

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

Location: Red Vest, Rockford **Date:** October 6, 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 (Honorary Treasurer)	<u> X </u>		April Murch	<u> </u>
Secretary:	Leah Otto	<u> X </u>		Fred Pawelk	<u> X </u>
				Scott Trout	<u> X </u>

Total number of members attending: 27 **Guests:** None, New Members: None

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: Fred Pawelk

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

Smoker said some of you know that my Father passed away last week to Alzheimer's, he was eighty seven years old. A number of people in this room have lost their parents and some have parents that aren't doing so good. Thank You to Karen for helping me get my agenda in order.

Dan said he is glad to see some bikes and that the weather isn't keeping people indoors.

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary's report:

Motion to accept the minutes -Fred Pawelk, 2nd Kimmer Motion Passes

Treasurer's Report:

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report, Dave Dibb, 2nd Cyndi Motion Passes

Chapter Rep Report (Todd): We do have a legislative issue coming up, we will be looking if the board agrees or objects and not necessarily for a vote on it. Todd is asking for a little direction on this.

The basic rider course fee is going up from One Hundred Eighty to One Hundred Ninety Five dollars. The Motorcycle Safety Foundation where we get our curriculum from is raising the fee and it's getting passed onto students. This is coming at a bad time because basic rider participation is down and its down to the point where they are cutting back on the classes being offered and possibly cancelling some.

The Motorcycle Safety Task Force has discussed a few items to help raise some money for the Motorcycle Safety Fund. Currently if you have a trike endorsement and only a trike endorsement you get an exemption for some crazy reason when you renew your drivers license and you don't have to pay the trike endorsement renewal fee. For those of us that have a motorcycle endorsement, we have to pay a fee of Thirteen dollars every four years when renewing our drivers liscence. Per the State of Minnesota by definition a trike is considered a motorcycle. The question is why don't trike owners have to pay a renewal fee? The other thing is raising our renewal fee from thirteen to seventeen dollars a year. When you decide to get a motorcycle permit you will pay a fee of twenty one dollars to take the test and this fee is built into when you go to take your handle bar test to get your endorsement. It's being looked at to raise the fee from twenty one to twenty nine. With these increments in price this could potentially bring in around four hundred thousand dollars per year for the Motorcycle Safety Fund. This money could be used for more PSA stuff and TV ads. Eventually the idea would be to lower those rider courses fees to encourage more people to take the classes. Keep in mind Abate of Minnesota fought very hard to make sure this is dedicated funds and that the State can't take it all. They would have to change the law now to get at it, so when the money starts piling up its safe. Todd asked if anyone objected if this is brought up to the board, people were ok with it being brought up. Todd stated that on Friday October 26th Tri-County chapter is having a turkey feed at the VFW in Chaska from Five to Eight pm while supplies last and it's going to be in conjunction with the meat raffle. Some of those folks went on our run. Steve was big on supporting other chapters so keep that in mind when other chapters have events going on. It is great to have their support and to support them in return.

The Sons of Silence Motorcycle Club Hutchinson chapter has invited us to their Halloween party on October 27th. It will be held at the clubhouse in Cokato. Starts at 5 pm, the cost is \$10 dollars which includes your first drink that's free and all the food you can eat. Todd suggested to meet at the Delano Legion at 4:30 to go over to the clubhouse. It's up to you when you want to leave. A number of their members are members of Lake Chapter. Since invited its nice to go to thiers as they come to ours.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Special Events (open):

We have a Grounded Hogs Party coming up in February. The Jason Dixon band is booked to play at the Rockford Township Hall. It sure would be nice if someone would step up to be special events chair. This position can also be co-chaired with another person. Smoker has talked with Rosa and she is willing to get the Grounded Hogs Party up and running. He has not convinced her yet that she should head up the special events committee, still working on it. We will need help with set up, tear down, and security. As always we are looking for live and silent auction donations. We will start sending around a food sign up sheet at the next few meetings. We will have advance tickets available soon so get out there and start selling early to help make our Grounded Hogs Party a success. Charm volunteered to be a part of the committee for special events and for the Grounded Hogs Party. It makes it nice when we have two or three people on those committees to make decisions. These decisions affect the chapter and fundraising events. We will have a special events meeting prior to the November chapter meeting.

Membership (Scott):

Scott not Present. Smoker added that he is doing much better after breaking his hip and femur. Scott was actually at the Big Big Bash and while he was there he signed up six new members. Mitch says Lake Chapter is number one now.

Legislative / Government Relations Report (Mike B.):

Todd said the hands free electronic device cellphone bill was discussed. We are not calling it the hands free device bill anymore and our legislative team has decided that we would like Abate of Minnesota to take the lead on this bill versus piling it on some other groups. Todd and Frank had a meeting with a guy that is running for sheriff in Carver County. His name is Jason Kamerud. He is very much in favor of this legislation and is going to help us with a couple of our elected officials in Todd's area that have some concerns about the bill. We are going to try and build a consensus with some of our local politicians. Mack is going to work a similar angle in his area and we are hoping at the B.O.D that there are no objections and Mack can just move forward with it. Todd hopes this will be the number one issue going into Biker day and the legislative session. There is an anti texting bill but you can still look at your phones contacts, access gps legally. It's almost impossible for an officer to give you a ticket without you coming right out and telling them you were texting because you were just looking for a number or programming your route in gps. It's a petty misdemeanor so he cannot obtain a search warrant to look at your phone. If your not allowed to have it in your hand makes it a lot easier for the officer. Biker day is January Thirtieth so we really need a huge turn out of people, our opponents are noticing the lower turn out of attendees.

