

**A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota
Lake Chapter Meeting**

Date – Oct 4th, 2008

Location – Woody's in Rockford

Time – 4pm

Officers Attending:

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

Total number of members attending - 35

Total number of guests attending – 1

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Karen at 4:04pm.

Welcome of new members or guests – Erik Paulsen, the 3rd Congressional District candidate, spoke about how he will continue to be a friend to motorcyclists if he is elected to the 3rd District.

President's remarks (Mike) – Thanks to everyone for coming out. This October meeting marks the 20th Anniversary of Lake Chapter, plan on attending next month's meeting we will doing something special.

Vice President's remarks (Charm) – Absent

OFFICER REPORTS:

Secretary's report (Maureen) – *Motion to waive the reading of the reading of the minutes – Becky, 2nd by Rhiannon. Hands – Motion passed.*

Treasurer's report (Jim)

Started September with **\$1,468.86**

Income:

Memberships- Aug	61.00
Memberships- Sept \$309.00 from St. Rally	370.00
Transfer from MRF fund	467.23
cash donations	3.00
Fall Run ticket sales	727.00
Products sold \$127 (@ run) + \$73	200.00
Total:	1828.23

Expenses:

1st class postage for Road Noise September	2.00
MRF Donation	500.00
Reimburse Todd Riba for S.J Kreitlow award flag	30.90
MN Day during Sturgis Road Noise Ad	45.50
Fall run Road Noise Ad	45.50
MN Pac donation (5% from run)	36.35
Tfr to MRF Donation fund (5% from run)	36.35
Dart throw prizes	175.00
Run split with the State	216.90
Tfr to Toys for Tots fund	2.00
Tfr to Food Shelf fund	1.00
Rosa Kreitlow reimburse toilet rental for campout	70.00
Rosa Kreitlow reimburse food for campout	48.69
Rosa Kreitlow-reimburse for printer ink for spcl events printing	52.19
Total:	1,262.38

September Ending Balance **\$2,034.71**

Earmarks:

Products	-\$100.00
Grounded Hogs	-\$100.00

State Rally corn feed	-\$100.00
Tent Rental to Little John	-\$100.00
Petty Cash:	\$50.00
MRF Donation Fund:	\$36.35
Chapter Gambling Fund:	\$183.80
Food Shelf Fund:	\$162.22
Toys for Tots Fund:	\$12.00
Buddy Bear Fund	\$34.55
Grand Total:	\$2,513.63

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Motion to accept Treasurer's reports – Mitch, 2nd by Mike. Hands – Motion passed.

Chapter Rep report (Dawn) Board meeting is in 2 weeks if you have anything you would like her to bring up let her know. Last meeting we put out a challenge to Tri-County to see who could get the most people to attend the Carver Steamboat Days parade, Lake Chapter won and Mike will be giving the President of the Tri-County Chapter a Lake Chapter t-shirt to wear at their next meeting. Tri-County is having a fundraiser tonight at the American Legion in Savage, please attend it and support other chapters. SWDD Val handed out an expired members list at our last meeting Dawn encouraged everyone to go through the list and call people they know and invite them to a meeting, also review the list and see if there are any member names that should be removed from the list. Dawn passed around a new ABATE brochure that Maureen put together.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Special Events (Rosa) Thanks to everyone who helped at the Fall Run, a special Thanks goes to Dawn for all of her hard work. Thanks to Terry & Angie Vigil for hosting the campout. Rosa reviewed some upcoming events. The 2009 Grounded Hogs party advanced tickets are available to be signed out. Bands are Chain Lightning & Everett Smithson. Auction items needed you can drop them off with her or Lee. We will have the Sponsorship program again this year Rosa encouraged everyone to get out there and promote the GH party. For every 5 Advanced tickets sold your name will go in a drawing for a free room. The drawing will be held in January. Rosa encouraged everyone to attend the Special Events Committee meeting that's held one hour before the Chapter meeting. **Dawn** – Todd's dad is a courier and he is willing to put magnetic signs on his vehicle to help promote the 2009 Grounded Hogs party. *Motion to authorize up to \$100 to buy 2 magnetic signs – Todd, 2nd by Becky. Hands – Motion passed.*

Membership & Retention (Mike) Still looking for a chairperson. Mike received an email from Val we are up 19 members.

Public Relations (Mitch) Bowling for Kid's sake is Oct 5th at McPete's in Big Lake. The next PR event is the Oct 18th Toys for Tots fundraiser at Bootlegger's.

Training/Share the Road (Mary) Mary hasn't had anyone volunteer for the Training/Share the Road program. ABATE has some smaller chapters that are doing great with this program we need to get some volunteers. Mary talked about an Accident Scene Management class if anyone is interested in this let her know. There can be up to 50 people in a class she is looking at getting a class together next Spring.

