

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

**CHAPTER MEETING**

**Location:** American Legion, Delano

**Date:** Jan 06, 2007

**Time:** 4 p.m.

**Officers Attending:**

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	-

**Total number of members attending:** 60

**Guests attending:** 0

**AGENDA**

**Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance** - Todd.

**President Remarks - Keith** – Glad to see everybody. We will be taking nominations for the Chapter Officers for the upcoming year today and the next three meetings.

**Steve J. Kreitlow Award was presented to Kenny.**

Kenny thanked the Chapter – "... We couldn't do what we do without the help of everyone in the Chapter..."

**Vice President Remarks - Mike** – Apologized for missing the last meeting. Informed Chapter members that he had to attend a funeral of his 18-year old cousin, who was signed up to be an organ donor. His hand was given to a man who had lost his hand over 20 years ago. The operation was a success and gave that man back some functions that he had not been able to perform for over 20 years. Mike asked if the Chapter would be willing to pass a hat to contribute to the KY Organ Donor Association that does such great job in Mike's cousin name. The Chapter contributed \$100.

**Welcome new guests and members** – Donna, John and Randy are new members.

**Secretary's Report - Olga** - Motion to waive the reading of the minutes – Mary, seconded by Dave Anderson, hands – motion passed.

**Treasury Report - Kimmer -**

Started December with \$1,856.91

Income:

Memberships	\$69.00
Products Sold	\$329.00
Toys for Tots Fundraiser	\$1242.00
Mike Otto Headstone – Chapter Member Donations	\$143.00
Mike Otto Headstone – Anonymous Donations – Bar Patrons	<u>\$100.00</u>

Total Income: \$1,883.00

Expenses:

1 <sup>st</sup> class postage for Road Noise	\$2.00
Flowers for Senators Wife - Stacy's Funeral	\$100.00
Toys for Tots Reimbursement	\$1,660.55

Mike Otto Headstone Donation	\$543.00
Postcards for Chapter Meetings/Events	\$104.00
2007 Lake Chapter Calendars	<u>\$595.97</u>
Total Expenses:	\$3,005.52
December ending balance:	\$734.39
Petty cash:	\$42.20
M.R.F. Donation Fund:	\$44.00
Chapter Gambling Fund:	\$1,327.70
Food Shelf Fund:	\$17.22
Toys for Tots Fund:	\$0.00
Buddy Bear Fund:	<u>\$0.00</u>
Grand Total:	\$2,165.51

Motion to accept the treasury's report – Kenny, seconded by Popeye, hands – motion carried.

**State Rep Report - Too Tall** – If you have anything that needs to be coordinated on the State level – see TooTall.

A.B.A.T.E. U. is coming up in April. Raffle tickets are \$100 /piece for 5 bikes. Encouraged members to attend and purchase tickets.

Mike B. asked Too Tall to comment on the Alexandria Scholarship motion that will be discussed on the B.O.D. The chapter needs to discuss the motion in order to advise on the vote.

Too Tall stated that the Alexandria Technical College asked for a donation towards their scholarship fund to be used in the mechanics program. Discussion followed.

Too Tall made a motion to donate \$2500 towards Alexandria Technical College Scholarship Fund, seconded by Batman. Discussion followed. Hands: yes – 4, no – 23, abstained - 5. Motion did not pass.

**Membership & Retention Report - Kenny** – Reminded members that he has tri-folds. Please see Kenny if you need any.

**Motorcycle Riders Foundation Report - Todd** – Senator Frank Lautenberg is the name we are going to be mentioning a lot within the next year. A couple of years ago MRF asked for some grant money for the states to spend on training, safety and public awareness. As this bill was being processed, senator Lautenberg attached some mandatory helmet language to the bill. The bill got shut down. He also sent a letter to all the governors suggesting mandatory helmet law. Senator Lautenberg is now the Transportation Safety, Infrastructure Security and Water Quality Self-Committee Chair. Among the issues he is planning on working with is drunken driving, motorcycle safety and chemical plant security. There is going to be an attempt to implement a nationwide mandatory helmet law. Todd encouraged members to join AMA, MARF to help to protect the right of motorcyclists. Also encouraged members to go to Washington, DC – we need people to go.

