

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

Date: April 4, 2009

Location: Delano American Legion  
4:01 pm

Time:

## Officers Attending:

President	Dawn Riba	X		
Vice President	Bill Jensen	X		
Chapter Rep	Dawn Riba	X		
Treasurer	Jim Kosse	X		
Secretary	Sheryl Immel	X		
Sergeants at Arms	Mike Edgett	X	John Dewey	X
	Michael Shinn	X	Lee Plante	X

Total number of members attending: 44

Total number of guests: 2

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance Led by John Dewey. At 4:01.

## Welcome of new members or guests

**President's remarks (Dawn).** Welcome and thanks for coming. This is your meeting if there is anything you would like to change, share your ideas.

**Vice President's remarks (Bill)** Thank you to all the past officers.

## OFFICER REPORTS

**Secretary's report (Sheryl)** Motion to accept minutes as written – Stroke, 2nd by Becky. Hands – Motion passed.

## Treasurer's report (Jim)

### Treasurer's Report - March 2009

Presented on April 4, 2007 @ 4:00, Delano Legion

Started March with **\$4,613.60**

## Income:

Memberships Feb	154.00
Products Sold	23.00
Pass the hat for American Legion Riders	80.00
Memberships March	
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Total:	<b>257.00</b>

## Expenses:

1st class postage for Road Noise	2.00
American Legion Riders post 377	180.00
Tfr to ABATE U chapter challenge	500.00

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Total:	682.00
<b>March Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$4,188.60</b>
<b>Earmarks:</b>	
<b>State Rally corn feed</b>	<b>-\$100.00</b>
<b>2010 Grounded Hogs Party</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
<b>ABATE U hospitality room food</b>	<b>-\$200.00</b>
<b>ABATE U hospitality room</b>	<b>-\$161.00</b>
Petty Cash:	\$50.00
MRF Donation Fund:	\$315.45
Chapter Gambling Fund:	\$296.80
Food Shelf Fund:	\$0.00
Toys for Tots Fund:	-\$4.03
Buddy Bear Fund	\$34.55
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$4,881.37</b>
 Spendable	 \$1,727.60

*Motion to accept Treasurer's report –Keith, 2nd by Fred. Hands – Motion passed.*

**Chapter Rep report (Todd)** Todd encourages people to attend other chapters fundraisers and meetings. It's a great way to meet new people and the smaller chapters need our support. He would like to do a ride to the Way West Memorial Weekend bash at Stoney Brook Farms for a night. \$35.00 to camp, all the beer you can drink and a hog roast.

When you sign up a new member, include a zip code and write legibly. That state office is having trouble reading the tri-folds.

Recycle the unused part of the tri-fold if the new member doesn't take it. Put them on bulletin boards and anyplace people will see them instead of throwing them away.

Current membership total 372.

If the weather is nice Gene will plan a ride to A.B.A.T.E U. Contact Gene or Todd for more information.

Very few raffle tickets have been sold for the bikes at A.B.A.T.E U. Think of some creative ways to sell tickets.

Five minute limit on committee reports. A Sergeants at Arms will let you know how much time you have left.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Membership & Retention (Sherry)** Sherry has volunteered to chair this committee.

**Products (Rhiannon)** Funds are not available to order shirts for summer. Show of hands to determine if we will order summer shirts. We will not order shirts for summer. We will order shirts for winter if funds are available at that time. Rhiannon will check on prices for printing on shirts we provide to the printer.

**Buddy Bears (Noma)** Victoria Fire Department will receive the last 24 buddy bears. Todd will contact them for delivery. Bears were delivered to the Buffalo Fire Department last weekend. Jim will contact Barb Ziegler to find out when new bears need to be ordered. Next month we will decide if will have the funds to order more bears.

**Special Events (Rosa)** Flyers are available for the Spring Run. Please hang them up at places

you go. Tickets are available from Jim. If you are going to A.B.A.T.E U, bring tickets to sell.

