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

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| **Date:** | September 4, 2021 | **Location:** | Meeker County Fairgrounds, Litchfield, MN |

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| **President:** | Keith “Smoker” Efron | X | **Sergeant at Arms:** | Blythe Bucher | X |
| **Vice President:** | Scott Bitzer | X |  | Dan Arne | X |
| **Chapter Rep:** | Scott Trout | X |  | Gaida Ulrick | X |
| **Treasurer:** | Christina Lincoln |  |  | Mike Berger | X |
| **Secretary:** | Dale Morin | X |  | Nikki Arne | X |
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| **Total numbers of members attending:** | | *34* | **Guests:** | *2* | | | |
| **Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:** | *Gaida U.* | | **Mtg Start Time:** | | *12:00pm* | **Mtg End Time:** | *12:50pm* |

**Welcome to members and guests; President’s Remarks; Vice-President’s Remarks:** *Smoker thanked everyone for attending, rally volunteers, and the members responsible for making Lake Chapter the leading rally sponsor provider. It’s great to see everyone and some we haven’t seen in a while, who he also encouraged to come back again. Scott also thanked all for attending. Guests were introduced and welcomed, as was our new member Nick Immer. Buzz reminded everyone of the recent passing, and remembrance of one of our members, Matt Collins.*

**Officer Reports:**

**Secretary’s report:** Dale Morin

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| Motion to accept the minutes as written - | *Buzz P.* | 2nd | *Fred* | Motion passed. |

**Treasurer's Report:** Christina Lincoln – *via Smoker- Aug Ending: $3470.40, Income: $525, Expenses: $0, Grand Total: $4272.40*

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| Motion to accept the Treasurer’s report - | *Keith S* | 2nd | *Popeye* | Motion passed. |

**Chapter Rep Report:** Scott T. – *He and Gaida are getting married at the rally this afternoon. He has a Right To Ride patch rocker for Mike Jenks.*

**Committee Reports, Vice President:**

**Membership:** Scott Bitzer – *Thanked those who showed up at the Gear Head Get Together and helped at the table. The chapter sent out a check to the State in the amount of $230.00 for memberships. We also need more Start Seeing Motorcycle bumper stickers because they got rid of all of them, except for a couple that he has in his bike.*

**Products:** Dan Arne – He has steel license plate frames. Chrome bike frames, and black car frames. Cost is $20.

**Special Events:** Dan Arne / Rick Van Horn – *See Rick for Grounded Hogs tickets.*

**Training and Education:** Sherry Edgett – *There was very little interest this past summer, and limited to 8 bikes. Finding instructors has been challenging, but they are still doing them. The cost is $50 for expert, $30 for advanced. We need to pick a date, so instructors can be found. Dan A. made a motion that we attempt to fill the classes, second by Jim K. Motion Passed*

**Public Relations:** Mitch Backlund- *No report*

**Buddy Bears:** Myra Van Horn – *10 bears where delivered to Loretto FD last month, and she has 10 for delivery to Cross Lake, North Ambulance*

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| Motion to accept the Committee reports - | *Buzz P.* | 2nd | *Popeye* | Motion passed. |

**Other Reports, President:**

**MRF Report:** Todd Riba- *No report*

**Dial-A-Ride:** Mike Edgett- *Keep up the great work. Lake Chapter has always been fantastic for DAR. It is always appreciated. He stated he would be available all day, and to please see him with any questions you may have, or information about DAR.*

**Government Relations/Legislative Report:** Mack Backlund- *No report*

**MN Motorcycle Safety Task Force:** Mike Burger- *Motorcycle fatalities are significantly higher this year, at least 10 deaths over where we were last year at this point. Expect politicians to use it against us. Buzz commented that over 50% of motorcycle fatalities are 1 vehicle accidents. Mike noted, of that statistic, the majority is loss of control in a curve. Jody O. stated that many of them are unlicensed.*

