

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

CHAPTER MEETING

Location: 4 Alarm, Rockford

Date: Feb. 3rd.

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Officers Attending:

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

Total number of members attending: 46

Guests attending: 0

AGENDA

Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance – Todd.

President Remarks - Keith – Thanks for coming to this meeting. We will proceed with nominations for the Chapter officers and Member of the year today. Keith passed around cards for Dan Smith, who is battling cancer, Dennis Hanson – is recovering from a heart attack, and Leo Travers – passed away in WA state – all chapter members.

Vice President Remarks - Mike – Thanks for coming out. Reminded members that everyone present on the meeting is passionate about our cause and encouraged members to respect others' opinions.

Welcome new guests and members – no new members present.

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

Treasury Report - Kimmer -

Started January with \$734.39
Income:

Memberships	\$76.00
Products Sold	\$133.00
Adjust December Ending Balance	<u>\$369.05</u>

Total Income: \$578.95

Expenses:

1 st class postage for Road Noise	\$2.00
December Road Noise Advertising	\$38.50
Motorcycle Dial A Ride Donation	\$300.00
Paint & Air Horns for Fall Run	\$53.57
Name Plate/Lettering for Steve Kreitlow Award	<u>\$24.41</u>

Total Expenses: \$418.48

January ending balance: \$894.86

Petty cash: \$42.20

M.R.F. Donation Fund: \$44.00

Chapter Gambling Fund (\$300 donation to MN Patriot Guards):	\$1,027.70
Food Shelf Fund:	\$17.22
Toys for Tots Fund:	\$0.00
Buddy Bear Fund:	<u>\$0.00</u>
Grand Total:	\$2,025.98

Motion to accept treasury's report – Mary, seconded by Mitch, hands – motion carried.

State Rep Report - Too Tall – Reminded members to contact Frank Ernst with any legislative questions. Encouraged members to attend A.B.A.T.E. U. If you are interested in volunteering – contact Chuckles (Brandon). There are 1000 raffle tickets for 5 motorcycles @ \$100 per ticket. Gambling account balance for the Lake Chapter is \$1,427. Buddy Bears this year will be \$5 each. Too Tall suggested for the Lake Chapter to entertain a motion to locate and appoint a member or a representative for the Membership and Retention Committee. Lake Chapter membership at the end of December of 2007 is at 420 members. Publications are looking for the member/ business of the month. Looking for some help with the website. Thanked Noma for stepping in as a new Rally Sponsorship Committee Chair. If you need Rally Sponsorship packets – ask Noma or Too Tall. Rally advance tickets are on sale for \$30 prior to the April BOD, \$35 after BOD to the July BOD and \$40 afterwards. 20 chapters committed to do shifts. Sponsorship program has some changes also. 18 people committed to the Washington, DC trip. For the first time all 8 congressional districts will be represented. There is a by-law proposal regarding a number of sergeant @ arms that will be officially recognized by the State Office. State budget will require Chapter vote – Too Tall will pass around copies. Mary B. will not be continuing to be the state office secretary in the next year. SE District Director accepted nomination for the next year. Passed around Chapter Challenge forms for the amount of money to be donated at the A.B.A.T.E. U – the motion will be entertained next meeting. Alexandria Tech Scholarship motion was voted down. Raising annual membership fee was never mentioned. Read out events from different chapters. Also passed around copied of the report. Too Tall also mentioned a marketing campaign based from WI – Brotherhood USA MC. It is not a legitimate organization. They advertise that they support A.B.A.T.E., but we do not have any proof. Mike B. explained details – see him or Too Tall if you have any questions.

Membership & Retention Report - Kenny – Mack and Mitch have tri-folds. Kenny mentioned that we usually have around 460-480 members at this time of the year. This year we are down on the membership. Encouraged members to get people to sign up.

Motorcycle Riders Foundation Report - Todd – Helmet laws are coming. A lot of states (CO, MT, OK, UT – are just a few) are facing them. MRF is working hard to help these states to find these laws. Mentioned senator Lautenberg, who is working on the mandatory helmet law on the federal level. This will put MRF to the test – we need support from the riders more than ever. When EPA wanted to restrict the tail pipe emissions a few years ago, Todd was warning riders about it back then. The 1st TEAR of those restrictions took effect in 2006 on all the motorcycles. In 2010 the 2nd part will take effect. Hopefully we will take this fight seriously – helmet laws are coming. Encouraged members to sign up for MRF – new members or renewals are eligible for the \$40,000 motorcycle drawing in September. You can help yourself by joining MRF. \$25 per membership. Reminded members that AAA is trying to encourage mandatory seatbelt and helmet laws. MRF has a road-side assistance program. It will cover 2 bikes and 2 cars for \$50.