**Training & Education (Mary)** Accident Scene Management – Sun, Apr 26th is booked for the class it will be 9am to 4:30pm at Oak Ridge Conference Center in Chaska. The class cost is \$55, refreshments will be available and lunch is separate. A sign-up sheet was passed around and Mary will put an ASM ad in Road Noise to open it up to other chapters. You can go on the ASM website to register. The class needs to be paid for before the day of the class. Only 6 people have signed up for the class. 30 people need to sign up or it will be canceled. Experienced Riders Course – Mary has set up another ERC class at Eden Prairie Hennepin Tech. for Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup>. The cost for a group of 10 is \$300.00. Each rider will pay \$30.00 if 10 people sign up. The cost will be higher if there is less than 10 people. *Motion to accept the date of May 24<sup>th</sup> and spend the \$300.00 to be reimbursed by the participants of the class - Mike. 2nd by Stroke. Hands - Motion passed.*

### **Committee Reports (State Level)**

**A.B.A.T.E. U (Noma)** A.B.A.T.E U is April 17-19, Noma encourages everyone to attend. There will be speakers, a band, vendors and much more. Luncheon buffet tickets are available for \$15.00 from Becky.

**State Rally (Bill)** Next meeting is at A.B.A.T.E. U on Fri, Apr 17th at 6pm. Advanced tickets for the rally may be purchased for \$25.00 up until the start of the BOD meeting.

**Dial-A-Ride (Dawn)** The Dial-A-Ride committee is packing boxes tomorrow. Dawn will bring the list of places that we delivered boxes to last year to next months meeting. Boxes will be available after A.B.A.T.E U to deliver. If anyone is interested in receiving the minutes from the Dial-A-Ride meetings give Dawn your e-mail

### **OTHER REPORTS**

**Public Relations (Mitch)** The MN Washout and the highway pick-up is on May 2nd . We will be getting new vests for the highway pickup. Jim has been in contact with Kare 11 to feature the Camp Friendship Bike Show on the Land of 10,000 Stories. Stop in the Hospitality room at A.B.A.T.E. U.

**MRF Report (Todd)** US House of Representatives committee on transportation and infrastructure passed house resolution 269 a bill titled, supporting the goals of motorcycle safety month. The bill puts congress on record as recognizing the contributions of motorcycles that they make to the transportation mix and encourages all road users to be more aware of motorcyclists. This bill was passed with many positive statements from James Oberstar, the committee chair and he sighted many positive aspects of motorcycling and was very complimentary to his constituents who have been in touch with him regarding motorcycle awareness. The MRF encourages its members to contact their individual member of congress to sign on to this legislation. If you need bill numbers or any other information contact Todd. The consumer product safety commission has banned the sale of off-road motorcycles and all terrain vehicles marketed to children under 12 for lead paint safety issues. In order to correct this oversight, legislation has been introduced, it is HR1587 this would exempt off-road vehicles from being banned. House Resolution 1253 passed the US House of Representatives. What this bill tells you is that insurance companies have the ability to deny payment for injuries incurred while participating in risky activities like motorcycling, horseback riding or ATV riding. The bill makes the insurance companies inform you up front in understandable language that they are going to screw you and cannot bury it in the fine print. It also brought to the attention to congress that there is a loop hole to be closed. It is a good start but more work needs to be done.

The MRF has 2 conferences : The Best of the West and The Beast of the East, attendance is way down, those conferences will probably be put on at a lose so this makes Heartland STEAM a fundraiser for the MRF extremely important and also make The Meeting of the Minds in Bloomington all the more important for the MRF to remain in existence.

**MMSAC (Mike)** The Minnesota Motorcycle Safety Advisory Committee is a citizen volunteer oversight committee that provides input to commissioner Campion the director of public safety for the state of Minnesota. The committee voted to recommend to commissioner Campion that Minnesota close the loop hole that allows the unlicensed use of mopeds. Anyone that is on any type of two wheeled motorized vehicle must have a motorcycle endorsement. Mike's term on this committee is ending. Mike has applications to serve on the committee with him. It is a four year commitment and the meetings are every other month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 5:00. Mike encourages members of A.B.A.T.E to get involved so you can maintain your rights. Mike will bring up this information at the BOD to encourage A.B.A.T.E members to get involved. Mac should be appointing someone to take over Mike's position.

