

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

Date: June 6, 2009

Location: Pioneer Park, Annandale  
2:00 pm

Time:

**Officers Attending:**

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

**Total number of members attending: 27      Total number of guests: 7**

**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance** Led by Lee Plante. At 2:08.

**Welcome of new members or guests**

**President's remarks (Dawn)** Thank you everyone for coming. Thanks to Pioneer Park for letting us have our meeting here.

**Vice President's remarks (Bill)** Thanks to everyone for coming, especially the 2 brave souls who rode. We had a great Spring Run and Memorial Run and hopefully spring will be here soon.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

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

**Treasurer's report (Jim)**

### Treasurer's Report - May 2009

Presented at Pioneer Park, Annandale MN June 6, 2009

Started May with **\$3,657.60**

**Income:**

Memberships- April	53.00
MRF ash tray fund raiser	502.00
ABATE U chapter challenge member donations	160.00
Product Sales	85.00
Donation for Toys for Tots	3.00
Donation for food shelf	5.00
Spring run food sales	36.00
Spring run ticket sales (less \$150.00 prize pay out)	649.00
Reimbursement for Chapter ERC	277.27
Memberships-May	106.00
Total:	<b>\$1,876.27</b>

**Expenses:**

1st class postage for Road Noise	2.00
Reimburse chapter rep for April BOD hotel expense	161.96
Reimburse chapter rep for April BOD mileage expense	40.60
MRF Sustaining membership dues	100.00
Medina Entertainment, Grounded hogs reservation fee	1200.00
Reimburse for photo collage at ABATE U	54.91
TFR to State Rally for MRF sponsorship	250.00
TFR to Lake Chapter MRF donation fund	252.00
Balancing adjustment to Lake Chapter to bring into balance with state records	228.00
Road noise add for Accident Scene Mgmt course	65.00
Trf to ABATE U chapter challenge	160.00
Water/pop for Spring run dry stop	38.14
MN Pac (5% Spring run ticket sales)	39.95
Tfr to MRF Donation fund (5% Spring run ticket sales)	39.95
Tfr to Toys for Tots fund	3.00
Tfr to food shelf fund	5.00
Road Noise Add for Spring Run	87.50

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Total:	<b>\$2,728.01</b>
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May Ending Balance	<b>\$2,805.86</b>
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**Earmarks:**

Grounded Hogs 2009	<b>800.00</b>
Lake Chapter recruiting challenge	<b>50.00</b>

<b>Petty Cash</b>	<b>\$45.05</b>
<b>MRF Donation</b>	<b>\$607.40</b>
<b>chapter Gambling fund</b>	<b>\$256.80</b>
<b>Food Shelf Fund</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>
<b>Toys for Tots</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>
<b>Buddy Bear Fund</b>	<b>\$34.55</b>
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b><u>\$3,759.66</u></b>

spendable	1955.86
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*Motion to accept Treasurer's report - Mitch, 2nd by Becky. Hands – Motion passed.*

**Chapter Rep report (Todd)**

Advance tickets for the rally are available from Todd. The cost is \$30.00 per ticket until July 11<sup>th</sup>.

Any tickets signed out and not sold need to be returned to Todd by the July 11th board meeting. Todd has fliers for the rally available. We need to start putting these up.

A sign up sheet was passed for shifts at the rally for security, first aid and the front gate.

A sign up sheet was passed for shifts at the Algona Rally in Iowa. This is the biggest recruiting effort for A.B.A.T.E of Minnesota.

If anyone has any A.B.A.T.E History items get them to Todd, he will give them to Cathy Schwalich.

PAC membership forms were passed around.

Lake Chapter membership is still below 400. We need to increase our membership to continue to fight for our rights. The expired member list was passed. Look for familiar names on there and contact people you know to renew their membership.

The July 11<sup>th</sup> Board meeting is in Finlayson in conjunction with the Jack Pine Riders fundraiser.

The fundraiser is July 10<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>, Mitch has tickets for sale. If you would like Todd to address anything at the board meeting, let him know.

Reminder of a 5 minute maximum for reports, hold your questions and comments until after the reports.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Membership & Retention (Sherry)** Contact people on the expired member list. Dawn will put a list together to distribute at the August meeting for calling expired members to renew their memberships. Bill and Kathie will take a copy of the list and send some letters. Rosa suggested we set up a membership table at the Medina Bike night's held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month. The next one is June 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to whenever. Contact Rosa for more information.

Lee is leading the membership recruitment contest. Dawn will check on memberships that were sent directly to the state.

**Products (Rhiannon)** Rhiannon would like to purchase long sleeve shirts and sweatshirts in the fall. If you have any preference on what she orders let her know by e-mail or phone. We need to decide if we would like to have t-shirts for the Grounded Hog's party. Rhiannon has contacted Rudy about the memorial patch for Frenchy. She will contact him again on the status of that.

**Buddy Bears (Noma)** 24 bears will be given to the Victoria Fire Dept. Todd will set a date in August to deliver them. Extra bears are available if we should need them. Selling raffle tickets will put more money in our gambling fund.

### **Special Events (Rosa and Kathie)**

Spring Run was May 16<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to all who sold advance tickets, purchased dinners, went on the pre-run and a big thanks to Rev. for blessing the bikes. 20 pounds of food was donated to the Buffalo food shelf.

Camp Friendship Bike show is July 14<sup>th</sup>. We will leave Sturgis Park in Buffalo at 5:30.

We are working on a route for the fall run. The prices will remain the same. The tickets and fliers will be available at the August meeting.

Grounded Hogs party will be February 6<sup>th</sup>. Medina was given a check for \$1200.00 to secure the facility. We will receive 15% of the bar take. The balance still owed to Medina is \$1,187.89.

