

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

Date: May 1, 2010

Location: Missile Park, St. Boni

Time: 2:00 pm

Officers Attending:

President	Dawn Riba	X		
Vice President	Bill Jensen	X		
Chapter Rep	Mike Edgett	X		
Treasurer	Jim Kosse	X		
Secretary	Sheryl Immel	X		
Sergeants at Arms	Rick Oglesby		Charlie Cassell	X
	Michael Shinn	X	John Wachholz	X
	Randy Deters			

Total number of members attending: 30 Total number of guests:

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance Led by Mike Shinn 2:06

Welcome of new members or guests

President's remarks (Dawn) Dawn asked for the results from the members who made calls from the expired member list.

Vice President's remarks (Bill) Even though motorcycle fatalities are down, 4 people were killed during the Flood Run. Make sure you are aware of those around you.

OFFICER REPORTS

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

Treasurer's report (Jim)

Treasurer's Report - April 2010

Presented at May 2010 Meeting, at Missile Park, St. Boni

Started April with		\$4,627.62
Income:	Memberships-march	111.00
	Products sold	25.00
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	Total:	136.00
Expenses:		
	1st class postage for Road Noise	2.00
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	Total:	2.00
April Ending Balance		\$4,761.62

Earmarks

2011 Grounded Hogs Party	\$2,000.00
ABATE U hospitality room	\$160.00
ABATE U hospitality room food	\$100.00
ABATE U Chapter Challenge (up to \$675.00)	\$500.00
ERC	\$300.00
Petty Cash	45.05
MRF Donation Fund	255.30
Chapter Gambling Fund	355.80
Food Shelf Fund	12.00
Toys for Tots Fund	2.00
Buddy Bear Fund	34.55
Grand Total:	\$5,466.32

spendable 1701.62

Motion to accept Treasurer's report – Charlie, 2nd by Lee. Hands – Motion passed.

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

Chapter Rep report (Mike E.) Mike has the state treasurer's report available if anyone wants to see it. Mike has 60 tickets to sign out for the Rally raffle bike. Tickets are \$5.00. The State Products are now in a catalog, Rhiannon will have it available to look at. Mike has a sign up sheet to work the products booth at the rally. At Heartland Steam there were a lot of great classes offered, hopefully we can offer some of them at ABATE U next year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Special Events (open) We are looking for a new Committee Chair. The Spring Run is May 15th leaving the Delano Legion at 12:00. Registration begins at 10:00. Tickets are \$5.00 in advance and \$10.00 the day of the run. The pre-run is scheduled for May 8th, leaving the Delano Legion at 11:00. The 3 options for the Grounded Hogs party are: The Buffalo Legion: capacity is 300, rental is \$200.00, staffed bar, we have to purchase food from them, 2 hotels within walking distance. The Delano Legion: capacity is 300, rental is \$175.00, we can bring in our own food, nearest hotel is 10 miles away (they do offer a taxi service). Hamel VFW: capacity 300-350, rental \$450.00 (may be able to reduce the fee), they offer wine, beer and bar backs only, they could do some kind of a pasta dinner for \$2.00 per person if we prepaid for 300 people, hotels are the Medina Inn or in Plymouth. Contact Dawn if you have any feedback on these locations. The Memorial Run is on May 29th and will start in Victoria at Vic's (Schmitt's) at noon. We will end in Buffalo at Becky and Dave's. *Motion to spend \$125.00 on food for after the Memorial Run - Charlie, 2nd by Michael. Hands - Motion passed.*

Products (Rhiannon) Rhiannon will not be ordering anything new for summer. If anyone would like their own t-shirt printed on, she can have that done for \$3 to \$4 per shirt. Later this summer she would like to put in an order for long sleeve t-shirts. *Motion to buy up to 50 window decals -*

Mitch, 2nd by John (Batman). Hands - Motions passed.

Training & Education (Mary) The Experienced Rider Course is on May 23rd from 8-1 at Hennepin Technical College Eden Prairie. There is also a class scheduled for the Tri-County Chapter for the following weekend, see Mary if you are interested.

Membership and Retention (open) We are looking for a new chair. Let Dawn know if you are interested.

A.B.A.T.E. U (Noma/Karen) Noma asked that we talk about ABATE U when she can be here. Great job on the food Smoker.

State Rally (Bill) The Rally is September 3-6. Tickets for the rally are available on the website. (www.ABATEMN.org) From now until A.B.A.T.E. U advanced tickets are \$25.00. From then until the July BOD they are \$30.00. After that \$40.00. We have not signed up for a security shift as a group. If you are interested as an individual contact the rally security chair. Mike has posters for the Rally available. *Motion to use 2 of our Rally passes for first place prize at the Spring Run, they can take the tickets or a cash option - Todd, 2nd by Lee. Hands - Motions passed.*

Dial-A-Ride (Mike E.) Mike has 20 boxes to be signed out and delivered. Please make sure to talk to the bar manager about the information, so they understand the contents and what they need to do with it.