**State Rally:** Keith “Smoker” Efron- *If someone spots the hay wagon, stop them for a chapter photo.*

**Drawing of the Name** Mike Edgett- *No drawing*

**Old Business:** *Happy Birthday Batman!*

**New Business:**

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|  | MRF sustaining membership is due November. Motion was made by Buzz to spend $100 for purchase. 2nd by Lee |
|  | Meeting Of The Minds is in Atlanta, GA. Next year in Iowa |
|  | *Meeting was put on hold for 5 min for a chapter photo* |
|  | If you have someone of this chapter, who is not a current officer, who has not won the Steven J Kreitlow award, please send a nomination of 150 words or less, to Smoker, or another officer, by the end of the November meeting, for consideration of the SJK award. |

*Copied from the Lake Chapter website* [*https://www.abatelakechapter.com/history.html*](https://www.abatelakechapter.com/history.html)

**Steven J. Kreitlow Award**

Lake Chapter Member who demonstrates a sustaining commitment to insuring and promoting motorcycle rights and safety.  This award was created to keep alive the spirit of Steven J. Kreitlow, beloved former Lake Chapter President, to recognize his joyful and exuberant dedication to motorcycle rights through awareness, training, education, membership, and the promotion of good will in the community.  
   
The award is an American Flag that has flown over the United States Capitol Building on August 6th of the current year, which is the anniversary of Steve’s death. Any active Lake Chapter member *who*  
*is not currently a Chapter Officer* can be nominated for their continuous efforts to ensure the rights and safety of motorcyclists.    
The Member’s past, present, and unrelenting efforts may be   
considered at both a Chapter and State level, as well as and including their contributions to *any* organization or effort that promotes motorcyclists’ rights and safety.

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| 2003 - Lee Plante 2004 - Becky Hasslen 2005 - Charm Bolgrean 2006 - Kenny Kalway 2007 - Todd Riba 2008 - Mitch Backlund 2009 - Mack Backlund 2010 - John Dewey "Batman" 2011 - *Award not given* | 2012 - Mary Berger 2013 - Mike Berger 2014 - Mike Edgett ​2015 - Dawn Riba ​2016 - Jim Kosse ​2017 - Karen May ​2018 - Dave Clifton 2019 - *Award not given* |

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|  | Grounded Hogs party tickets are available. Check some out and sell them. |
|  | A motion was made by Rick, and 2nd by Fred to donate 5% of our GH live/silent auction proceeds to MN MC PAC, as well as 5% to MRF. Motion Passed |
|  | Mike B. agreed to create a GH poster. |
|  | Fall Ditch Pickup was set for Oct. 2nd - Meet at the St. Bonifacius Community Center at 1:00pm |
|  | Mike B. is going to check the website analytics. There was discussion about the usage volume and cost justification. Charm will continue to manage it, but would like anyone interested to take this on. |

**Upcoming Meetings/Events:**

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| *Sept 18th-* | *Tri-County Fall Social* | |
| Oct 2nd- | Ditch Pickup- Meet at the St. Bonifacius Community Center at 1:00pm | |
| Oct 2nd- | Lake Chapter meeting, Chris K. home in Howard Lake, 3:00pm | |
| *Oct 3rd-* | *Ways & Means meeting, Kingston Mini Market, 1:00pm* |
| Trashy thanked the chapter secretary and complimented Lake Chapter for doing well. Mail your passports back November 1st. They need them back to get a better count of where you’re stopping and make it bigger and better. The pledge that gets hit the most, receives a plaque. Forms are available for next year. Smoker expressed Lake Chapters appreciation for Trashys service to the district. | | |

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| Motion to adjourn - | *Buzz P.* | 2nd | *Fred* | Motion Passed |

**Motion passed at the Sept 4th Meeting:**

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| Motion to accept the minutes as written |
| Motion to accept the Treasurer’s report |
| Motion to attempt to fill the Rider Course classes |
| Motion to accept the Committee reports |
| Motion to spend $100 to purchase a MRF sustaining membership |
| Motion to donate GH live & silent auction proceeds, 5% to MN MC PAC & 5% to MRF |
| Motion to adjourn |