

## A.B.A.T.E. of MN LAKE CHAPTER

### CHAPTER MEETING

**Location:** The Full Moon Saloon, Albertville

**Date:** April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006

**Time:** 4:00 p.m.

#### **Officers Attending:**

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| President:       | Keith Knee   | <u>X</u> |
| Vice President:  | Mike Berger  | <u>X</u> |
| Treasurer:       | Kimmer Moy   | <u>X</u> |
| Chapter Rep:     | Too Tall     | <u>X</u> |
| Secretary:       | Olga Strobel | <u>X</u> |
| Sergeant @ Arms: | Shad Skinner | <u>X</u> |
|                  | Rod Quist    | <u>X</u> |
|                  | Todd Riba    | <u>X</u> |
|                  | Vulture      | <u>X</u> |

**Total number of members attending:** 53

**Guests attending:** 5

### AGENDA

**Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance** - Vulture/Shad

Introduction of the new officers to the Chapter.

**President Remarks - Keith** - Thanks for the support. Asked members to stand up and introduce themselves to ease the minutes taking procedure.

**Vice President Remarks - Mike** - .

**Welcome new guests and members** - Mark Senn, Motorcycle Pack of MN  
Val VanderWeyst, SWDD,  
Spoon, Glacial Ridge.

**Secretary's Report - Olga** - Motion to waive the reading of the minutes - Mitch, seconded by Mike Shinn, hands - motion carried.

#### **Treasury Report - Kimmer** -

Started March with \$3,850.67

Income:

Memberships \$123.00

Total Income: \$123.00

Expenses:

1<sup>st</sup> class postage for Road Noise \$2.00

Products purchased \$145.07

Reimbursement for Postage \$57.81

Reimbursement for DVD's \$69.44

Payment for wheelchair \$300.00

Lake Chapter membership to A.B.A.T.E of South Dakota \$25.00

Lake Chapter membership to the M.R.F. \$100.00

Lake Chapter Sponsorship to the State Rally \$500.00

Total Expenses: \$1,199.32

March ending balance: \$2,774.35

Petty cash: \$27.33

M.R.F. Donation Fund: \$463.00

Grand Total: \$3,264.68

Motion to accept - Charm, seconded by Dawn Riba, hands - motion carried.

**State Rep Report - Too Tall** - Very honored to serve the Chapter, will represent the Chapter to the best of his ability. Gene - It is important that everyone will turn in their A.B.A.T.E. U raffle tickets. We have only until the 15<sup>th</sup> to get the Chapter credit. We need to either sell them or turn them in on the same as the meeting was held.

**Membership & Retention Report - Kenny** - Had a meeting last week at Saint James. The new tri-folds are out. If anybody is doing motorcycle training - we have forms for the 6 months free A.B.A.T.E. memberships. We also have sign up sheets for volunteering at the A.B.A.T.E. U and IA A.B.A.T.E. State Rally.

**Motorcycle Riders Foundation Report - Todd** - Passed around M.R.F. reports. If you would like one mailed to your house - you are encouraged to join. We've talked in the past about the Meeting of the Minds in MN in 2009 - it's a M.R.F. national conference for the bikers from all over the nation to discuss motorcycle rights issues. We are working hard on trying to find the location for this conference. We are looking at Bloomington as a possible location. If anyone has any strong opinion on the alternative location - please see Todd. M.R.F. has road-side assistance program - see Todd if you would like to learn more about that. M.R.F. is currently involved in the sound and emissions initiative to make sure that all motorcycles of all size and custom builders are represented in the development of the national/international sound and emission action (E.P.A. regulations). Todd read out the details of this issue and the discussions around it. In 2010 the new E.P.A. restrictions are coming out on the new motorcycles. See Todd if you have any questions or are able to help M.R.F. with either participation, becoming a member or donations. This is a year of elections. Your Road Noise has your district number on the address label, the two digit number is your State Senate District, the letter following the number is your House Representative District, the one digit following is the US House of Representative District. The new membership cards will have that information also.

**Government Relations Report - Mike** - Bikerday at the Capitol went very well. Thanks to all that was there. Tom Workman - it seems that the legislature is more ready for the Failure to Yield Bill than the last year. The Bill will read: 1<sup>st</sup> time you kill/hurt someone it's a misdemeanor, the 2<sup>nd</sup> time it's a gross misdemeanor, the 3<sup>rd</sup> time - it's a felony. It will be similar to DWI when you also would loose the driver's license. It is a start on raising awareness. Mike Berger introduced the weekly Session Weekly publication that contains the synopsis of every piece of legislation that's introduced in the legislature. You can subscribe for it by either going to the following website: [www.house.mn/hinfo/subscribesw.asp](http://www.house.mn/hinfo/subscribesw.asp) or by calling 651-296-2146. Mike asked if anyone would like to help out with the Government Relations committee. We are interested in getting current legislators and candidates to come to our meetings so we can hear where they stand in relation to us.

