

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

**Date:** Oct 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022

**Location:** Chris K. home, Howard Lake, MN

<b>President:</b>	Keith "Smoker" Efron	<u>X</u>	<b>Sergeant at Arms:</b>	Blythe Bucher	_____
<b>Vice President:</b>	Rick VanHorn	<u>X</u>		Nikki Arne	_____
<b>Chapter Rep:</b>	Scott Trout	<u>X</u>		Gaida Trout	<u>X</u>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Maureen O'Hern	_____		Karen May	<u>X</u>
<b>Secretary:</b>	Dale Morin	<u>X</u>		April Murch	<u>X</u>
				Mike Jencks	<u>X</u>

**Total numbers of members attending:** 23

**Guests:** 1

**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:** Mike J

**Mtg Start Time:** 3:10pm

**Mtg End Time:** 4:15pm

**Welcome to members and guests; President's Remarks; Vice-President's Remarks:** *Welcome. I want to thank everyone who showed up at the ditch pickup. I was supposed to get more bags and get them to Lee, so that's my bad. But I will have more bags for the spring ditch pickup. Thank You to everyone who came out to the rally. Rick- Thank You to the people who did Ditch Pickup. I was busy, unfortunately, but will try to be there next spring. Thanks to Scott and Chris for hosting and providing the food today. I don't have much other than that. Jim K. commented "It was pretty clean this year, so just the right amount of bags." Guest Tracy Biegert, Chris's cousin was introduced, as well as member Mark Snabb.*

### Officer Reports:

**Secretary's report:** Dale Morin – *A summary of the motions passed at the September meeting was presented.*

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| • Motion to accept the minutes as written - <i>Dean W.</i> | 2nd | <i>Karen M</i> | Motion passed. |
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**Treasurer's Report:** Maureen O'Hern – *Via Karen M. [Report presented is the last page of this document.](#)*

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| • Motion to accept the Treasurer's report - <i>Jim K.</i> | 2nd | <i>Mike J.</i> | Motion passed. |
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**Chapter Rep Report:** Scott T. – *Next BOD is October 14th and 15th in scenic Little Falls, if anybody wants to come and hang out right on the water. Other than that, I do have current address trifolds. I don't have many. This is all I was given at the rally. So if you need a handful, I've got them. That's about it. Scott B. also has trifolds available.*

### Committee Reports, Vice President:

**Membership:** Dale Morin – *The September 2 report again, is down....Singles are at 1426, Couples are 1662, total 3088... that's down another 14. The highest increase this month is Straight River with +6 members*

*2nd highest is Tri-County with +4*

*and in 3rd is a 4-way tie, all with +3 members, Northwest, Heart of the Lakes, Lake, & Southeast LC.*

*(Information above is a from Shelly's Road noise report.)*

*According to my membership records, our numbers are 74 couples and 106 singles for a total of 254 Members*

**Products:** Gaida Trout – *I really don't have anything new, but lots here, so take a look. Let me know if there's anything you want me to order.*

*Apparently the glasses are a hot seller. I think I have 4 left right now for \$10.00. ...we're now out of the glasses. If you want more glasses, I will order more.*

**Special Events:** Rick VanHorn – *About the Grounded Hogs party, I don't have tickets, there a little bit behind. Get some stuff for door prizes. I will not be at the next meeting; I will be trying to get some meat for the family. The hall is already reserved. I contacted them, they already had us penciled in for the same weekend we've always had it. The \$100 deposit has already been cashed, I paid them that. But \$700 is the final amount. So I think we need to get a check from Mitch for that \$700. It's a lot of cash to pay that night or that week. You know, for me, and then try to recoup it when they're trying to count money at the end of the night and everything. So it would be easier if you just get that. Dale, can you put in your notes about having Mitch take care of insurance and liquor license? Last year we were running down to the last second. We already have a commitment from Everett Smithson. They in fact contacted me, and asked if we'd like to have them. So they are happy playing for us. Karen M. asked regarding contacting Dial-A-Ride for sober cabs. Scott T. will take care of that.*