Reminded members that any motorcycle legislation will go through senator Oberstar on the Federal level. We do not know where senator Obushar is standing. We need to find that out and to establish positive relationship. MRF is looking for assistant reps. If you are interested – talk to Todd or Mack.

**Government Relations Report - Mike** – Passed around a flyer for the Bikerday at the Capitol. Reminded members that this is our big chance to get in front of the legislator and change opinions, get allays on our side, to directly affect state government. Encouraged members to attend. If you cannot attend – call your representative, your state senator.

Becky reminded members to register online at [www.abatemn.org](http://www.abatemn.org)

Noma encouraged members to hand out flyers.

Too Tall commented that there is a big change in the majority in the House this year, a lot of those people haven't been approached yet – it is our chance.

**State Coordinator Report - Mack** – Stated that January 31<sup>st</sup> is our chance to take action and to make MN a better place to be a biker.

April 21<sup>st</sup> is the chance to learn about how we can make a difference by attending A.B.A.T.E. U.

May 5<sup>th</sup> – Heartland Steam is going to take place in LaCrosse, WI – a lot to learn from. We need to educate people that the focus needs to be on the accident prevention, not the crash survival. Our point in the Capitol this year is Failure to Yield. It's just a single issue, but what we bring with is the freedom message.

The Washington, DC trip is a life-altering trip – this is where it all happens.

Encouraged members to attend to all of the events above.

Mitch mentioned that the Chapter's May meeting is scheduled on the same weekend as Heartland Steam, was wondering if the Chapter would be interested in changing the date for the meeting. The Chapter will make the decision on the next meeting.

**President's Committee on Increasing Meeting Attendance - Maureen** – Keith encouraged members to join the committee and help out, Maureen would greatly appreciate it.

Lenny is the winner of this month's drawing.

**MN MC Safety Advisory Committee - Mike** – Re-introduced MN MSAC to the Chapter.

The committee can make recommendations to the State on specific appropriate motorcycle safety education and training.

Informed members that Share-The-Road instructors are being turned away by State Driver Education people when they show up at schools to do drivers education. There are two reasons: they show up without helmets and we are a political organization.

Certain people on the committee pushed for the change in the bi-laws to allow only limited time and topics for the public to express their opinions.

One of the members on the committee has recently resigned.

The next meeting is on Thursday, Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>, at 5 p.m. in St. Paul, DDS Building at 444 Cedar Ave. Encouraged members to attend.

Mike also informed members that Pat Hahn has decided to send out a press release about traffic deaths without discussing it with the committee. The press release informs public that the motorcycle deaths are up, but it does not mention that motorcycle registration in the State is also up.

Mike commented that everyone would be affected by who is going to be replacing the resigned member.

**Public Relations Report - Mitch** – The last PR was Kare 11 Toys for Tots donation. The Lake Chapter donated around \$2,000 worth of toys. Mitch thanked Stroke for being our spokesman, Karen for getting everything setup and the rest of the group for helping out.

Reminded members that she has pictures available for review.

Washout is coming up – May 5<sup>th</sup>, on the morning before the Chapter meeting. Again mentioned that it is on the same weekend as the Heartland Steam – asked the Chapter if they would be interested in moving the Chapter meeting date. The Chapter decided to discuss that on the next meeting under old business.

Mitch also informed members that the new Motorcycle Rider Training Catalog is out. Stated that there are new courses available. Mentioned that they have some discount available for group reservations.

Street Smarts is one of the courses that everyone would benefit from.

Discussion followed. Mike will follow up with the instructors to see if we can invite them over to have a course a couple of hours before one of the Chapter meetings.

**Products Report - Jim Kosse** – 2007 Chapter Calendars are available at \$15/piece.

Lee made a motion to donate one Lake Chapter calendar to Bootleggers, seconded by Becky, hands – motion carried.

**Special Events Report - Rosa** – May 19<sup>th</sup> is Spring Run – we need routes by the March meeting. The requirements are: start at Woody's and has to have at least one non-alcoholic stop, would like to finish at the Delano American Legion, try keeping the route in our general area and longer distances between the stops.

February 10<sup>th</sup> – Grounded Hogs Fundraiser – we have advance tickets, please sign them out and sell them.

Advance tickets need to be turned in by the February meeting.