State Rally (Charm) Mike announced that Becky has stepped down from the Rally Committee, a round of applause was given to Becky for all the hard work she has done over the years. Lower Corner may take over the Bike Games at next year's Rally the Chapter Rep will present the idea to his chapter. Charm has a lead on a chapter tent. State Rally attendance was 1545, down 419 from last year.

Motion to accept committee reports – Audra, 2nd by Becky. Hands – Motion passed.

OTHER REPORTS

MRF (Todd) The MRF will not be able to make payroll by January and may not be able to continue being fully staffed. Todd read through some of the MRF accomplishments. Todd asked everyone to go out and be an MRF recruiter. Todd talked about some of the things that going on in European Union that could come here and how important it is to have the MRF. **Mary** – The first 5 people who sign up as a new Sustaining Member will receive a free 2009 State Rally ticket. **Todd** - There is talk about A.B.A.T.E. combining their membership with an MRF membership for a discounted price. *Motion to bring the idea of combining an ABATE membership with an MRF membership to the October Board of Director's meeting – Shad, 2nd by Noma. Hands – Motion passed.*

Meeting of the Minds 2009 (Mary) A.B.A.T.E. of MN & the St. Croix Valley Riders are co-sponsors for the 2009 meeting of the Minds. Mary is the Co-Head of the 2009 Meeting of the Minds conference that will be held September 24th – 27th in Bloomington, MN. Mary spoke about how much work is involved in getting an event like this together and that volunteers will be needed in many different areas. Auction items are needed. If you sign up as a volunteer you only have to pay \$35 for the banquet on Saturday night, the seminars are free. If you are interested in volunteering contact her.

Govt. Relations/MMSAC (Mike) Mike spoke about how we can be the "Perfect Storm" on stopping the people who want to take away our freedoms. There will be a voter's guide in the next Road Noise, call your legislators to see where they stand. MMSAC's next meeting will be Thursday, Nov 3rd.

Products (Rhiannon) Rhiannon has some t-shirt designs for everyone to vote on. The estimated cost for new shirts is \$700 - \$1000. She is still looking for product ideas.

Buddy Bears (Noma) Noma presented Lake Chapter with the A.B.A.T.E. University Chapter Challenge plaque. The Albertville FD doesn't need any bears. Wright County hasn't called back (Buddy Bear donation # was upped from 18 to 24). *Motion to donate 24 Buddy Bears to a Fire department or Ambulance service in Carver County – Todd, 2nd by Audra. Hands – Motion passed. Motion to give 24 Buddy Bears to the Buffalo Fire Department – Mitch, 2nd by Todd. Hands – Motion passed. Motion to donate 10 Buddy Bears to North Memorial Hospital – Mary, 2nd by Todd. Hands- Motion passed.*

OLD BUSINESS

1. Steven J. Kreitlow Award Nominations – Today is the deadline for submitting nominations.
2. Lee – Dale L. thanked everyone for stopping our Fall Run at the benefit for him at the Delano American Legion.

Drawing of name (Mary) – Lee is the winner of the \$5 off Lake Chapter products coupon.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mitch brought up if the Chapter would like to order calendars again. *Motion to buy 40 2009 calendars and whatever we don't sell give them away at Camp Friendship – Todd, 2nd by Audra. Motion passed.*
2. Mike read a Thank you card from Noma & Shad
3. Meeting of the Minds Tug-o-War update – The fundraiser raised \$3300 overall for the MRF PAC. Team Kilt won.
4. Noma stated that Roy Nelson is having a benefit / garage sale for Shad & her.
5. *Motion to have our September meeting at the State Rally – Todd, 2nd by Rhiannon. Hands – Motion passed.*
6. *Motion to have a Chapter meeting on Sunday, Nov. 1st, 2009 at a location TBD – Todd, 2nd by Lee. Hands – Motion passed.*
7. Jeff Hennie's membership has expired. *Motion to renew Jeff Hennie's A.B.A.T.E. of MN membership – Mitch, 2nd by Becky. Hands – Motion passed.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 5th – Bowling for Kid's sake, McPete's, Big Lake, Noon – 2pm.

Oct 18th – Fall Ditch pick up, 10am to noon.

Oct 18th – Amateur Bartending (Toys for Tots fundraiser) Bootleggers, Noon to 6pm.

Nov 8th – Chapter Meeting, Woody's in Rockford, 4pm.

Dec 6th – Chapter Meeting, Woody's in Rockford, 4pm.

Dec 13th – District Meeting @ The Wooden Nickel, 448 West Main, Marshall, 2pm.

Motion to adjourn – Mitch, 2nd by Noma. Hands- Motion passed.

Time - 5:44pm

Minutes recorded and submitted by Maureen O'Hern Lake Chapter Secretary

Motions made at the 10-4-08 Lake Chapter Meeting:

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