Training and Education (Sherry):

Not Present

State Rally (Smoker):

We had a State Rally this year, did everyone that went have fun? Attendance was down, expenses was up and we will be discussing this more in next month's grapevine. He suspects that we will be having another rally next year and certainly hopes so. Thanks to everyone for coming.

Public Relations (Mitch):

It's been fairly quiet, but tomorrow we have the Bowling for Kids Sake at McPete's in Big Lake from Noon to Two. We have eleven bowlers this year and if your not bowling consider sponsoring someone who is. All the money we raise is for Big Brothers and Big Sisters.

OTHER REPORTS

Dial-A-Ride (Mike E):

Not Present

MN Motorcycle Safety Task Force (Monte.):

Not present. Dawn said Megan Eckstrom has taken a new job and the process is already underway to find her replacement. Megan's assistant Tiffany is starting to get more involved at the hill so as things come up we could possibly go to Tiffany with questions. Minnesota is hosting the 2019 Meeting of the Minds next year. Todd, Dawn, Kimmer and Karen are the co-chairs for the conference. Right now they are figuring out who is going to take what between the four of them and starting to have planning meetings for the conference. If you want to be involved in the planning please let one of them know. The way things look we should be able to put the conference on for cheaper or less money than some previous organization. Mitch has a fund set up for money to be deposited into, so far Five Hundred dollars has been allocated towards Meeting of the Minds.

Buddy Bears (Leah):We did a Buddy Bear drop off at the Family Counseling Center in Buffalo and a drop off at the Hamel Fire department in Hamel. We still have to figure out a time to do a drop off at the 212 emergency center in Chaska and up north at Cross Lake. I still have ten bears in my possession. I have been in contact with Frank Ernst so he knows how many bears we still need to do a drop off for. I just got the receipt from Karen today for the Buddy Bear drop off in Hamel as I wasn't able to be there, and I will be mailing that receipt and the other from the Family Counseling Center in Buffalo out to Kim Ostlund on Monday.

Products (Nikki):

Thanks to all who bought shirts. Looking for ideas to put on a Grounded Hogs shirt. This is the Thirtieth year for Grounded Hogs.

MRF Report (Todd R):

Todd commented on the political contribution refund. It's where you can write a check to one or more of your state level politicians or someone running for state level office. It's fifty dollars per person/one hundred per couple and you can split those amounts up if you want to donate to more than one person. You will get the money back about a month after sending it. They will send you a receipt and a form to fill out and send back, then you will get your money. What we are thinking about doing is creating a patch, kind of like the right to ride patch or PAC patch. Once you show your check or receipt that you contributed to a politician you can receive a patch. This patch will say that you made a contribution to help motorcycle rights. Todd is looking for someone to help with designing a patch and the help would be greatly appreciated.

Smoker said that anyone that's been to a board meeting knows how much Frank likes to talk about right to ride and usually ropes Todd into it. If you right a letter to you politician and they give you a response, please send a copy of your letter and response to Frank so he can give Todd patches to bring back. This will make Frank very very happy. So if you have a new senator or legislator at the State or Federal level, start contacting them early so they get used to hearing from us.

Drawing (Mike E): \$5 off products

No drawing this month.

OLD NBUSINESS:

Nominations for the Steven J. Kreitlow award are due today. I currently have one nomination.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kimmer asked if we want to do a Lake Chapter calendar, we do. Kimmer will need pictures no later than next Friday, six days from now. Motion made by Mitch to have Kimmer do a Lake Chapter calendar, seconded by Colleen, motion passes.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 7, Bowling for Kids Sake, McPete's, Big Lake, Noon to Two

October 13, Ditch pick up, Noon, St. Boni Community Center followed by the Toys for Tots fundraiser, Cross Bar at 2 pm.

November 3, Special Events committee meeting, Boondox bar and grill, Otsego, 2 pm

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December 1, Waiting on confirmation if the chapter meeting will be at Delano American Legion or Delano Lanes, 3 pm

Jan 30, Biker day at the State Capital.

Motion to adjourn the meeting – Mary 2nd Charm Motion Passes. 3:59 pm

Respectfully submitted by Leah Otto

Motions Passed at the October 6 meeting

Motion to accept the Secretary's report, Fred, seconded by Kimmer, motion passes.

Motion to accept the Treasurers report, Dave Dibb, seconded fed by Cyndi, motion passes.

Motion to accept the committee reports, Dawn, seconded by Mitch, motion passes.

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Motion to adjourn, Mary, seconded by Charm, motion passes.

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- 9 Joel
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- 11 Sheryl Annal
- 12 Dawn Jans
- 13 Sue Parker
- 14 Mitch Backe
- 15 Colleen Johnson
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- 17 Dave Truax
- 18 ~~Jim~~ Dawn Riba
- 19 Maureen E. Jiles
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