

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

CHAPTER MEETING

Location: Daves Town Club

Date: Oct 7th, 2006

Time: 4:00 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	<u>X</u>

Total number of members attending: 36

Guests attending: 1

AGENDA

Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance – Shad.

President Remarks - Keith – We have a special guest today – representative from the Dist. 19B, Tom Emmer. Thanks for attending this meeting. We are looking for nominations for the Steve Kreitlow Award, the deadline is Oct. 31st. Following the Fall Colors Run on Oct. 14th the Delano Fire department will be at the American Legion to accept the Buddy Bears, we will be taking photos at that time.

Vice President Remarks - Mike – Thanks for coming over. Asked everyone to be respectful for others opinions and before speaking to be recognized by Keith for proper record keeping on the meeting minutes. Please remember to buy your Fall Colors Run tickets.

Welcome new guests and members – Tom Emmer – representative from district 19B – introduced himself to the group. Thanked members for the invitation to the meeting. Hoping to represent A.B.A.T.E. at the Capitol and meet expectations. Thanked us for support hoping that it will continue. Answered some questions asked by members.

Secretary's Report - Olga - Motion to waive the reading of the minutes – Noma, seconded by Mitch, hands – motion carried. Olga passed around a copy of the meeting minutes.

Treasury Report - Kimmer -

Started September with	\$1,639.88
Income:	
Memberships	\$88.00
Products Sold	\$115.00
Donation – Kelly Fisher Hardship –	
Collection from the Group	<u>\$103.00</u>
Total Income:	<u>\$306.00</u>
Expenses:	
1 st class postage for Road Noise	\$2.00
Kelly Fisher – Hardship Donation	\$203.00
MRF	\$600.00
Road Noise Advertising	<u>\$30.00</u>
Total Expenses:	<u>\$836.00</u>

September ending balance:	\$1,110.88
Petty cash:	\$42.20
M.R.F. Donation Fund:	\$558.00
Chapter Gambling Fund:	\$57.20
Food Shelf Fund:	\$14.36
Toys for Tots Fund:	\$12.55
Buddy Bear Fund:	<u>\$0.00</u>
Grand Total:	\$1,825.19

Motion to accept the treasury report – Noma, seconded by Mary, hands – motion carried.

State Rep Report - Too Tall – Invited members to attend the next BOD to see how business is conducted. Any members are welcome. Will be discussing possible increase of memberships. Too Tall made a motion to increase A.B.A.T.E. of MN annual membership fee by \$10 to \$30 per individual and to \$45 per couple with the extra income to be used for legislation and political purposes at the BOD discussion. Dick seconded. Discussion followed. Lee made a motion to table the above motion until the next meeting. Hands – motion passed.

Membership & Retention Report - Kenny – We have tri-folds if you need any. We don't have numbers from the Rally yet, will have them after BOD. Keith advised members to have a tri-fold available at all times.

Motorcycle Riders Foundation Report - Todd – Todd attended MOM in IN. Brought up the latest MRF release – read out some parts. See Todd if you are interested in details. Read out and passed around The Washington Times article “Not enough respect on the road”. Gave an update on Karen's (MFR past president) current condition. Named some of the new officers. Todd was elected to the BOD as a State Rep. Board Member. Mentioned that there is a serious discussion going on about a separate blood alcohol level for car and motorcycle drivers. Encouraged members to make political contributions that are reimbursable. Mentioned that there are 120 MRF members in the state now and that the Chapter's contribution of \$100 for the mailing to the lapsed members played a big role in the membership increase. Stroke made a motion to donate \$40 to the MRF to send another mailing to the lapsed members, Noma seconded, hands – motion carried. Todd mentioned that the Road Noise has the survey results that he advised members to look at and if the candidates from their districts did not respond to the survey – encouraged members to contact them and find out where they stand.

Government Relations Report - Mike – Asked members to keep in mind that the Election Day is approaching. Mentioned that if some of the candidates might seem to support our interests, they might not be the best candidates, there might be others that will promote our interests. Encouraged members to explore the options and do some research on the candidates. Brought up some examples from various districts. Becky mentioned that Todd and Dawn are holding a fundraiser for Too Tall on Oct. 8th – invited everyone to attend. Becky made a motion to donate \$100 to buy supplies for Too Tall's fundraiser, seconded by Noma, hands – motion passed. Mitch stated that Lake Chapter has a member that is running for the Dist. 4 County Commissioner – Mike Potter. Mike introduced himself. Todd mentioned that any A.B.A.T.E. members that are running for the office are entitled for the MN Motorcycle PAC packet.

