

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

Date: November 10th, 2007

Location: Woody's in Rockford

Time: 4pm

Officers Attending:

President	Mike Berger	<u>X</u>
Vice Pres. & Chapter Rep	Dawn Riba	<u>X</u>
Treasurer	Rosa Kreitlow	<u>X</u>
Secretary	Maureen O'Hern	<u>X</u>
Sergeant @ Arms	Fred Pawelk	<u>X</u>
	Jim Kreitlow	-
	Lee Plante	<u>X</u>
	Michael Shinn	<u>X</u>
		<u>X</u>

Total number of members attending: 31
Total number of guests attending: 1

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Lee at 4pm.

Welcome of new members or guests – Welcome to Cheryl.

President's remarks (Mike) – Welcome, Thank you all for coming. Do we have any new members or guests today? Welcome to Cheryl.

Vice President's remarks (Dawn) – Welcome.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Secretary's report (Maureen)** – *Motion to waive the reading of the minutes – Todd, 2nd by Stroke. Hands - Motion passed.*
- **Treasurer's report (Rosa)** –

Beginning Balance:		\$1,597.03
Income:		
Memberships	\$296.00	
		<u>+\$296.00</u>
Total Income:		\$1,893.03
 Expenses:		
Road Noise Postage	\$2.00	
Reimbursement for MOTM 1st time member	\$60.00	
Mileage SW District Meeting	<u>\$43.68</u>	
	\$105.68	
Total Expenses:		<u>-\$105.68</u>
Ending Balance:		
		\$1,787.35

Chapter Funds:	
Petty Cash	\$42.20
MRF	\$48.25
Toys for Tots	\$923.99
Food Shelf	\$141.20
*Gambling	<u>\$871.20</u>
Total Funds	\$2,027.44
<u>\$+2,027.44</u>	

*Pending
 \$100.00 for Children's Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation
 \$300.00 Toys for Tots

Grand Total: \$3,814.79

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report as read – Mitch, 2nd by Stroke, Hands - Motion passed.

- State Rep report (Dawn)** – We had a Board meeting in “Canada.” Dawn handed out Recognition Award plaques to Becky, Charm, Noma & Shad and Letters of Appreciation to Audra, Becky, Candyce, Charm, Fred, Gene, Lee, Little John, Mack, Mitch, Mike Berger, Noma, Reed, Rick Van Horn, Shad & Todd for all their hard work to make the 19th Annual State Rally a success. There is a Son of Son benefit on Dec. 8th at the Sons of Silence clubhouse in Faribault. Jazz’s son was fighting an infection and he spent 40+ days in the hospital. Dawn mentioned the South Central chapter’s Toys for Kids fundraiser. The Ways and Means committee needs a new committee member, anyone who is interested the next meeting it is Jan. 6th at the Ugly Bar in Montrose at 1pm. **Mitch** – We only meet 4 times a year for about an hour. **Dawn** – I have approx. 50 ABATE U raffle tickets available see me after the meeting if you want any, they are \$100 each, 3 Harleys and 2 Victorys will be raffled off. The Editor compensation that was discussed and voted on at the last meeting was approved and the State Office compensation was discussed at the BOD. There are updates to the Operations Manual you can contact Liz Herzog for those updates. The Membership and Retention committee needs help, if you are interested contact Al Sandberg. The Education committee and Share the Road would like help, if anyone is interested contact Paul Tjepkes. I have all of the committee reports that were given at the BOD if you are interested in reading them. **Mike** – Is there anyone in specific that people should contact as far as the Son of a Son benefit goes? **Dawn** – It is at the Faribault clubhouse and the Mankato S.O.S. club is sponsoring it. **Mike** – In case some of haven’t heard Jazz’s son is fighting the MRSA staph infection and he has had numerous surgeries. **Todd** – Jazz was a former State Coordinator of ABATE and he has held classes at ABATE U. *Motion to donate \$200 to Jazz’s son’s fund - Charm, 2nd by Todd, Discussion - Mitch made a friendly amendment that the money come out of gambling funds since it is going to a church (Bethlehem Lutheran Church.) Mary made a friendly amendment that we pass the hat also. Rosa reminded everyone of the current gambling fund balance and our future obligations, Mitch mentioned that there would be additional gambling fund money coming from the 2007 ABATE U event and that Rosa will be receiving that information sometime this week. Hands – Motion passed.* **Rosa** – We collected \$131 from the pass the hat for Jazz’ son.
- Membership & Retention (Mary)** – I would like to thank Maureen and Jim Kosse for stepping up and helping out with some ideas as far as sending out letters to expired members and trying to get them to renew and come back to Lake Chapter. I’d love anybody who has any ideas about Membership and Retention to contact me. At the next meeting I will be bringing in the Welcome letter we send out and I’d like to meet an hour before the next regular chapter meeting to get any input that anyone has. **Mike** – Lake Chapter is down below 400 members, we have to dig in our heels and recruit. Bring tri-folds with you wherever you go and sign people up, we have a war coming.
- MRF report (Todd)** – Todd reminded us of the NTSB recommendations that were put out. Todd spoke about all the good work the NTSB has done over the years. He spoke about how Congress had passed a law that NHSTA could not lobby individual states to enact helmet laws and that unfortunately the NTSB is getting their information from NHTSA effectively doing an end around to a law the MRF help get passed. He encouraged everyone to read the press release that ABATE of MN had sent out and to contact your legislator about this issue. He read through the list of states that had or will be visiting their respective legislators in Washington D.C. and stressed the importance of our presence at the Capital. He mentioned that the MRF had recently formed a Statistic Committee and that they will present information to legislators during their visit to D.C. He referred to an article on page 3 of the MRF report that everyone should read. Todd gave a brief history of how the MRF was formed and the work they have done through the years and how important it is that this work continue. Todd stressed the importance of being active and encouraging others to become active in Motorcyclist Rights issues.
- Govt. Relations/MMSAC report (Mike)** – Mike gave examples of some personal sacrifices soldiers made during the Revolutionary War to defend their freedoms. He then recounted the story a Hessian Commander who did not heed a warning he received and that if he had the outcome of The Battle at Trenton could have been different. Mike stressed that we are receiving warnings now about our rights being taken away and that if you think it’s hard to defend your rights now it will be 10 times harder to get them back.
- Public Relations report (Mitch)** – We raised \$1500 at the Bowling event and she won a recliner. She passed around a newspaper article about the Bowling event. 23 people signed up for bowling and only 13 showed up, if you sign up please attend. The Toys for Tots shopping is Nov. 17th at the Target in Rogers at 4pm and we have approx \$1200 to spend. There will be a stay over at Kimmer’s house after shopping so please get together with Charm to plan food. **Karen** – I emailed KARE 11 and we will be donating the toys on the Dec. 2nd, 5pm news on. Meet at Perkins an hour before.

