

## A.B.A.T.E. of MN Lake Chapter Meeting

**Date:** December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008

**Location:** American Legion in Delano

**Time:** 4pm

**Officers Attending:**

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

**Total number of members attending:** 46

**Total number of guests:** 0

**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance** Led by Mike S. at 4:03pm.

**Welcome of new members or guests** Welcome to Vickie.

**President's remarks (Mike)** - Thanks to the American Legion for having us.

**Vice President's remarks (Charm)** Absent

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**Secretary's report (Maureen)** - *Motion to accept minutes – Becky, 2nd by Mike S. Hands – Motion passed.*

**Treasurer's report (Jim)** -

Started November with **\$2,017.78**

**Income:**

Memberships	0.00
Toys for Tots Donation	25.00
Products sold	40.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>65.00</b>

**Expenses:**

1st class postage for Road Noise September	2.00
Transfer to Toys for Tots fund	25.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>27.00</b>

November Ending Balance **\$2,055.78**

**Earmarks:**

Grounded Hogs	<b>-\$180.00</b>
State Rally corn feed	<b>-\$100.00</b>
Tent Rental to Little John	<b>-\$100.00</b>

Petty Cash: **\$50.00**

MRF Donation Fund: **\$36.35**

Chapter Gambling Fund: **\$296.80**

Food Shelf Fund: **\$162.22**

Toys for Tots Fund: **\$777.00**

Buddy Bear Fund **\$34.55**

**Grand Total:** **\$3,412.70**

\$1,675.78

*Motion to accept Treasurer's report – Keith, 2nd by Mike S. Hands – Motion passed.*

**Chapter Rep report (Dawn)** – Dawn spoke about the need for us to better explain what Dial-a-Ride is to the businesses we drop information off at. At a business that inquired about the DAR numbers of interventions the bartenders had no idea what she was talking about so she explained what DAR was about to them. Bike PAC needs help so please buy a patch. Dawn has A.B.A.T.E. U raffle tickets available for sign out or purchase. Our Death & Dismemberment Insurance has been increased this is free you just need to sign up for it. Members are not required to buy any additional coverage. Bikerday at the State Capital is February 4th, 2009 online registration is now available. An appreciation letter from the State Rally committee was passed around. Becky and Charm was given a plaque for all their years of participation and dedication to the State Rally.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Special Events (Rosa)** The Grounded Hogs party is coming up. Bands will be paid for the night of the event. Auction items are still needed. Sponsorships forms are available. Rosa can be contacted at [rosakr@charter.net](mailto:rosakr@charter.net). The January issue of the Road Noise will contain ads for the GH party. The Drummer will have a 15% off products ad in it. 20 rooms (\$67.95) are still available at the Medina Inn for the night of the GH party. \$2400 needed in ticket sales are needed to cover our expenses. Please consider becoming an individual sponsor for the party. Lee mentioned that Tri-County chapter is a sponsor of the GH party. Terry mentioned that he and Angie had passed out 12 GH flyers. Mike mentioned that if anyone is interested in helping with security to contact him.

**Membership & Retention (need a new person)** Mike reported that our chapter count is down by 7 people. If anyone is interested in becoming the Membership & Retention person let him know.

**Public Relations (Mitch)** Mitch passed around a newspaper article and calendars. About \$1000 worth of toys were bought and they will be donated on Dec 12th. (See **Upcoming Events**)

**Training/Share the Road (Mary)** Mary has 7-8 people interested in the training and a road trip will be planned to attend the training. Mary spoke an Accident Scene Management training the can be put together if people are interested it's an 8 hour seminar.

**State Rally (Charm) – Lee** – Bands have been signed and Dale already has a sponsor.

*Motion to accept committee reports - Stroke, 2nd by Mike S. Hands – Motion passed.*

## **OTHER REPORTS**

**State Coordinator (Mack)** – Dale is putting together a great rally. There will be no smoking in the fairground buildings. Bands will play outside in a tent, there will be fewer bands this year but each band will play longer. Bikerday is Feb. 4th, 2009. The A.B.A.T.E. website has been redesigned so go check it out. We have new people in office this year so contact your legislators and let them know where you stand on MC issues. We have won over James Oberstar by our continued support. Thanks to Lake Chapter for donating to the MNPAC. The Bikerday bus schedule has not been set yet.