Government Relations Report - Mike – Thanked everyone for attending the Biker Day at the Capitol. There is a possibility that some form of the Failure to Yield law will pass. A lot of legislators listened to us. The language in the bill is still being revised. We are yet to get authors and we have some good candidates. Washington, DC trip is in the end of February. Smoker mentioned a new senator Mary Olson, who stated during the visit on the Biker Day that she feels it is her duty to attach some kind of helmet law language to the Failure to Yield bill. Mike encouraged members to contact their representatives and ask them to vote down any amendment that will be mentioning helmet law. Discussion followed.

President's Committee on Increasing Meeting Attendance – Maureen – The winner of this month's drawing is James - \$5 off any LC product.

MN MC Safety Advisory Committee - Mike – Dial-A-Ride got a \$10,000 yearly budget approved on the state level. Mike mentioned Street Smarts program. For \$250 up to 25 people can participate – see Mike if you need more information. We might not be able to get the instructor this spring, but we'll keep trying.

Public Relations Report - Mitch – Rider Magazine had a PR about LC. Passed around the magazine. The Hwy Pick Up sign on the road changed. Thanked Noma for taking care of that. May is the motorcycle awareness month. Wash Out is going to be on Saturday, May 12th, 8 a.m. to noon. Mike mentioned that MRCA had a special section of 8 pages in the Riders Magazine about LC motorcycles, will be 16 pages. If you got pictures of your bike and would like national coverage – give them to Mike. Keith thanked Mitch for the good job with PR.

Products Report - Jim Kosse – There is a few calendars left – they are on sale right now – 30% off. We need to have some shirts available for the A.B.A.T.E. U.

Special Events Report - Rosa – The Grounded Hogs Party is on Feb. 10th @ Salida. Advance tickets are due to be turned in today. We need some more door prizes, silent auction and live auction items. Smoker needs one more person to volunteer for the sober cab. We will provide Sloppy Joes and buns, encouraged members to bring some food. Kenny will be handling auctions, Jim will be handling products, Dawn – front gate. Setup is at 5 p.m. Thanked everyone for assistance. We are still looking for the routes for the Spring Run – need to be turned in by the next meeting to Lee. We are open for suggestions – requirements – leaving Rockford, Woody's at noon and at least one non-alcoholic stop.

State Rally Report – Matt – We have 10 bands and one comic signed up for the Rally. Mentioned Rally bike games, Keith reminded that the Chapter decided to assist with the bike games if any other chapter will take over running the event.

Motion to accept all committee reports – Too Tall, seconded by Smoker, hands – motion passed.

Old Business:

Chapter officers nominations that deferred on the last meeting:

President – Keith accepted, Deren declined.

Vice President – Lee declined, Jim Kosse declined.

Treasurer – Karen declined, Jim Kosse accepted.

Secretary – Olga declined, Maureen accepted.

Chapter Rep. – Dawn Riba accepted, Dave Anderson declined, Mary Berger declined.

Sergeant @ Arms – Karen May declined, Batman declined, TC declined, Kent accepted.

New nominations:

President – Barb Clifton accepted, Mike Berger accepted.

Vice President – Dawn Riba accepted.

Treasurer – Schmidty declined, Rosa accepted, Kimmer declined.

Secretary – Mary Berger declined, Maureen accepted.

Chapter Rep. – Charm deferred, Dave Clifton accepted, Fred accepted, Vulture declined, Jim Brown declined, Deren declined, Popeye declined.

Nominations for the member of the year – Shad.

Too Tall made a motion for the Chapter to purchase 10 Rally advance sale tickets for the cost of \$30 per ticket for the members at first come – first serve basis purchase. Mike Shinn seconded. Discussion followed. Keith made a friendly amendment to purchase up to 20 tickets. Amendment was not accepted. Discussion followed. Hands – motion carried.

New Business:

Mitch mentioned that Lake Chapter had been sponsoring a kid with disabilities from Buffalo for 15 years to go to Camp Courage. Mitch made a motion to donate \$582 from the gambling funds to send a child to Camp Courage, Mike Shinn seconded, hands --motion passed.

Upcoming Events:

March 3rd – Chapter Meeting, Delano American Legion @ 4 p.m. WILL BE VOTING FOR CHAPTER OFFICERS AND MEMBER OF THE YEAR.

Motion to adjourn - Mitch, seconded by Sheila, hands – motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Olga Strobel, Chapter Secretary.

02-03-2007 Lake Chapter Meeting Motions.

1. Motion to waive the reading of the minutes – Todd, seconded by Mitch, hands – motion passed.
2. Motion to accept treasury's report – Mary, seconded by Mitch, hands – motion carried. Motion to accept treasury's report – Mary, seconded by Mitch, hands – motion carried.
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