**State Coordinator Report - Mack** - not present.

**President's Committee on Increasing Meeting Attendance - Popeye** - not present. Karen May won the door prize this month.

**MN MC Safety Advisory Committee - Mike** - The last meeting of the MN Motorcycle Safety Advisory Committee was canceled due to the snow fall. Mike has the current proposed budget for MSAC: the proposed total is approx. \$772,000.00. \$227,000.00 is dedicated for communications and public information that covers advertising, public relations campaigns. The motorcycle fleet for training currently has 311 motorcycles, 90 of them are over 15 years old, 75 of those 90 need to be replaced as soon as possible. There is no money allocated in the budget for the replacement of those motorcycles. There are money allocated for the maintaining the current fleet, but not for the replacement. Mitch asked if the Gambling Committee could allocate some funds for a donation for some replacement. Mike will look into it. Mary Berger made a motion for the Lake Chapter to send a request to MSAC to replenish the supply of the "Start Seeing Motorcycles" stickers with 50 and the Chapter to reimburse the postage for mailing in the request. Smoker seconded. Kenny made a friendly amendment to increase the number of stickers to 500. Mary and Smoker accepted the amendment. Hands - motion carried.

**Public Relations Report - Mitch** - Has been updating the photo albums with the new pictures from the Bikerday at the Capitol. See Mitch if you are interested in seeing the pictures. May if the Motorcycle awareness month. Discussion followed to whether have the ribbons available to on the Spring Run or not. The pictures from the Buddy Bears donation to the Albertville Fire Department did not turn out. They would like us to some back. Their meetings are held every Thursday of every month. Would like some members to come over on May 4<sup>th</sup> - please call Mitch to find out the time.

Tom Workman made a motion for the Chapter to reimburse the ribbons expense up to \$20 from petty cash, seconded by Noma, hands - motion carried.

Mitch has more copies of the Chapter DVD's - see Mitch.

**Products Report - Jim Kosse** - Bob's patches were re-ordered. Discussion followed. If you have any patches with the wrong year - Keith or Jim will replaced them.

**Special Events Report - Rosa** - We've been working on the Spring Run (May 20<sup>th</sup> leaves Woody's at noon) and the Annual Memorial Run. Rosa brought up that every year the Chapter carries out expenses for the runs and the Special Events committee has no funds allocated to use for those expenses. Rosa came up with the list of the expenses for the upcoming runs with a total of \$268. Vulture made a motion to allocate \$300 for the runs' expenses, seconded by Noma. Discussion followed. Hands - motion carried. Dawn Riba made a motion to put a half-page ad one month before the event and a full-page ad during the month of the event in the Road Noise for every upcoming event (Fall Run, Toys for Tots, Grounded Hogs in 2007), seconded by Noma, hands - motion carried.

Lee - Spring Run is leaving Rockford Woody's @ noon. About 150 miles. There should be pork chops available at the Bootleggers at the end of the Run. Kimmer has advance tickets to be signed out.

Batman - We are going to stop by 5 gravesites during the Memorial Run. Introduction to the route - see Batman if any questions. Maps of the route will be available on the Run. There will be no pre-run - would like to have the riders stay in the group. There will be gathering after the Run at Karen's - camping space, food and bon-fire.

Rosa - we will be implementing something new on the Spring Run - need 10 volunteers to be 'course guides'. See Rosa or Mike Shinn to sign up. Rosa asked to bring some first aid kits by the next meeting. There will be either Sergeants @ Arms or people with the extensive training carrying those kits.

Rosa invited everyone to the Special Events meeting (which usually happens an hour before the Chapter meetings).

Keith - Lake Chapter Rodeo is on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at the Delano American Legion - need volunteers to help run and organize it. Todd, Lee, Mitch and Jim volunteered. Charm made a motion to change the month of the ad for the Rodeo in the Road Noise from May to June, seconded by Mike Shinn, hands - motion carried.

**State Rally Report - Kenny** - On the 25<sup>th</sup> there will be the Rally Committee Meeting at Saint James. The posters will be available in two weeks. We already have some sponsors lined up. Read out the bands signed up for the Rally. The next meeting is April 21<sup>st</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. in Alexandria Holiday Inn.

**SWDD Meeting Report - Gene** - The meeting was about three weeks ago - discussed A.B.A.T.E U, Road Noise, M.R.F. The State will be promoting the Sharing The Road Classes. SWD would like to see a representative from all of the 7 chapters to volunteer to participate in this program.

Delano is now the president of the Glacial Ridge Chapter.