We need door prizes, silent and live auction items – give them to the Special Events Committee. We will have sober cabs. We have some sign up sheets going around. Encouraged members to sign up.

We need volunteers for the Grounded Hogs Fundraiser – drivers, front gate, auction items.

January 25<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for the Monticello Holiday Inn reservations.

Smoker stated that he is looking for 4 people to commit to cover 1-hour shifts.

Todd made a motion to donate \$300 to Dial-A-Ride, Becky seconded, hands – motion carried.

**State Rally Report - Becky** – The next meeting is on January 19<sup>th</sup> in Monticello.

Stated that the Rally Chair needs a commitment from every chapter to cover shifts.

Todd made a motion to commit to cover shifts on the State Rally 2007, seconded by Smoker, hands – motion carried. On the next BOD it will be discussed to possibly moving the Rally date. Discussion followed.

Mitch made a motion to keep the Rally weekend on the Labor Day weekend, seconded by Mary, hands – motion carried. Noma mentioned that she has sponsorship packets.

Kenny made a motion to accept all the committee reports, Noma seconded, hands – motion carried.

### **Old Business:**

Too Tall reminded members about a tabled motion to recommend to the BOD to raise annual A.B.A.T.E. membership fees. The motion originally was made by TooTall, seconded by Dick. Dick was not present. Deren seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Vote: yes – 10, no – 33, abstained – 2. The motion did not pass.

Deren reminded members that he is collecting used or broken cell phones for the Patriot Guard Riders.

### **New Business:**

Nominations for the 2007 Lake Chapter officers:

President: Keith – deferred, Smoker – accepted, Deren – deferred.

Vice-president: Mike Berger – accepted, Lee Plante – deferred, Jim Kosse – deferred.

Treasurer: Karen – deferred, Jim Kosse – deferred, Reed Carlson – declined, Karen May – declined.

Secretary: Olga – deferred, Maureen – deferred, Karen May – declined.

Chapter Rep: Dawn Riba – deferred, Too Tall – declined, Dave Anderson – deferred, Todd Riba – declined, Mary Berger – deferred.

Sergeant at Arms: Karen May – accepted, Jim Kreitlow – accepted, Mike Sheen – accepted, Lee Plante – accepted, Todd Riba – declined, Batman – deferred, John Dewey – (John's decision was not recorded by the secretary to include into the notes), Stroke – accepted, Shad – declined, Reed – declined, TC – deferred, Kent Lilligrem – deferred.

Lee made a motion to set aside \$150 for purchasing tickets to the other chapters events in the calendar year, seconded by Dave Anderson.

Todd mentioned that any new member of the MRF is eligible to win a \$40,000 custom motorcycle.

Member of the year nominations: Deren Orr, Todd Riba, Olga, Mack, Mary Berger, Karen May, Noma, Rosa.

Todd made a motion to distribute the 36 left Buddy Bears between Rockford, St. Michael and Hennepin County Emergency services, seconded by Mike Sheen. Discussion followed. Hands – motion carried.

Mitch made a motion to donate \$300 to the MN Patriot Guard Riders, seconded by Noma, hands – motion carried.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Jan 31<sup>st</sup> – Bikerday at the Capitol.

Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Chapter meeting at 4 Alarm, Rockford @ 4 p.m.

Fed. 10<sup>th</sup> – Lake Chapter Grounded Hogs Fundraiser, Salida Depot, Big Lake

Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> – Rally Committee Meeting, Salida @ 4 p.m.

Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> – Buffalo Ridges Chapter – 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Feed, Lyndwood Bar & Grill, Lynd @ 6 p.m.

Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> – Glacial Ridge Chapter – Blizzard Bash & Fundraiser, Rooney's

Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> – River Riders Chapter Winter Mari Gras Fundraiser, Hunters Bar, East Bethel.

March 3<sup>rd</sup> – Chapter Meeting, Delano American Legion @ 4 p.m.

**Motion to adjourn** - TC, seconded by Kenny, hands – motion passed.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.**

Minutes recorded and submitted by Olga Strobel, Chapter Secretary.

## **01-06-2007 Lake Chapter Meeting Motions.**

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2. Motion to accept the treasury's report – Kenny, seconded by Popeye, hands – motion carried.
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