

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

**Date:** January 10th, 2009

**Location:** American Legion in Delano

**Time:** 4pm

**Officers Attending:**

<b>President</b>	Mike Berger	X	
<b>Vice President</b>	Charm Bolgrean	X	
<b>Chapter Rep</b>	Dawn Riba	X	
<b>Treasurer</b>	Jim Kosse	X	
<b>Secretary</b>	Maureen O'Hern	X	
<b>Sergeants at Arms</b>	Karen May	X	Michael Shinn X
	Bill Jensen		Dick Van Horn

**Total number of members attending:** 46

**Total number of guests:** 0

**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance** Led by Mike S. at 4:03pm.

**Welcome of new members or guests** Welcome to new members John, Randy, Wally and Jesse.

**President's remarks (Mike)** Thanks for coming out. We have a lot to cover Officer nominations, Bikerday Grounded Hogs.

**Vice President's remarks (Charm)** There's a lot to cover today.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**Secretary's report (Maureen)** *Motion to accept the minutes – Shad, 2nd by Stroke. Hands – Motion passed.*

**Treasurer's report (Jim)**

Started December with **\$2,055.78**

**Income:**

Memberships From Nov	31.00
Memberships from Dec	18.00
Rec'd Toys for Tots fund	777.00
Products sold	571.00
Grounded Hogs tickets & Sponsorships	480.00
Membership donation	2.00
Tri-County sponsorship Grounded Hogs	50.00

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**Total:** **1929.00**

**Expenses:**

1st class postage for Road Noise December	2.00
Officer business cards	6.17
Little John for Rally Tent	100.00
Toys for Tots (reimburse Mitch)	783.03
Rhiannon (reimburse for office supplies)	30.35
Bill Nelson (reimburse for postage)	120.00
Keith Knee (reimburse for SJK award engraving)	12.25
AdWear-chapter shirts	709.78
Copy Cats of MN -chapter calendars	638.57
Reimburse chapter rep, mileage to dist. Meeting	36.40
Ink cartridge for post cards-Bill Nelson	28.32
Postcard mailing-Grounded Hogs, Bill Nelson	105.00

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**Total:** **2,571.87**

December Ending Balance **\$1,412.91**

**Earmarks:**

Grounded hogs	<b>-\$605.00</b>
State Rally corn feed	<b>-\$100.00</b>

Petty Cash:	<b>\$50.00</b>
MRF Donation Fund:	<b>\$36.35</b>
Chapter Gambling Fund:	<b>\$296.80</b>
Food Shelf Fund:	<b>\$162.22</b>
Toys for Tots Fund:	<b>-\$6.03</b>
Buddy Bear Fund	<b>\$34.55</b>

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**Grand Total:** **\$1,986.80**

spendable \$707.91

*Motion to accept the Treasurer's report – Mitch, 2nd by Mike S. Hands – Motion passed.*

**Chapter Rep report (Dawn)** The Board of Director's meeting is Jan 17th let her know if you have anything to bring up to the board. The A.B.A.T.E. U gambling posters have some errors new ones are being printed up. Dawn brought her computer so people could sign-up for Bikerday and explained that Charlie can't attend the whole day but will attend the scheduled meeting with his legislator and she encouraged others to do same. She had a ticket for the River Valley Chapter party on Jan 24th, she's unable to attend and will give it to someone who can. She has the name of someone we can buy a tent from for the State Rally Dawn will follow up on this. She is in charge of the MRF Meeting of the Minds banquet centerpieces and would like ideas/help.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Special Events (Rosa)** The Grounded Hogs party is our biggest fundraiser of the year it allows us to do a lot of things throughout the year. Thanks to everyone for taking/selling tickets about 1/2 of them have been turned in so please get out there and sell. The Sub-Committee heads should be at the Medina Entertainment Center around 5-5:30pm, they need help so please sign-up, Rosa also needs help at the auction. There is a Dial-A-Ride meeting at 4:30pm. Vendor spaces available for \$50 and they receive 2 free tickets. If get any sponsors let her know right away so they can be added to the banner and please consider becoming an individual sponsor. Maureen is working with KRWC radio out of Buffalo about doing a 1/2 show that night. Fred brought up that he hasn't seen the GH party advertised on the Medina marquee or heard it in their radio spots Rosa will follow up on this. Audra wanted to know if we should have a sign-up sheet for food in the hospitality room this might be done next year.

**Membership & Retention (need a new person) Charm** – Still looking for a person for this, we currently have 401 members.

