

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

CHAPTER MEETING

Location: 4 Alarm – Rockford

Date: October 28th, 2006

Time: 4 p.m.

Officers Attending:

President:	Keith Knee	<u>X</u>
Vice President:	Mike Berger	<u>X</u>
Treasurer:	Kimmer Moy	<u>0</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: 47

Guests attending: 1

AGENDA

Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance – Vulture.

President Remarks - Keith – Thanks for coming over to this meeting. We have a special quest – Senator Amy Koch. Welcomed new members. It was great to have so many people showing up on the BOD. Please turn in your nominations for Steve Kreitlow award, the chapter will vote on them next month. The Fall Run went very well, thanks to everyone who participated and organized the event; we got about 60 people showing up.

Welcome new guests and members – Pam and Rudy – new and returning members.

Senator Amy Koch introduced herself and thanked the Chapter for the support. Hoping to see everyone on the Bikerday at the Capitol. Encouraged members to vote on November 7th. Members asked some questions. Feel free to contact senator at sen.amy.koch@senate.mn

Secretary's Report - Olga - Motion to waive the reading of the minutes – Kenny, seconded by Fred, hands – motion passed.

Treasury Report - Mitch -

Started October with	\$1,698.88
Income:	
Memberships	\$298.00
Products Sold	\$50.00
Advanced ticket sales – Fall Colors Run Fundraiser	\$546.00
Ticket sales at the door – Fall Colors Run Fundraiser	<u>\$330.00</u>
Total Income:	\$1,224.00

Expenses:

1 st class postage for Road Noise	\$2.00
Lake Chapter Post Cards	\$104.00
Lake Chapter Website Space	\$94.80
Hardship Donation – Matt Collins	\$150.00
Road Noise Advertising – September 2006	\$38.50
Postage/Redemption of Marlboro Miles – Door Prizes	\$43.29
Darts for Runs	\$4.88
Chapter Tent Rental – Rally 2006	\$100.00
Door Prizes – Fall Colors Run Fundraiser	\$225.00

Donation to Motorcycle PAC of MN – 5% of gross sales – Fall Colors Run fundraiser	\$44.00
Donation to MRF Fund – 5% of gross sales – Fall Colors Run Fundraiser	\$44.00
50% split to State – Fall Colors Run Fundraiser	<u>\$262.50</u>
Total Expenses:	\$1,112.97
October ending balance:	\$1,809.91
Petty cash:	\$42.20
M.R.F. Donation Fund:	\$44.00
Toys for Tots Fund	\$392.55
Food Shelf Fund	<u>\$14.36</u>
Grand Total:	\$2,303.02

Motion to accept the treasury report as read – Kenny, seconded by Lee, discussion followed. Hands – motion passed.

State Rep Report - Too Tall – MRF reported that Todd is doing a fantastic job.

Too Tall made a motion for the Chapter to donate \$250 for Todd's travel expenses for the MRF, seconded by Mitch. Hands – motion passed.

The A.B.A.T.E. U is going to be held on April 20-21st – we are working on preparations. There will be 5 bikes for raffle. There will be 1000 tickets.

Lake Chapter sold the most raffle tickets for State Rally. We now have a travelling trophy.

State Rally reported that 10 chapters were sponsors, brought in \$10,000 in profit, \$8,103 in products sold.

Gabby and Kenny received appreciation plaques from the Rally for the help. Too Tall also handed out some appreciation letters to members. The Rally attendance was 1824, which was 300 down from the last year.

We are working on the lobbying trip to Washington, DC at the end of February. The State Office will cover up to \$500 per representative from a district. There are 8 districts. Lake Chapter has 3 districts. Discussion followed. Encouraged members to participate in the trip.

Too Tall has AIL insurance papers for the A.B.A.T.E. members if anyone is interested.

Maureen and Mike B. received Write to Ride patches.

Too Tall also mentioned a fundraiser for Matt Collins. The Chapter passed the hat, collected \$110.

Encouraged members to attend BOD meetings and A.B.A.T.E. U.

Membership & Retention Report - Kenny – Don't have a lot of stuff going on. We do have bumper stickers and tri-folds; make sure you have them at all times.

Motorcycle Riders Foundation Report - Todd – A.B.A.T.E. of MN is going to host the MRF conference in 2009. We are hoping to get the St. Croix Valley Rider and the Coalition members involved in co-hosting it. Todd and Lee had a chance to sit down and meet the conference planner, Karol. She toured several sites in Bloomington. Right now they've narrowed it down to two. They are going to be looking further in that. The MRF needs about 30 volunteers to help with the conference. Most of the volunteer work will be needed during the weekend of the event. Encouraged people to step up. Let Todd know if interested.

Senator Frank Lottenbergh from NJ is sending out letters to the governors encouraging establishing mandatory helmet laws. The MFR, AMA and A.B.A.T.E. of NJ arranged a meeting with the senator. During the meeting the members revealed that the senator is a tireless advocate of the highway safety. Safer highways are important to the MRF and sen. Lottenbergh, but the MRF would prefer that we have quality education and effective measures assuring road users accountability, and that would resolve the safer roads rather than the mandate. The MFR will continue working with senator Lottenbergh.

The Governor received a notification letter that 44 states and Puerto Rico will receive at least \$100,000 for the Motorcycle Rider Education and Awareness. MN is going to use some of these funds to purchase some new training motorcycles. Not sure about the other states use of those funds. The application for the next year's grant is due on August 2007. Explained to the members on how the program works. Answered members' questions.

