

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

Location: Meeker County Fairgrounds, Litchfield, MN **Date:** **Time:** 2:10 pm

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:	Becky Hasslen	<u> </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: 41 **Guests:** Kathy (Kat) Morland, Gary "Duck" Alessi from A.B.A.T.E of Ohio
Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: Fred Pawelk

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

Mack Backlund our A.B.A.T.E of Minnesota State Coordinator addressed the chapter for a few minutes. He talked about Rick Arquail and that he designed our logo and does a lot of woodworking things. Over the last few years Rick has dedicated his work to people that have gone above and beyond the call of duty on motorcycle rider safety. Rick asked Mack to hand out the award and this year the Rick Arquail freedom fighter assets goes to Mike Berger. Congratulations Mike! Smoker thanked Mike for all his hard work he has done for A.B.A.T.E of Minnesota and his continued dedication to motorcycle rights. Thank You to Buzz and Karen for the rally wood and to everyone that stuck around and helped put up the army tent. Thanks to everyone who came out to the rally and to Lake Chapter for having the guts to be one of thirteen chapters that believes in this rally. Thanks to all the individual's and companies that you work for that have stepped up and sponsored this rally because they believe in our cause.

Dan said hello to everyone at the rally. Motion made by Mike Berger to waive the reading of the Secretary's report, seconded by Rick, motion passes.

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary's report:

Motion to accept the minutes, 2nd Motion Passes

Treasurer's Report:

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report, Mike Edgett 2nd Jim Kosse Motion Passes

Chapter Rep Report: (Todd):

Abate University's regular weekend has been moved to the fourth weekend in April. We continue to look for someone to do share the road classes to encourage people to pay attention to motorcyclists, the state pays for all the training. There is a ways and means meeting at the Ugly bar on October 14th at 1:30 pm if you want to know how things happen and where the money goes in the organization, feel free to attend.

Borderlands chapter cut a check for \$100 to motorcycle PAC at the board meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Special Events (Open position.):

We are still looking for someone to head up special events, Smoker talked to a couple of young ladies who just joined A.B.A.T.E. Lake Chapter and they were very much looking forward to helping out. They got Smoker's card with a number to call. The Toys for Tots fundraiser is going to be on October 13th at the Cross Bar in St. Boni.

Lake Chapter will be having a garage sale at Mike Jencks home, 12 lilac circle, on Friday September 14th from 8 to 5 pm and on Saturday September 15th from 8 to 3 pm. If anyone has anything that they want to donate, please get a hold of Mike to schedule a time to drop off during that week as he doesn't have room long term to store the stuff. Price your items ahead of time before dropping them off. If it doesn't sell and you want your items back, come and get it after 3 pm on Saturday or it will be donated to goodwill. Smoker said that there are a few people missing from the meeting as they are working the front gate. This is really appreciated and thanks to anyone that has stepped up and volunteered for any shifts here at the rally.

Membership (Scott):

Scott couldn't be at the meeting, Lake Chapter is still number one.

Legislative / Government Relations Report (Todd R.):

Remember to get out and vote. Talk to the candidates and find out where they stand on motorcycle rights. It's even better if you talk to them in person and they will remember you when the next bikerday comes up in February. We need to protect our rights.

Training and Education (Sherry):

One of the training classes this summer was full and it poured rain that day but the class went well.

State Rally (Smoker):

As many of you have heard there is a State Rally, bring a friend or five. Hopefully we will be seeing all of you there.

Public Relations (Mitch B):

Mitch is manning the front gate, Karen gave the report for Mitch. The Bowling for Kids Sake event in Big Lake is going to be on Sunday October 7th from Noon to two. Please get a form from Karen if you would like to go. The other thing is Mitch has funeral cards from Vulture's funeral for whoever wants one.

Motion to accept the committee reports -Jodi Ohlrogge 2nd Mary Berger Motion Passes

OTHER REPORTS

Dial-A-Ride (Mike E):

There has been some updates put in the road noise by some kind of folks. Mike wanted to update everyone on what's going on. Jodi said currently we are at 64 pick-ups since the season started and we are doing very well this year, thanks for all your support, it's coming from all over the state. We need to get the signage out there to make people aware that it does take more than ten minutes to get to a pick up location after picking up the Dial-A-Ride trailer. Mike Berger said to let Mike Edgett know even if you have a conversation with someone in a bar about Dial-A-Ride, this counts as an intervention. The state uses the numbers sent in to them to say yes or no if they are going to give you the ten to twenty thousand dollars a year to cover the materials. So everything that can be turned into Dial-A-Ride does make a lot of difference.