**Public Relations (Mitch)** Thanks to Stroke for doing a great job being our Spokesbiker at the Toys for Tots Thanks to Smoker for having a bike there. Bikerday and the GH party are coming up. Mitch spoke about Camp Friendship Courage and Danny Caspers. ~~Motion to spend \$40 to send Danny to Camp Friendship – Mitch, 2nd by Stroke. Hands – Motion passed.~~ **Correction - Mitch's Motion should read ~~ Motion to spend \$40 out of our gambling funds to send Danny Caspers to Camp Courage – Mitch, 2nd by Stroke. Hands – Motion passed.**

**Training/Share the Road (Mary)** Nothing new at this time.

**State Rally** – There isn't a Dec meeting, the next meeting is Jan 16th, 6pm at the Holiday Inn in Alexandria. Lower Corner & Straight River Chapters will be doing the Bike Games at the State Rally this year. Lake Chapter will do the Mud Olympics Mike B. will check on the availability of the State Rally shifts (Security – Fri 4-8pm, Front Gate – Sat 11am-3pm)

*Motion to accept committee reports – Lee, 2nd by Dave A. Hands – Motion passed.*

## OTHER REPORTS

**MRF (Todd)** The MRF has accomplished a lot and still needs your help, Lautenberg will probably try and pass another helmet law bill. The MRF Board meeting is Jan 30th-31st think about attending. It's very important to get 500 bikers at the capital to make a big impression. Bikerday in D.C. is coming up in mid-May we need to get a lot of boots and leather at the Capital Mall. The MRF still needs members they missed the Jan goal, The MRF keeps the Federal government off our backs so A.B.A.T.E. can concentrate on issues on the State level. We need to get 500 bikers to Bikerday at the State Capital to remind legislators that we vote. If you can't attend please send an email to your legislator showing your support for what we are doing.

**Meeting of the Minds 2009 (Mary)** Jan 22nd is the next meeting. Mary passed around an email sign up for the MotM. If you would like to help out contact her.

**Govt. Relations/MMSAC (Mike)** It is very important to have a lot of bikers walking around the Capital we make a big impression. They are lined up to pass tiered licensing, mandatory training and helmet laws. We need you to help stop them from taking away our rights. Mike explained what MMSAC is at mentioned that the next meeting is Thursday, Jan 15th. Mitch – There are a lot of new legislators this year and Bikerday is a good way to get to know them.

**Products (Rhiannon)** New shirts are available, working on new products. 2 – 1 hr shifts are available for the GH party.

**Drawing of name (Mary)** The winner of the \$5 off chapter products coupon is Mike Edgett.

## OLD BUSINESS

1. **Food Shelf distribution (tabled from the December's meeting)** – Tabled until the February meeting.
2. **Drawing for the free room at the Grounded Hogs party** – Lee Plante is the winner.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. **Voting for Member-of-the-Year** – The nominees are – Rosa Kreitlow, Maureen O’Hern, John “Batman” Dewey, Todd Riba, Mary Berger, Dawn Riba & Jim Kosse.

### 2. Officer Nominations –

#### President

Dawn Riba – Accept  
Mike Berger – Accept

Lee Plante – Decline

#### Vice President

Fred Pawelk – Accept

Rod “Stroke” Quist – Decline  
Charm Bolgrean – Decline  
Todd Riba – Decline  
Mike Berger – Decline  
Mike Edgett – Decline

#### Chapter Rep

Todd Riba – Accept

Charm Bolgrean – Decline  
Mike Berger – Decline  
Karen May – Decline

#### Treasurer

Jim Kosse – Accept

Noma Skinner – Decline

#### Secretary

Olga Strobel – Defer  
Sheryl Immel – Defer

John “Batman” Dewey – Decline  
Maureen O’Hern – Decline  
Audra Koel – Decline  
Nancy “Olive” Dibb – Decline

#### Sergeant at Arms

Mike Edgett – Accept  
Mike Shinn – Accept  
Charlie Cassel – Accept  
Rick Olgesby – Accept  
Rhiannon Dubinsky – Accept

John “ Batman” Dewey – Defer  
Bill Jensen – Defer  
Lee Plante – Defer  
Shad Skinner – Defer

Karen May – Decline  
Keith “Smoker” Efron – Decline  
Jim Kreitlow – Decline  
T.C. Strobel – Decline

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 17th – Board of Director’s meeting, 9am, Holiday Inn, Alexandria  
Jan 24th – Metro Chapter’s Winter Bash  
Feb 4th – Biker Day at the Capitol  
Feb 7th – Grounded Hogs Fundraiser, 7pm, Medina Entertainment Center  
Feb 13th-15th – 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Cycle World International Motorcycle Show, Mpls Convention Center  
Feb 14th – Chapter meeting, 4pm, Delano American Legion  
Mar 7th – Chapter meeting, 4pm, Delano American Legion  
Mar 28th-29th – Donnie Smith Bike Show  
April 4th – Chapter meeting, 4pm, Delano American Legion  
April 17th-19th – A.B.A.T.E. U, Holiday Inn, Alexandria

*Motion to adjourn – Fred, 2nd by Noma. Hands – Motion passed.*

Time: 5:25pm

Minutes recorded and submitted by Maureen O’Hern, Lake Chapter Secretary

## Motions made at the 1.10.09 meeting

1. Motion to accept the minutes – Shad, 2nd by Stroke. Hands – Motion passed.
2. Motion to accept the Treasurer’s report – Mitch, 2nd by Mike S. Hands – Motion passed.
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