State Coordinator Report - Mack – no report.

President's Committee on Increasing Meeting Attendance - Maureen – Too Tall is the winner of today's attendance drawing.

MN MC Safety Advisory Committee - Mike - The last meeting was two weeks ago. 90 new motorcycles will be purchased by the state of MN for the training. A.B.A.T.E. of MN donated \$10,000. Brought up some statistics on the service men killed on the motorcycle accidents. The State of MN is looking into setting up a special training for the returning service men. More training programs are under discussion. ERC (Experienced

Rider Course) will undergo some changes. MSAC will have a special meeting in the end of October talking about changing some bi-laws and what MSAC is all about. It was voted to establish an executive committee.

Public Relations Report - Mitch – Encouraged members to either take a part in Bowling for Kids Sake or sponsor a player. Mitch needs pictures for the Chapter Calendar.

Products Report - Jim Kosse – We have new pins. By the next meeting might have some women style shirts. We have some active member patches – see Jim if you are interested in owning one.

Special Events Report - Rosa – The Fall Colors Run is on Oct. 14th. Talked over some details of the Run. We need some volunteers for the Road Captains and dart throws. Todd made a motion to have the next year's Fall Colors Run on the first Saturday of October, seconded by Rosa. Discussion followed. Hands – motion passed. Rosa also mentioned that we need door prizes.

Amateur Bartending event will be held on November 12th at Bootleggers.

Lee stated that we took in \$235 in tips from Bartending at Grumpy's and \$135 was donated by Grumpy's. Grounded Hogs will be held at Salida. Brought up the group on the bands that will be playing. Mitch made a motion to pay \$550 for the bands on the Grounded Hogs Fundraiser, Stroke seconded. Discussion followed. Hands – motion carried. Rosa encouraged members to attend the events and if anyone is interested in taking a part in organizing the events – attend the Special Events meetings.

State Rally Report - Becky – Thanked everyone for showing up on the Rally and volunteering. The next meeting is on Friday, Oct. 20th at Holiday Inn in Otsego.

Kenny made a motion to accept all committee reports, seconded by Stroke, hands – motion carried.

Old Business: Keith tabled the discussion about the Chapter tent for the State Rally. We are waiting on Dawn for an update on Mike Otto's headstone.

New Business: Mike mentioned that there will be a benefit for Matt Collins on Oct. 28th. Keith clarified that this is not a Lake Chapter function, Metro Chapter is organizing it. Stroke made a motion to donate \$150 for Mike Collins benefit, Lee seconded. Discussion followed. Hands – motion carried.

Jim made a motion to donate 12 Buddy Bears and \$100 to the Bikers Against Child Abuse organization, Stroke seconded. Mitch made a friendly amendment to donate \$100 from the gambling funds. Jim and Stroke accepted the amendment. Discussion followed. Too Tall made a friendly amendment to donate 30 Buddy Bears instead of 12. Amendment was accepted. Discussion followed. Hands – motion carried.

Becky made a motion for the Chapter to pay for the hospitality suite on the 2007 A.B.A.T.E. U., Mary seconded, hands – motion carried.

Todd commented on the use of the Robert's Rules on the Chapter meetings. Discussion followed.

Upcoming Events:

Oct. 8 th	Bowling for Kids Sake at Docs Holidays in Delano, noon to 2 p.m.
Oct. 14 th	Lake Chapter Fall Colors Run, leaves Salida Depot at noon
Oct. 21 st	BOD at the Holiday Inn, Otsego at 9 a.m.
Oct. 28 th	November Meeting at the 4 Alarm Bar and Grill in Rockford at 4 p.m.
Oct. 28 th	Fundraiser for Matt Collins, Forestlaker at Forest Lake, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Nov. 12 th	Toys for Tots Fundraiser Amateur Bartending at Bootleggers in Mayer, noon to 6 p.m.

Motion to adjourn - Stroke, seconded by T.C., hands – motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Olga Strobel, Chapter Secretary.

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