

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

Date – Nov 4th, 2008

Location – Changed from Woody's to the Red Vest in Rockford

Time – 4pm

Officers Attending:

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

Total number of members attending - 30

Total number of guests attending – 3

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance – Bill J. @ 4:02pm

Welcome of new members or guests – Thanks to everyone for coming. Welcome to Meredith, Tim & Kelly

President's remarks (Mike) – Thanks to the Red Vest for having us on such short notice. Everyone should start thinking about the upcoming elections there will be positions open. Mike thanked everyone for the support he was shown during his difficult time.

Vice President's remarks (Charm) – None

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary's report (Maureen) – *Motion to waive the reading of the minutes – Fred, 2nd by Mike S. Hands- Motion passed.*

Treasurer's report (Jim) Read by Mike

Started October with **\$2,034.71**

Income:

Memberships	66.00
Toys for Tots tips	380.00
Bootlegger's donation Toys for Tots	360.00
Grounded Hogs Advanced ticket sales	80.00
Products sold	61.00

Total: **947.00**

Expenses:

1st class postage for Road Noise September	2.00
Jeff Hennie ABATE membership	20.00
Bill Nelson, postage reimbursement for mailing postcards	105.00
Products purchased	96.93
Transfer to Toys for Tots fund	740.00

Total: **963.93**

October Ending Balance **\$2,017.78**

Earmarks:

Grounded hogs	-\$180.00
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: **\$296.80**

Food Shelf Fund: **\$162.22**

Toys for Tots Fund: **\$752.00**

Buddy Bear Fund **\$34.55**

Grand Total: **\$3,349.70**

\$1,637.78

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

Chapter Rep report (Dawn) Dawn had A.B.A.T.E. U posters and raffle tickets available. Dawn showed us the magnetic signs that Todd's dad will put on his vehicle to advertise for us. She will talk about the BOD meeting at our next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Special Events (Rosa) Sponsorship sign-up sheets were passed out. Rosa had GH tickets available. Rosa read through the list of GH sub-committees. Please take GH flyers and put them up everywhere. *Motion to spend up to \$120 to make up Grounded Hogs postcards that will be sent to all members – Fred, 2nd by Becky. Hands – Motion passed.* Thanks to everyone who helped out at the Amateur Bartending. Medina Inn is filling up fast.

Membership & Retention (Open) Charm - We still need a person to head this up. If anyone is interested in this position talk her or Mike.

Public Relations (Mitch) Thanks to everyone who attended the Bowling for Kids Sake, we raised \$2917. Dec 5th is the Toys for Tots shopping date. Mitch had a preview of the 2009 calendars.

Training/Share the Road (Mary) Mary will talk with Paul T and see when he will be holding the next training class. She will be setting up another Advanced Riders Course again next year.

State Rally (Charm) The 2008 Rally attendance was down 419 people from 2007. The Rally committee has decided to have local bands only next year. The 2009 Rally ticket prices will be lower than last year. Don't use the 2008 Rally sponsorship sign-up sheets the committee is changing it for 2009. The next Rally meeting is Nov 22nd at the Bonfire Bar & Grill in Litchfield.

Motion to accept committee reports – Mike S. 2nd by Lee. Hands – Motion passed.

OTHER REPORTS

MRF (Todd) Mike – The MRF needs you now more than ever. If the MRF cannot raise the necessary funds to continue operating they will have cease operation. The MRF is the only one that's solely dedicated to fighting on the national level to keep us free, if you're not a member you need to be. Get the word out about the MRF. Tri-County donated \$600 to the MRF.

Meeting of the Minds 2009 (Mary) Still working on the design. She will be sending out an email to people who are interested in helping out at the conference. If you volunteer at the conference you will get a reduced rate on conference tickets.

Govt. Relations/MMSAC (Mike) We have a lot of new faces in our government and we need to get out and meet these people and let them know about our issues. Bikerday at the Capital is Wednesday, Feb 4th 2009 and we need a good showing. The next MMSAC meeting is Thursday, Nov 20th at the St. Paul College @ 5pm. Mike spoke about Mandatory Training for motorcyclist issue that the MMSAC committee was asked to make a recommendation on. Mike encouraged everyone to attend the meeting and voice their opinion.

Products (Rhiannon) Rhiannon spoke about the 64 new t-shirt she will order (design, color & sizes) and had a final quote for the t-shirt prices \$687.78. *Motion to buy the 64 t-shirts as recommended by Rhiannon – Mitch, 2nd Bill. Hands – Motion passed.* Gabby Harty will be the new products person, Jane Jensen will be stepping down.

Buddy Bears (Noma) *Motion to increase our North Memorial Buddy Bear donation from 10 bears to 24 bears – Mary, 2nd by Karen. Discussion followed. Hands – Motion passed. Motion to donate 10 Buddy Bears to the North Memorial Pediatric Burn Unit – Shad, 2nd by Gene. Hands – Motion passed.*

Drawing of the Name (Mary) Mack is the winner of the \$5 off chapter products coupon.

State Coordinator (Mack) Pay close attention to the political climate this is going to be a difficult year. If you have any questions you can contact him.

OLD BUSINESS

Shad – thanked Lake Chapter for standing by him after his MC accident.

NEW BUSINESS

Mike – Last month's meeting was Lake Chapter's 20th anniversary as a chapter. A Certificate of Appreciation was awarded to John "Batman" Dewey. He has been a member for 20 years.

Reading of the Steven J. Kreitlow Award nominees (Mike) All of the nominations for this award were for the same person so he will hold off until next month when the award will be presented.

Meeting locations / info for the postcards – Karen spoke about the Delano Legion. *Motion to hold the next 5 meetings at the Delano Legion – Becky, 2nd by TC. Hands – Motion passed.* Karen will set this up.

KARE 11 TV appearance – Friday, December 12th @ 4:45pm.

Noma – There is a benefit for Kim K. of Sand Dunes chapter who was involved in a motorcycle accident. 3 to 7pm at KJ's Refuge in Orrock.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 30th ~ Gringo & Mickey's Motorcycle Parts Expo and Swap Meet. St. Paul Armory, St. Paul, 8am – 3pm.

Dec 6th ~Chapter meeting, Delano Legion, 4pm.

Dec12th ~KARE 11 Toys for Tots, 4:45pm, meet at Golden Valley Perkins between 4 - 4:30pm.

Dec 13th ~District meeting, The Wooden Nickel Saloon, 448 W. Main, Marshall, 2pm.

Jan 3rd ~Chapter meeting, Delano Legion, 4pm.

Feb 7th ~ Grounded Hogs Fundraiser, Medina Entertainment Center, Medina.

Feb 13th-15th ~ 28th Annual Cycle World International Motorcycle Show, Mpls Convention Center, Mpls

Apr 17-19th ~ A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria

Motion to adjourn – Sheila, 2nd by Rhiannon. Hands – Motion passed.

Time: 5:06pm.

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

Motions made at the 11.4.08 meeting

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