**MRF (Todd)** Todd and others attended a fundraiser for James Oberstar there were about 15 people there and they got about 1/2 hour with him to talk about our issues. Bikerday in D.C. is coming up mid-May he would like to have a lot of people attend, more info to follow. The NTSB had a MC Safety symposium Mark R. reiterated that all motorcyclist need to wear helmets. Attacks are coming. The MRF has received about 200 out of 600 memberships needed in December. Contact Mike to find out how to contact Barrack Obama's transition team Obama voted against the Lautenberg amendment.

**Meeting of the Minds 2009 (Mary)** We had our first meeting and had a tour of the Sheraton. Look for her article in the January Road Noise. If you would like to volunteer please contact her.

**Govt. Relations/MMSAC (Mike)** Mike read next year's Safe TEA-LU bill. The bill needs to be rewritten contact your legislators to let them know where you stand. MMSAC makes recommendations to Commissioner Campion. On the Mandatory Training issue there were a lot of people in favor of this idea but it was voted down. Tiered licenses were talked about. The time is now to get involved.

**Products (Rhiannon)** The new shirts are in and are \$15, the 2009 calendars are in and are \$18. If you have any ideas for products let her know.

**Drawing of name (Mary)** – Sheryl is the winner of the \$5 off chapter products coupon.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Noma talked about the need for a couple of people to hold a few of the classes being held at the 2009 A.B.A.T.E. U and Auction items are needed. The Guest Speaker has not been finalized yet.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Presentation of the Steven J. Kreitlow Award – Congratulations to the 2008 recipient - Michelle “Mitch” Backland.
2. Member-of-the-Year nominations – The following members were nominated – Rosa Kreitlow, Maureen O’Hern, John “Batman” Dewey, Todd Riba, Mary Berger, Dawn Riba & Jim Kosse.
3. Food shelf fund distribution (\$162.22) – Tabled until next month.
4. Mike reminded everyone that chapter officer nominations start next month.
5. Todd requested that we pass the hat to pay for a \$50 Grounded Hogs party sponsorship from the MRF and whatever is collected above the \$50 will be donated to the MRF.
6. Todd told everyone that he and Dawn will be hosting a dinner for the MRF Board at their house in January. If anyone would like to help out to please contact him or Dawn.
7. Mary spoke about her and Mike being invited by Rep John Kline to a Christmas party, if anyone would like to attend this event please let her know.
8. Bill N. talked about the upcoming events that will be put on the postcards. *Motion to donate a Lake Chapter calendar to Bill N. – Lee, 2nd by TC. Hands – Motion passed.*

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Dec 12th – KARE-11 Toys for Tots, 4:45pm, meet at Golden Valley Perkins between 4pm and 4:30pm

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

Dec 21st – JR’s Outpost

Jan 10th – Chapter meeting, 4pm, Delano Legion

Jan 24th – Metro Chapter’s Winter Bash

Feb 4th – Biker Day at the Capitol

Feb 7th – Grounded Hogs Fundraiser

Feb 13th-15th – 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Cycle World International Motorcycle Show, Mpls Convention Center

Feb 14th – Chapter meeting, 4pm, Delano Legion

Mar 7th – Chapter meeting, 4pm, Delano Legion

Mar 28th-29th – Donnie Smith Bike Show

April 4th – Chapter meeting, 4pm, Delano Legion

April 17th-19th – A.B.A.T.E. U, Holiday Inn, Alexandria

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

Time: 5:31pm.

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

## **Motions made at the 12.6.08 meeting**

1. Motion to accept minutes – Becky, 2nd by Mike S. Hands – Motion passed.
2. Motion to accept Treasurer’s report – Keith, 2nd by Mike S. Hands – Motion passed.
3. Motion to accept committee reports - Stroke, 2nd by Mike S. Hands – Motion passed.
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