- **Products report (Jim)** – The Dan Smith memorial patches are available.
- **Buddy Bears report (Noma)** – Noma absent. **Randy Deters** – Thank you for the Buddy Bear donation it is appreciated. He has pictures of kids with the Buddy Bears and he would like some of our information to take with him because of the interest the Buddy Bears have generated.
- **Dial-a-Ride report (Dawn)** – I haven't heard what the final counts were but I should be receiving an email soon.
- **Special Events reports (Rosa)** – We have approx. 260 advanced tickets that need to be sold. The January meeting is the deadline for turning those in. Remember that for every 10 tickets sold your name goes in the hat to win a free room. We get all of the front gate and advanced ticket sales money and 15% of the bar. She went through the expenses involved in having the Grounded Hogs party and stressed the importance of selling advanced tickets. She reminded everyone that the S. E. Committee meetings are held 1 hour before our regular chapter meetings. **Bill N.** – I need upcoming meeting date information for the postcards. Mitch will handle this. *Motion to skip the August meeting – Dawn, 2nd by Mitch. Discussion followed. Hands – Motion passed.*
- **State Rally report (Becky)** – Not a whole lot to report, the next meeting is on Nov. 17th at the Bonfire Bar & Grille in Litchfield at 3pm. I will have sponsorship packets by the next meeting. Dawn listed all of the reports she had to give since Becky was unable to attend the BOD and led a round of applause for Becky because of all the hard work she does.

Motion to accept officer and committee reports – Mike S., 2nd by Fred. Hands – Motion passed.

Chapter Drawing (Mary) – Becky is the winner of the \$5 off chapter products coupon.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Toys for Tots date / update** – covered earlier in this meeting.
2. **Suicide Prevention Walk pass the hat / donation (Dawn)** – Dawn has a friend at work that participated in the Suicide Prevention Walk and she thought this was a good organization to donate to, since we have lost ABATE members to suicide. *Motion to donate \$100 from Gambling funds to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention – Lee, 2nd by Mitch. Mary made a friendly amendment to pass the hat also, after discussion the friendly amendment was withdrawn. Hands – Motion passed.*

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **MRF Survey** – Mike read a statement from the MRF in regards to running advertisements in the MRF Report and then had the survey passed out for everyone to fill out before the end of the meeting.
2. **Voting for the Steve Award** – The 2007 Steve Award nominees are Todd, Mack and Mitch. Ballots were handed out, voting took place, the ballots were counted and the winner will be announced at December meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 17th – Toys for Tots shopping, Target in Rogers, 4pm, get together at Kimmer's afterwards.
 November 17th – South Central chapter's, Toys for Kids fundraiser, Bonfire Bar & Grille in Litchfield, 7pm.
 December 1st – Lake Chapter meeting at Woody's in Rockford at 4pm.
 December 2nd – Toys for Tots donation on the KARE 11, 5pm news.
 December 8th – Benefit for Jazz's son, Sons of Silence clubhouse
 January 5th – Lake Chapter meeting at Woody's in Rockford at 4pm.
 February 2nd – Grounded Hogs party, Medina Entertainment Center.

Motion to adjourn – TC, 2nd by Stroke. Hands – Motion passed.

Adjourned at 5:16pm.

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

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