**Training and Education:** Sherry Edgett – No Report

**Public Relations:** Mitch Backlund- *via Smoker-bowling for Big Brothers, Big Sisters scheduled for January 15th at McPete's in Big Lake. Let her know who wants to participate. Sand Dunes chapter will be there too. Dan's donation of cash to True Friends can be presented at 5:00 to 6:00 PM on any Tuesday, Thursday or Friday in the next few weeks. And we can have the bike shows again next summer at Camp Courage and Camp Friendship. And she will work on scheduling a date for said bike shows in the spring. That that being said, I want to thank Mitch for contributing by texting me.*

**Buddy Bears:** Myra VanHorn – *via Rick-Lee dropped off the rest of the Buddy Bears. There was discussion about increasing the number of bears we give to our recipients, to which everyone agreed, as well as adding some new recipients, which will be decided on when we order next January.*

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| • Motion to accept the Committee reports - <i>April M.</i> | 2nd | <i>Mike J.</i> | Motion passed. |
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### Other Reports, President:

**MRF Report:** Todd Riba- *via Jim B. - Meeting of the Minds was really good this year. For me, the coolest thing was Charlie Chopper Billimore did a presentation of the price of freedom, and he spoke about his service in Vietnam. What a day in the life of his service was like was just unreal. Jazz was there with a couple of presentations. The Principles of Leadership, which is always good. They got a lot of donations, which is cool. MRF is in good financial shape. They filled 2 motels. Next year's meeting is in Harrisburg, PA. Heartland Steam is in April in Bismarck ND.*

**Dial-A-Ride:** Scott Trout- *Well Dial-A-Ride is about ready to be done. This is our last month. I'm a little upset that I didn't get any volunteers for the weekends for this year to do pickups. But that's alright. I understand people are busy. Dale, however, has had the trailer for 2 weeks, any calls that you've gotten? Nope, no calls. Mike J. asked where we got the trailer. Dale-It's Sand Dunes trailer, which I picked up at the last meeting, because I was supposed to tow it for their ride. They haven't asked for it back, and they can keep it at my house as long as they want to. Jim K. and Dave Truax also have trailers that can be possibly used if needed. Scott-Well, not counting the kid last week that decided to put himself into the median on the freeway, 73 motorcycle deaths as of 9/20 this year, which is a little over last year at 55. This year, ten of them were alcohol related. Or at least that's what they determined. Could have been more, but that's all that was reported. 40 percent, or 29 of those didn't have any kind of endorsement. 50 of them involved the bike alone, 27 of which were failing to negotiate a curve. Only three were reported with a deer or an animal. 18 of them were exceeding the speed limit. I can tell you people in their 40s are the ones that are dying this year. So Dial-A-Rides not done yet. You still got a mission to accomplish. So next year, I'd really, really, really like to have at least one or two of our chapter member's sign up. Let's get some volunteers to sign on for one weekend. I need volunteers that have a truck that are able to tow a trailer. That's the bare minimum.*

**Government Relations/Legislative Report:** Mack Backlund- via Smoker-*Be sure to check out A.B.A.T.E. of MN- Minnesota Candidate Survey Results For the 2022 November 8th Elections posted in Octobers Road Noise and the Federal candidate survey results which can be found at ABATEMN.org. Karen M.- Maybe pay attention because your districts may have changed, your boundaries may have changed. Your district number may have changed.*

