Central is third with 220 and Rolling Prairie is fourth with 218. Scott thanked everyone that came out and helped with the table at the Big Bog Bash in September. There were five single and four couples memberships signed up, and some renewals sent in from the bash and a twenty dollar donation that was made to Lake chapter.

Legislative / Government Relations Report (Todd R.):

Lake Chapter is hosting A.B.A.T.E of Minnesota's Board of Directors meeting on January 20th, at the Holiday Inn Express, Rogers, 9:00 am. Karen and Todd are in charge of this. Karen stated at this time the contract is not complete but it is on its way. There is no bar or restaurant on site but they do have a full breakfast on Saturday morning for anyone that stays Friday night. Lake Chapter will use the breakfast room as a hospitality room on Friday evening, similar to what we do at ABATE University. For food Friday night and on Saturday for lunch, we are looking for some people to cook up some soup and chili and make some sandwiches.

Smoker offered to make spaghetti and the committee recommended to make soup and chili to have a variety with some people being vegetarians and gluten free. Saturday's lunch will be done by a fundraiser and it will be potluck, if you would like to help with this, contact Karen. She is looking for some help in set up, tear down and clean up for the board meeting. Hopefully we can get some Lake Chapter members that usually don't attend to come since the B.O.D is in our area.

Bikerday is March 14, 2018.

Karen made a motion to spend \$200 in chapter funds towards the food for Friday and Saturday at the January B.O.D. 2nd by Scott Trout, Motion Passes

Training and Education (Mary):

Not Present, no report.

State Rally (Smoker):

The state rally was very, very successful this year. There were 1,056 people thru the gate. Smoker thanked everyone that went out from Lake Chapter and got sponsors. Lake Chapter kicked butt with around \$17,000 in sponsors. Thanks to everyone that sold advance tickets, put up posters, who volunteered their time thru out the year and at the rally to make it successful. We are moving in the right direction. Next year is the 30th Annual A.B.A.T.E of Minnesota's State Rally. Smoker said he has to figure out how to top this year's rally for next year. Help is needed for next year's rally in cleaning the bathrooms, helping out with the entertainment committee to see if we can get a couple national acts to play. Besides that there is a huge need for someone to step up and be in charge of sponsorships. Becky has done a

phenomenal job keeping the sponsorships together over the last few years. Thank You Becky! If you would like to get involved with the rally, contact Smoker. Any additional help on this would be greatly appreciated.

Thank You Popeye for all your great wood, a lot was burned at the rally. Dan thanked the Red Vest for hosting our chapter meeting this month and for being a Sponsor.

Public Relations (Mitch B):

Bowling for Kids Sake will be held on Sunday October 22, McPete's in Big Lake from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm. We have 12 bowlers so far and can always use more. If your not going to bowl, please consider sponsoring someone. By bowling you will be raising money for Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Central Minnesota.

Motion to accept the committee reports - Cindy, 2nd Scott Trout Motion - Passes

OTHER REPORTS

Dial-A-Ride (Mike E):

Not Present. No report

MN Motorcycle Safety Task Force (Monte:)

Not Present. No report.

Buddy Bears (Dave & Becky):

Dave is waiting to get back in touch with Mike Edgett and Lee on the last 20 buddy bears to be delivered. 212 Medical Center is set up, will find out if St. Boni Fire Department can take the other 10, hopefully on the 28th of October as we will be in town for the Toys for Tots fundraiser at the Crossbar.

Products (Dan):

The chapter decided to go with the design that was passed around. It's a picture of a motor inside a person's skull, riding a motorcycle is on the brain. Pre-orders are being taken now for the 2018 Grounded Hogs party t-shirts. \$15 for short sleeve and \$18 for long sleeve in charcoal grey or black. There will be a limited supply available for purchase at the Grounded Hogs Party. There still are other t-shirts , bandanas and bumper stickers available for purchase. Motion made by Nikki to go with the design that was passed around, 2nd by Dan Motion carries.

MRF Report (Todd R):

Mike Berger will have a full report at the November meeting

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

OLD BUSINESS:

We have a total of 3 nominations for the Steven J. Kreitlow award. Today is the deadline to submit a nomination. We vote on who the winner will be in November and present the award at our December meeting.

Karen and Todd are contact people for the January B.O.D. Thanks for stepping up and helping out. A minimum of four Sargeant of Arms is needed at the B.O.D.