Kenny made a motion to accept the committee report, seconded by Too Tall, hands - motion carried.

### **Old Business:**

Todd made a motion to purchase 50 Lake Chapter black and blue bandanas for the Camp Friendship Bike Show and if any will not be given out, we can either sell them or use them for prizes on the upcoming events, seconded by Stroke, hands - motion carried.

Reservations for the A.B.A.T.E. U hospitality rooms are taken care of - Becky has the tickets.

Too Tall - in regards of the M.R.F: would like to submit a resolution by Lake Chapter that the chapter is "absolutely opposed to the State of Minnesota and the United States of America negotiating, agreeing to or complying with any time of world-wide set of standards for motorcycles and world motorcycle riders. Our opposition stands firm whether these standards are to be required or to be stated as guidance". Would like to submit on the A.B.A.T.E U or the B.O.D.

Vulture made a motion to bring this to the B.O.D. as the resolution to the States where the Lake Chapter stands, seconded by Shad.

Discussion followed.

Gene made a friendly amendment for the Chapter to make this resolution and bring it to the B.O.D.

Too Tall accepted the amendment.

Discussion followed.

Hands - passed unanimously.

Mark Senn represents Motorcycle Pack of Minnesota - thanks to the Chapter. This year is very important for the Motorcycle Pack of Minnesota - senators, every state constitutional officer, house member is up for elections. The Pack started in 2003. Would like to encourage everyone to join the Pack. The patch is \$25, the rocker is \$40. Challenged the Chapter to the Tri-County Chapter's \$500 donation.

Todd made a motion to purchase 21 patches at the cost of \$525, seconded by Stroke, hands - motion carried.

Noma mentioned that all proceeds from the auction on the A.B.A.T.E. U are going to the Motorcycle Pack.

Maureen asked for the file numbers for the Failure to Yield bill.

Tom Workman clarified: the House File # 467 and the Senate File # 441. Encouraged contributions.

### **New Business:**

Mike Berger - Medina BallRoom will be starting series of 'biker rallies/shows' on second Thursday of every month May through September. Was wondering if the Chapter would like to have presence on these events.

Kenny wondered what was going to happen on these events. Mike will bring this up on the next meeting under Old Business.

Sand Dunes Chapter will have the Spring Fling Fundraiser on May 20<sup>th</sup>, \$10 donation.

Received a letter from the Children's Hope Society, they will have an event on May 5<sup>th</sup>, looking for donations.

Discussion followed. Mitch made a motion to donate 40 Buddy Bears to the Children's Hope Society instead of the money donation, seconded by Smoker. Discussion followed. Hands - motion carried.

Too Tall made a motion to include the amount of the gambling funds in the Chapter's Meetings Treasury Reports. Motion withdrawn.

Mitch - a friend of ours from Central City South Dakota, great supporter of the Chapter is experiencing health problems with no insurance - asked for assistance. Chapter passed the hat.

Noma announced that the Hospitality Suite for the A.B.A.T.E. U is reserved in her name.

Judy Hansen has a copy of the video of the Chapter on Kare 11.

The Member of the Year Award was presented to Mike Berger.

The Appreciation for the Dedication Award was presented to Too Tall.

### **Upcoming Events:**

April 22-23 A.B.A.T.E. U at Holiday Inn in Alexandria

May 6 Minnesota Washout at Enfield rest stop, 9 a.m. to noon.

May 6 Lake Chapter meeting at Doc Holiday's (bowling alley) in Delano 3 p.m.

May 20 Spring Run leaves Woody's in Rockford @ noon, sign up starts @ 11 a.m.

May 27 Lake Chapter Memorial Run.

June 3 Lake Chapter meeting at Missile Park in St. Boni, 3 p.m.

June 14 Camp Friendship Ride in Bike Show, leave Sturges Park in Buffalo @ 5:30 p.m.

June 24 Motorcycle Rodeo at American Legion in Delano, 1 p.m.

June 30 Todd's big 40 celebration at a bar.

**Motion to adjourn** - Mitch,  
seconded by Mary Berger,  
passed.

**Meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.**

Minutes recorded and submitted by Olga Strobel, Chapter Secretary.

#### **04-01-2006 Lake Chapter Meeting Motions.**

1. Motion to waive the reading of the minutes - Mitch, seconded by Mike Shinn, hands - motion carried.
2. Motion to accept treasurer's report - Charm, seconded by Dawn Riba, hands - motion carried.
3. Mary Berger made a motion for the Lake Chapter to send a request to MSAC to replenish the supply of the "Start Seeing Motorcycles" stickers with 50 and the Chapter to reimburse the postage for mailing in the request. Smoker seconded. Kenny made a friendly amendment to increase the number of stickers to 500. Mary and Smoker accepted the amendment. Hands - motion carried.
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