**MN Motorcycle Safety Task Force:** open- See DAR above

**State Rally:** Keith "Smoker" Efron- *We had a state rally for 2022. Attendance well down from last year. Pretty much close to where we were in 2014, when I took over as assistant. We had some issues before the rally; we had some issues at the rally with some of our personnel. I'm not sure if we have a captain at the helm anymore. I will be throwing my hat into the ring again. I feel that the rally has gone off the rails in a horrendous way, and having the experience, I'm going to offer to step back up, and train someone in and see if we can't change the rally back to where it was fun, enjoyable, populated and profitable. That that being said, I don't have any numbers other than a suspected 550 people were at the rally. Come to come to the October BOD, there will be a rally meeting on Friday evening at 8:00 or nine. I don't remember anymore. There will be a full rally explanation during the board of directors meeting, which I won't be there for, I will be there Friday. So again, I thank everyone who showed up. I thank Lake Chapter for all the volunteer work that they do out at the rally. I think everyone who helped stay around Sunday evening and help tear down the stage. We did it in absolute record time. I actually was in bed by 1:00 o'clock. So, I want to thank all of our members for purchasing and selling advanced tickets. I want to thank all of our members who purchased or sold rally raffle tickets as well as anyone who participated in the 50/50 rally. As Mr. Kosse mentioned, that's pretty much the only way that we fill our coffers for gambling funds. So next year, get rally raffle tickets and sell them. And, you know, same with the ABATE U raffle tickets. There will be a rally next year, and if I have anything to do with it, it will be fun. I know there are a lot of, lot of concerns and issues. The biggest one being we are a four day rally, but it is turned into a week-long event and they are not happy with that. So there may be some early setup restrictions that will be implemented. Chapter members thank Smoker for all you do for our rally and make it a special occasion every year.*

**Drawing of the Name** Karen May- *Mark Snabb randomly selected sign in sheet number 12, occupied by Buzz P. as the winner of a \$5 Lake Chapter products coupon.*

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

The hat was passed for Toys for Tots, and \$140 was received. Karen M. is going to check into TV time for the presentation.

**Upcoming Meetings/Events:**

- Oct 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>- A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota Inc. B.O.D, Country Inn & Suites by Radisson, Little Falls MN, 9:00am
- Nov 5<sup>th</sup>- Chapter meeting, Madigans, Maple Lake MN @ 3:00pm
- Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>- Chapter meeting, Dave's Town Club, Delano MN, 3:00pm
- Jan 7<sup>th</sup>- Chapter meeting, Red Vest, Rockford MN, 3:00pm
- Jan 15<sup>th</sup>- Bowling For Kids, McPete's, Big Lake MN,
- Feb 4<sup>th</sup>- Chapter meeting, Rockford Township Hall, Buffalo MN, 3:00pm
- Feb 4<sup>th</sup>- Grounded Hogs fundraiser
- March 4<sup>th</sup>- Chapter meeting, Red Lodge, Waverly MN, 3:00pm

Smoker presented Gaida Trout, Dean Webb and Tammy Webb with Active Member patches.

**Open Discussion:**

*Stricken from record*

• Motion to adjourn -	Lee P.	2nd	Scott B.	Motion Passed
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Respectfully submitted by Dale Morin

**Motions passed at the October 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting:**

- Motion to accept the minutes as written
- Motion to accept the Treasurer's report
- Motion to accept the Committee reports
- Motion to adjourn

**Treasurer's Report - September 2022**

For the Month ending September 30th, 2022

Presented at the Oct 1st meeting at Chris Kalway's Home, Howard Lake, MN, 3pm

Started September with		\$ 2,425.48
<b>Income:</b>		
	August Product Sales	\$ 174.00
	Memberships	\$ 94.00
	Donations - Memberships	\$ 5.00
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 273.00</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
	MRF Donation	\$ 200.00
	Insurance - Fundraisers	\$ 150.00
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 350.00</b>
September Ending Balance		\$ 2,348.48
<b>Earmarks:</b>		
	Intermediate & Advanced Rider courses - 2023	\$ 800.00
	2 ads* promoting the 2023 MC training courses *State may pay this cost not the chapter	\$ 70.00
	1/4 page ad in the RN to promote the rider training classes- 2022	\$ 35.00
	MRF Sustaining Membership	\$ 100.00
	Reimburse Chapter Rep Hotel Rm @ BOD (2 of 3 per year)	\$ -
	Print 100 2023 Grounded Hogs Party tickets	\$ -
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 1,005.00</b>
Petty Cash:		\$ 50.00
MRF Donation Fund:		\$ -
Chapter Gambling Fund*:	*Donate \$500 to Toys for Tots - Date TBD	\$ 1,267.81
Food Shelf Fund:		\$ -
Toys for Tots Fund:		\$ -
<b>Grand Total:</b>		<b>\$ 3,666.29</b>
	Spensible	\$ 1,343.48