Doors will be open from 7pm to 1 am. We can start setting up as early as 8 am. Everett Smithson has been secured for \$400.00 and Pork Chop is in negotiations for about \$800.00.

Rooms are available to reserve now for about \$70.00. We will receive the free co-coordinator's room and the hospitality room until 4:00 am.

Rosa is working on advertising. Anyone who knows of free advertising space let Rose know.

Auction items – start looking now for auction items. We need better quality items so we can make more money. Food and alcohol items will be accepted. Medina has asked that they not be consumed on the premises.

Rosa passed a sign up sheet for sub-committees and for anyone who can commit to working that night.

Rosa is working on a solicitation letter for auction items and sponsors. She will bring them to the next special events meeting.

**Training & Education (Mary)** 10 people attend the ERC training. She will set another in the spring if people are interested. The Accident Scene Management class had a lot of great information that was specific to motorcycle accidents. Mary is looking to set up an advanced ACM class in September.

**Dial-A-Ride (Dawn)** Almost all of the boxes have been delivered. Contact Dial-A-Ride with any interventions. Dial-A-Ride is looking for board members. The next meeting is Wednesday June 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 at Frank and Vicki Ernst's house. Contact Mike E. for more information.

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

**A.B.A.T.E. U (Noma)** The next meeting is Tuesday June 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at The Station in Monticello.

**State Rally (Bill)** Advanced tickets are available for \$30.00. Volunteers are still needed for security, first aid and front gate shifts. *Motion for Lake Chapter to become a Silver Sponsor of the State Rally at a cost of \$500.00 – Becky, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Todd, hands – motion passed.*

### **OTHER REPORTS**

**Public Relations (Mitch)** National ride to work day is June 15<sup>th</sup>. July 14th is the bike show at Camp Friendship. We will leave from Sturgis Park in Buffalo at 5:30.

**MRF Report (Todd)** A new Vice President, Jay Jackson, was appointed at the last Board Meeting. Expenses are down and membership is up, but not where they need it. The MRF is financially stable enough to get them to the Meeting of the Minds but more members are needed. The Meeting of the Minds is September 24<sup>th</sup> through September 27<sup>th</sup> in Bloomington Minnesota at the Sheraton Hotel. The cost is \$70.00 for MRF members and \$80.00 for non-members. Volunteers are needed for this event. Auction items are also needed.

**MMSAC (Mike)** The last recommendation that was agreed upon at the last meeting involves tail lights, that the State of Minnesota recognizes modulating tail lights. Five or 6 people have applied from A.B.A.T.E to be on the committee. Mike's term ends in September which will leave only 2 A.B.A.T.E members on the committee. There is some concern about the new Vice President, who will become the next President, and their ideas on motorcyclist's rights. Meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every other month at 5:00 to 7:00 at St Paul College.

**Legislative Director (Todd)** The failure to yield bill has not passed but made it through several committees. Which is great progress from before and we will continue to work on that. The primary seat belt law has passed. Many people will be looking to pass a mandatory helmet law because of this. We need to support the PAC, to put money into the hands of the politicians that support us. We need to talk to the politician's and ask for their passionate support of the laws that support us. 500 biker's need to show up at the capital on biker day to get their attention.

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

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

**OLD BUSINESS** - If someone would like to plan a ride/dinner around the next meeting, let Dawn know and she will put it in the e-mail before the next meeting.  
Any left over Dial-A-Ride material can be given to Dawn or Todd.  
Mitch still has space available at the School House in Central City. The school house is not available next year. Try to get deposits to her by the end of the month.

**NEW BUSINESS** - Dawn has contacted the President of Tri-County to have them work on our Fall Run. The Special Events committee has approved this and we will work them.  
Rusty Ramirez has offered to host a conceal and carry class for Lake Chapter.  
Dawn is in charge of the centerpieces for the Meeting of the Minds. Contact her with ideas.  
*Motion to reimburse Rosa for her mileage for the spring run, Dawn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mitch, Motion failed.*  
*Motion to reimburse Shad and Noma for mileage to pick up the Dial-A-Ride trailer and bring it on the run - Lee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary – Motion passed.*  
State Coordinator, Mack, discussed legislation that will affect our right to ride free.  
A hat was passed for a donation to Pioneer Park. \$55.00 was raised.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

June 11<sup>th</sup> – Medina Bike Night  
June 13<sup>th</sup> - MN Honors Vietnam era Vets - State Capital Grounds  
June 15<sup>th</sup> – National Ride to Work Day  
June 27<sup>th</sup> – The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Auggie Memorial Run, \$15.00 per person leaving Schmitty's in Victoria  
July 11<sup>th</sup> – A.B.A.T.E of MN Board of Directors Meeting, Finlayson  
July 14<sup>th</sup> - Camp Friendship Bike Show, leaving Sturgis Park in Buffalo at 5:30  
August 4<sup>th</sup> – Minnesota Day in Central City, SD  
August 15<sup>th</sup> – Chapter Meeting 2:00 @ 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 – Rod, 2nd by Noma. Hands, Motion passed.* Time: 3:47

Minutes recorded and submitted by Sheryl Immel, Lake Chapter Secretary

### **Motions made at the 6.6.09 meeting**

- 1. Motion to accept minutes as written – Todd, 2nd by Rod. Hands – Motion passed.*
- 2. Motion to accept Treasurer's report - Mitch, 2nd by Becky. Hands – Motion passed.*
- 3. Motion for Lake Chapter to become a Silver Sponsor of the State Rally at a cost of \$500.00 – Becky, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Todd, hands – motion passed.*
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