Buddy Bears We need some ideas on where to drop of bears. Lee will talk to the St. Boni Fire Department for a drop off at the August meeting.

OTHER REPORTS

Legislative Director (Todd) State Representative Tom Emmer has won the Republican Endorsement for Governor. Margaret Kelliher has accepted the endorsement for the Democrats, she is currently the Speaker of the House. If she decides to give up that position to pursue the Governorship there is a chance that State Representative Terry Morrow may be in line for that Majority Leader position. He is a great friend to ABATE and also a member. On May 5th, Governor Pawlenty is going to declare May as Motorcycle Awareness Month. It will be down at the Capital around noon. If you can go you need to RSVP to StateCoordinator@ABATEMN.org by May 3rd. The Enhanced Penalties Bill to hold careless drivers accountable for killing bikers and other road users is damn near dead. So what are we going to do about it? We can continue to send the message that the lives of our brother and sisters of the road are not as important as the lives of 2 crappies or we could decide as an organization to support this bill with the full force of ABATE MN. We could talk to the politicians that are running for state office. Tell them we need people to champion this bill. We need to support the PAC. **We need to get this bill passed.** *Motion that the chapter buy 3 PAC t-shirts - Charlie, 2nd by Michael. Hands - motion passed. Motion that Lake Chapter authorizes our Chapter Rep make a motion to support the Enhanced Penalties bill at the next BOD - Mike. 2nd by Gene. Hands - Motion passed.*

Public Relations (Mitch) Today was a big PR day, we had the wash out and ditch pickup. The next event is Camp Friendship on June 16th. Meet at Sturgis Park in Buffalo at 5:00. Dawn will send out an e-mail and Mitch will put it in the Grapevine.

MRF Report (Todd) Great news, motorcycle fatalities were down in 2009 by 10 percent. Senator Lautenberg has said that there should be a mandatory helmet law for all riders of America. Lautenberg currently sits of every senate committee that has jurisdiction over roads and road safety. Since the Health Care bill is now passed, they are finally talking about the transportation bill. Senator Lautenberg will try to attach some mandatory helmet language to that bill. The MRF membership is declining once again. With all this helmet blackmail language memberships need to keep increasing.

MMSAC (Mitch) The next meeting is May 20th in St. Paul. Mitch has course schedules. The application process for MMSAC is still going on until May 19th. We need more ABATE members on that committee.

Motion to accept the committee reports - Michael. 2nd by Lee. Hands – Motion passed.

Drawing of name (Mike E.) Rhiannon (gave it to Craig) is the winner of the \$5 off chapter products coupon.

OLD BUSINESS - Dawn passed around the expired members list again to anyone who wants to make phone calls.

NEW BUSINESS – Membership and retention - Dawn is looking for a chairperson for this committee. Lake Chapter's MRF membership is due. *Motion to renew Lake Chapter's membership with the MRF - Mitch. 2nd by Lee. Hands - motion passed.* At Steam Dawn received 3 memberships. Lake Chapter donated a membership for the auction at Steam. Pass the hat to cover the cost of the membership. At ABATE U for the dart walk, we raised \$155.00. We raised \$373.00 on ashtrays. Half will go to the PAC and half to the MRF. At Steam \$56.33 was raised for the MRF. John Kline's campaign kickoff is on May 10th at Buck Hill Ski Lodge. \$25.00 per person \$50.00 per family. It would be great to see some bikes there. The June and July meetings will be traveling meetings.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 8 - Pre-run, leaving the Delano Legion at 11:00

May 15 - Spring Run, leaving the Delano Legion at 12:00, Registration starts at 10:00

May 23 - ERC Hennepin Technical College 8-1

May 29 - Memorial Run leaving Vic's in Victoria at noon

June 5 - Chapter Meeting Delano 1:00 - riding to Hanover - ending in Buffalo

June 11-13 - Best of the West, Boise ID

June 10 - Southwest District Meeting 2:00 (location TBD)

June 16 - Camp Friendship

July 2-4 - ABATE of Iowa Freedom Rally - Algona IA (security help needed)

July 10 - Chapter Meeting Hopkins 1:00 - riding to Delano - ending in Mayer

August 1 Chapter Meeting - St Boni, Missile Park 2:00 **Sunday Meeting**

Motion to adjourn – Michael. 2nd by Mitch. Time: 3:29

Minutes recorded and submitted by Sheryl Immel, Lake Chapter Secretary

Motions made at the 5-1-2010 meeting

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