MN Motorcycle Safety Task Force (Monte):

The last update Monte has is from August 21st. There were forty one motorcycle rider deaths compared to thirty five last year. Thirty riders were not wearing a helmet and ten were, one was unknown. Twenty three of these crashes involved only the motorcycle, sixteen of these crashes involved the motorcycle and a vehicle. Five of these crashes involved a rider colliding with an animal. Two was a deer, one was a horse, and one was a moose. Two people were passengers on the motorcycles. Twenty eight of these crashes the motorcyclist had a motorcycle license or permit, eight did not have a license or permit. Fourteen of these crashes was on curves. Crashes by age, one under the age of twenty, four in their twenties, five in their thirties, seven in their forties, thirteen in their fifties, ten in their sixties and one in their seventies, none in their eighties. Next meeting is in September, Monte will be at Meeting of the Minds. Jodi added the Minnesota Motorcycle Safety Task Force put a thing on Facebook after the crash statistics came out pushing for helmet use because thirty of those crashes did not have helmets. Edgar came back with a response that we should be pushing training.

The database that the state uses does not break it down and tell exactly what happened in each crash and what's kinds of trauma each person received in the accident.

Buddy Bears (Leah):

All the places are chosen where the bears are going, it's just a matter of setting some dates and time of delivery. Ten were given to Todd at Chapter Meeting earlier this year at Madigan's in Maple Lake, Ten were given to Smoker at the Chapter Meeting in July, ten were handed out at the Family Counseling Center in Buffalo at 5 pm on Thursday September 7th, 102 Marty Drive. Ten were handed out at the Hamel Fire Department in Hamel on Tuesday September 11 at 6 pm.

Products (Nikki):

She has t-shirts, white ones with black lettering, black ones with white lettering, bumper stickers and patches.

MRF Report (Mike B):

We have the Meeting of the Minds coming up later this month in September in Denver Colorado. The motorcycle riders foundation (MRF) of Washington D.C. defends our rights on the federal level, A.B.A.T.E of Minnesota does it on the state level. The MRF is there defending freedom of choice, Making sure there are no national helmet laws, that we have right to ride. See Mike after the meeting for more information and to get signed up. If your not a member you can sign up today for a mere \$30 dollars.

You may see that the MRF's paid Vice President of Government Relations Megan has taken another job. She is going to Proctor and Gamble. The process of finding her replacement is already underway. This is a great opportunity for Megan that she couldn't say no to. Megan will be at Meeting of the Minds in Colorado later this month. The MRF is still moving on strong.

We got the license bill passed many years ago where public restaurants, campgrounds, hotels can't deny access because of what a biker wears, or for riding a motorcycle. There was a situation down south where several bars have banded together denying access to bikers. Together these bars are paying the attorneys feed and filing continuancea and out paying the bikers that got denied access. This is like a \$500 doller fine. This is something to keep an eye on.

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

Mike Edgett asked Smoker to pick a number between one and forty two, he picked thirty six, everyone sitting around the circle at the chapter meeting was counted off, Schmittty was number thirty six. He got the prize.

OLD BUSINESS:

Fred talked about Scott getting hurt, for safety when you see someone coming by on a cart, offer them a beer.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trashy put together a bunch of booklets for each chapter for a run that goes the whole month of September. There are fifty six stops listed in the booklet. All that he collected from the stops goes to the state, the rest goes into your pocket. He printed thirty five booklets for each chapter and if you need more booklets he has them. Five dollars a book is the cost. What Trashy needs from the chapters is your favourite stops so he can contact the bars and see if they want to be in the booklet and if the bars do it will be a twenty five dollar charge for just their name plus extra if they want to run an add. There is a prize of seventy five, fifty and twenty five dollars for the first three places that gets the most stops. This is basically just a fundraiser for the state because the state is always a little short on funds. When you finish the booklet please mail it back to Trashy. He will be doing this again next year from the first of June to the end of October. At the next B.O.D the checks will be made out to the winners.

Kat talked about becoming a member of Lake Chapter two years ago. She sent her money to Mitch and said sign her up in any chapter, of course we would choose her to be in Lake Chapter. Kat was so impressed with the hard work and

hospitality that goes into putting on the rally that when she went back home to Ohio, she told all her friends at A.B.A.T.E. of Ohio about our rally in Minnesota.

Dawn talked about the passing of Marlene Bautch, known as Auntie Annie. She was an Abate of Wisconsin member for thirty three years and served as the office manager for twenty years. She also was the newsletter and editor and secretary for twenty five years. The newsletter is a paper she completed every month while working full time.

Mary made a motion to pass the hat for a donation and it be donated to motorcycle riders foundation training and education as a memorial to Auntie Annie. Seconded by Rick, motion passes.

Dan said this morning Whiskey's ashes were spread on the memorial run and last month after the chapter meeting they were spread at the Ditch pick-up site.