Recently announced Federal Hwy Administration Motorcycle Advisory Council met in Washington, DC and were introduced by the DOT. The Motorcycle Rights Organizations members hold 5 of the 10 seats in the council. The council decided to focus on the number of issues such as pavement surfaces, markings, barriers, signage, road design and intelligent road transportation systems.

Legislative Director Report – there was a BOD a couple of weeks ago. There was some discussion about the Motorcycle PAC of MN. Reminded members what the PAC is all about. Todd also said that the Lake Chapter had been a great supporter of the PAC. There was some discussion on what the PAC funds are being spent on. Members were encouraged to donate to the PAC.

Government Relations Report - Mike – Reminded members that we have an Election Day coming up. Encouraged people to register and vote and bring friends with.

President's Committee on Increasing Meeting Attendance - Maureen – The winner of this month's monthly drawing is TC (a ticket for the Tri-County Turkey Shoot).

MN MC Safety Advisory Committee - Mike – Reminded members that MN is going to be purchasing some new bikes for the training purposes. The committee met in a close session format to talk about its goals. The meeting was incredibly productive. A lot of old issues got cleared out of the way. They are going to be changing the mission statement of the committee. Changing how often the new members come on board. There will be a lot of changes. Mike will keep us informed on the progress. Discussion followed on the barriers on highways and interstates. Mike stated that the committee has a power to recommend, not necessarily to react.

Public Relations Report - Mitch – We have photo albums available for the members to review. We had the Bowling for Big Brothers and Big Sisters. The event raised over \$3500. Mitch was a bit disappointed that 11 people that signed up for the event did not show up.

There was a donation of Buddy Bears to the Delano Fire Department after the Fall Colors Run – we will be sending a press release to Delano papers. Encouraged members to donate. Discussion followed.

Our calendars are ready to be sent in. Mentioned that we've changed our meeting dates in October.

Discussion followed about the date for the November meeting.

Mitch made a motion to have the Chapter meeting on November 10th, 2007 instead of October 28th, seconded by Stroke, hands – motion passed.

Mitch reminded people that the next PR event is the donation for Toys for Tots in December. The Amateur Bartending event is also coming up and our funds are lower than usual – we need to promote the event.

Products Report - Jim Kosse – We have products. We were working on more feminine design of shirts. Jim's got some pictures – see him is interested. Too Tall reminded members that Jim also has a picture catalog of any State products if anyone is interested.

Special Events Report - Rosa – Thanked everyone for helping with the Fall Colors Run. Safety was our primary concern – all went good. We had a lot of fun and a great turnout. On the last meeting they've talked about some changes for the Spring Run. If you are interested in helping with the Spring Run – start coming to the Special Events meetings now, they are held one hour prior to our regular Chapter Meetings.

We need as many people as possible on our next Amateur Bartending Event. Encouraged members to bring a toy on that day.

The Grounded Hogs Fundraiser is on February 10th in Salida Depot in Salida. The Nathan Allan Band will be playing three 1-hour sets. We are going to have a warm-up band – Love Songs for Angry Men – they will be playing 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. We are checking on the hotels in the area. Advance tickets are \$12 and \$15 at the door. Shuttle service will be available. Please let Rosa know if you are interested in helping with this event.

Mike thanked Deren for helping us with asking the highway patrol to block off the Hwy 10 for our Fall Colors Run and Kenny for stepping up and leading the Run.

Lee made a motion to accept all the committee reports, Mitch seconded, hands – motion carried.

Old Business:

Noma stated that we need to find out who's got the Buddy Bears and how many. Please let Noma know if you are involved.

Noma also mentioned that A.B.A.T.E. U is still looking for members on the Board.

Keith informed the chapter that Gary B. passed away due to complications with diabetes. He sponsored us on the Howard Lake Good Neighbor Days.

Keith is talking with Dwayne Smith about the size of the tent.

Too Tall mentioned that if you wrote to any of you legislative representatives and got a respond – you are entitled to receive a Write to Ride patch.

Too Tall brought up the discussion about increasing the membership fees. Discussion followed. Mitch made a motion to table the discussion about increasing the membership fees, seconded by Noma. Hands – motion passed.

The future Chapter meetings were set to:

January 5th, 2007 – Delano American Legion @ 4 p.m.

February 3rd, 2007 – 4 Alarm - @ 4 p.m.

March 3rd, 2007 – Delano American Legion @ 4 p.m.

New Business:

Mitch mentioned that Lake Chapter hasn't had anyone going to the Share the Road (Driver Education) Program for a while. If anyone is interested the next meeting is in Montevideo on November 6th, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Charm made a motion for the Chapter to pay up to \$200 for the expenses for a chapter member to go to the Share the Road Program, Todd seconded. Discussion followed. Hands – motion passed.

BikerDay at the Capitol is on January 31st.

Todd made a motion to have the April Chapter meeting at the Wayzata American Legion at 4 p.m., Rosa seconded, hands – motion carried.

Upcoming Events:

Oct. 28th Fundraiser for Matt Collins at the Forestlaker, Forest Lake @ 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Nov. 10th Publications meeting @ Becky's house @ 7 p.m.

Nov. 12th Toys for Tots Amateur Bartending Fundraiser at the Bootleggers, Mayer, noon to 6 p.m.

Nov. 18th Tri-County Turkey Shoot, American Legion, Savage @ 7 p.m.

Dec. 2nd Chapter Meeting @ Captain Ricks Bar, St. Boni @ 4 p.m.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Olga Strobel, Chapter Secretary.

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