**Legislative Director (Todd)** The photo cop bill is dead. CARB the California style emission legislation is going through the house and the senate, at this time street motorcycles, off road motorcycles and ATV's are excluded. The concern is that if 2 words get stricken from the bill motorcycles are a part of it. Failure to yeild bill - Representative Bingham felt there was a lot of things in the bill that was preventing it from being passed. The bill has been considerably watered down. It will be a gross misdemeanor with the ability to suspend your license for 180 days by the courts with the fines that come with a gross misdemeanor. The bill is still in the Senate side in the 3 page form, if it gets through the senate side, the 2 bills will be different and they hope they can get it into a conference committee with both the house and the senate and get most of the bill passed intact. The goal is to get this bill passed and in the future bring back some of the language from the original bill.

*Motion to accept the committee reports – Keith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Smoker. Hands – Motion passed*

**Drawing of name (Mike E.)** Michael Shin is the winner of the \$5 off chapter products coupon.

**OLD BUSINESS** - A.B.A.T.E U hospitality room, there is a sign up sheet going around, sign up to bring something if you are going.

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the chapter officers are the second line of defense for Dial-A-Ride, officers may get a phone call if someone needs a ride.

Becky has patches for Motorcycle PAC of Minnesota. The Motorcycle PAC money is used for political contributions and fighting for your freedom.

**NEW BUSINESS** - *Motion to accept the proposed state budget - Becky, 2nd by Audra. Hands - Motion passed.*

There is a considerable expense to sending the Road Noise to households that have multiple memberships. Those members will now have the option to get only 1 Road Noise.

*Motion to cancel the July meeting because the BOD is scheduled for the same day, Too Tall, 2nd by Michael Shinn. Hands - Motion passed.*

Smoker has offered to have the Lake Chapter summer party up at his compound in lieu of the meeting.

Bill has offered a challenge to the member who recruits the most members up until the June meeting. He will pay \$50.00 to the member who brings in the most members.

*Motion that the chapter pay the \$50.00 for the challenge, Fred. 2nd by Becky. Friendly ammendment that the chapter match the \$50.00. Hands - Motion passed.*

Former member Rick Rausch was killed in a car accident. His friend Patrick has asked for our help in putting together a benefit for Rick's daughter. Members from the chapter interested in

helping get together with Patrick.

Chris has the sign-up sheet for the Delano 4th of July parade. There is a \$50.00 entry fee. Delano Sports Center is having their open house on Sat. May 16th from 9-3 Maureen will be working the table if anyone wants to help send her an e-mail.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

April 17th-19th – A.B.A.T.E. U, Holiday Inn, Alexandria

April 24th-26th – Heartland STEAM, Mandan, North Dakota

May 2nd – Washout, 9am to Noon, Enfield rest stop

May 2nd – Ditch Pick-up, Noon, St. Bonifacius Qwik Trip

May 2nd - Chapter meeting, 2pm, Missile Park in St. Bonifacius. Grumpy's if bad weather.

May 16<sup>th</sup> – Spring Run registration starts @ 10:30. Leave Delano Legion at Noon

May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Memorial Run at noon (route to be determined)

June 6<sup>th</sup> – Chapter Meeting 2:00 pm Pioneer Park Annandale

July 11<sup>th</sup> – A.B.A.T.E of MN Board of Directors Meeting, Finlayson

August 4<sup>th</sup> – Minnesota Day in Central City, SD

August 15<sup>th</sup> – Chapter Meeting 2:00 pm @ Rosa and Jimmy's house, Buffalo

September 4-7 – A.B.A.T.E of MN State Rally, Litchfield

September 24-27 – Meeting of the Minds, Bloomington

Motion to adjourn – Smoker.

Time: 5:35

Minutes recorded and submitted by Sheryl Immel, Lake Chapter Secretary

## Motions made at the 4.3.09 meeting

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