Smoker said we did have one other person pass away recently. Perry and Carol were caretakers at the rally grounds. Perry passed away. Perry and Carol were instrumental in turning the town's opinion of our organization and what we do here Labor Day weekend in a positive light. He was cremated wearing the Abate t-shirt he was presented with two years ago on his birthday. There is a bucket up by the front gate for donations and it will be up by the band area tonight. He was treated by the Willmar Cancer Association. He went in thinking he was going to be told he was going to have surgery on his hip only to be told he had stage four cancer. He passed away a little over four weeks after getting the news. Perry was a cop and at his funeral the bikers out numbered the cops. Carol is very happy at the outpouring that she has received from A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota, the various chapters and all the people that loved them. Motion made by Jim Kosse to match the amount we get in the hat and donate it to the MRF A& E in honor of Auntie Annie. Seconded by Fred, Motion passes.

Save the date of October 25th, Tri-County chapter is having a run that day, it would be good if we could get a lot of people to go.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 14-15, Lake Chapter garage sale, Mike Jencks home, Buffalo

September 20-23, Meeting of the Minds, Denver, Colorado

October 6, Chapter Meeting, Red Vest, Rockford, 3:00 pm

October 7, Bowling for Kids Sake, McPete's, Big Lake, noon to 2 pm

October 25, Tri-County run

November 3, Lake Chapter Meeting, Boondocks, Otsego, 3 pm

December 1, Lake Chapter Meeting, tentatively at Delano Legion, 3:00

Motion to adjourn the meeting – Mary Berger, 2nd Batman. Motion passed 3:06 pm

Respectfully submitted by Leah Otto

Motions Passed at the September 1 meeting

Motion made by Mike Berger to waive the reading of the Secretary's report, seconded by Rick, Motion passes.

Motion to accept the Treasurers report, Mike Edgett, seconded by Jim Kosse, motion passes.

Motion to accept the committee reports, Jodi Ohlrogge, seconded by Mary Berger, motion Passes.

Motion made by Mary to pass the hat for a donation and it be donated to motorcycle riders foundation training and education in memorial of Auntie Annie, seconded by Rick, Motion passes.

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Treasurer's Report - August, 2018
 For the Fifth Month Ending August 31, 2018
 Presented at September 1, 2018 Meeting: Meeker County Fairgrounds, Litchfield, 2:10 pm

Started August with		\$2,444.69
Income:	Products sold	\$147.00
	<u>Total:</u>	<u>\$147.00</u>
Expenses:	First Class Road Noise mailed to Lake Chapter President - August	\$2.00
	Annual Blanket Special Events Insurance	\$125.00
	1/4 page Road Noise ad for the Gear-Head Get Together	\$35.00
	<u>Total:</u>	<u>\$162.00</u>
August Ending Balance		\$2,429.69
Earmarks		
	Reimburse Chapter Rep Hotel Rm @ BOD (2 remaining of 3 per year)	\$200.00
	2019 Grounded Hogs Party	\$900.00
	2018 Member of the Year plaque and Chapter paid Membership	\$50.00
	<u>Total:</u>	<u>\$1,150.00</u>
Food Shelf Fund:		\$0.00
Gambling Fund:		\$238.48
MRF Fund:		\$110.25
Petty Cash:		\$28.80
Toys for Tots Fund:		\$8.00
Grand Total:		\$2,815.22
	Spendable:	\$1,279.69

Lake Chapter Meeting sign in

Date 9-1-18

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- 1 Leah Otto
- 2 Todd Miller
- 3 Kathy Moreland
- 4 Gary "Buck" Alessi
- 5 Dan & Nikki Arne
- 6 Colleen Johnson
- 7 Bob + Johnson
- 8 Ben Karney
- 9 Chasem
- 10 Batman
- 11 Schmitt
- 12 Duke AKA Matt Kelly
- 13 Buzz Plante
- 14 Maureen E O'Leary
- 15 David Jensen
- 16 Sheryl Armes
- 17 Cherry Eckert
- 18 Mike Eckert X
- 19 Mary Berger
- 20 Mike Berger
- 21 Micki Plante
- 22 Jan Kue
- 23 Cyndi Bittwerle
- 24 Scott Trout
- 25 Gaida Uluck
- 26 Tammy SWDD
- 27 Jeanne Trax
- 28 Dave Trax
- 29 Dan Jones
- 30 Monte Ohlrogge
- 31 Jodi Ohlrogge
- 32 Jammy Peel (Koti Inek)
- 33 Charles Smiter

- 34 Dick + JAMP
- 35 Nick Brass
- 36 Karen May
- 37 Madonnal Pederson
- 38 Britte Bucher
- 39 Gary Corbett MRF Rep
- 40 Myra Van Horn
- 41 Kinner

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