

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

Date: February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Location: American Legion in Delano

Time: 4pm.

## Officers Attending:

President	Mike Berger	X		
Vice President	Charm Bolgrean	X		
Chapter Rep	Dawn Riba	X		
Treasurer	Jim Kosse	X		
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: 40

Total number of guests: 0

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance Led by Mike S. at 3:57pm.

Welcome of new members or guests Welcome to John P. & Christa.

President's remarks (Mike) Thank you for coming and we have a lot of challenges ahead which I will address at the next meeting.

Vice President's remarks (Charm) Let's move on.

## OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary's report (Maureen) Motion to accept minutes – Noma, 2nd by Mitch. Hands – Motion passed.

## Treasurer's report (Jim)

Started January with

**\$1,412.91**

### Income:

Memberships From Jan	51.00
Products Sold	94.00
Grounded Hogs tickets	722.00
Grounded Hogs Sponsorships	250.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1117.00</b>

### Expenses:

1st class postage for Road Noise January	2.00
Keith Knee materials for SJK award	45.00
Mary Ammerman mileage challenge patches	32.00
Greg Philip (balance due for GH band)	700.00
Everett Smithson band	400.00
Change for GH ticket table	300.00
Reimburse Chapter rep for hotel & Millage	149.49
Road Noise Ad for GH	87.50
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,715.99</b>

January Ending Balance

**\$813.92**

### Earmarks:

Grounded hogs	<b>-\$89.50</b>
State Rally corn feed	<b>-\$100.00</b>

Petty Cash:

**\$350.00**

MRF Donation Fund:

**\$36.35**

Chapter Gambling Fund:

**\$296.80** \$40.00 pending

Food Shelf Fund:

**\$162.22**

Toys for Tots Fund:

**-\$6.03**

Buddy Bear Fund

**\$34.55**

**Grand Total:**

**\$1,687.81**

spendable

**\$624.42**

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

**Chapter Rep report (Dawn)** Last day for our Chapter to receive credit for the ABATE U raffle tickets is April 10th. Dawn is currently the contact for Dial-a-Ride Dawn will continue doing this but if anyone else is interested in doing this contact her. We currently have 10 sponsors for the State Rally and some of the previous sponsors are having trouble, we are in need of snowmobile trailers that are used for the shuttle service. If you submit something to the Road Noise and they don't reply to you they probably didn't receive your info. We are in need of Rally sponsors. ABATE U Chapter Challenge will be addressed at the next meeting. Todd brought up the possibility of the Chapter buying 5 or so bike raffle tickets and if we win we can raffle the bike off at our next Grounded Hogs party, this will be brought up again at the next meeting.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Special Events (Rosa)** A big thanks goes out to Rosa for all her hard work on the Grounded Hogs party. Rosa thanked everyone for helping out that night. We need to make a decision about having the GH party at the Medina again next year. We were low on revenue in almost every area. The cost of having the party at the Medina will be the same price as last. KQRS would like to have a relationship with our GH party and they will work with us to promote it again next year, we received a lot of advertising for free. There was discussion held about the word is getting around that there is a winter biker party at the Medina. *Motion to accept Medina's offer to hold the Grounded Hogs party there in 2010 - Mitch, 2nd by Lee. Discussion was held about the drink prices and that if people vote in favor of the motion that the Chapter as a whole is committed to making this a kick-ass party. The fault or success of the party lies with us. Hands – Motion passed.* Rosa reminded everyone that the Special Events committee meetings will start up next month and they are held 1hr prior to the Chapter meetings.

**Membership & Retention (need a new person – 382 current paid members)** Mike – these are awful #s and we need to get more members we have a lot of challenges ahead of us. We still need a person for this position.

**Public Relations (Mitch)** May is Motorcycle Awareness Month is and we will be at the Enfield Rest Stop from 9am to Noon on May 2nd, Ditch pick-up will follow at 1pm and our Chapter meeting will follow that at 4pm. The Camp Friendship Bike Show will be set up for July 14th.

**Training/Share the Road (Mary)** Accident Scene Management classes we need a minimum of 15 people at a cost of \$55 a person. Mary talked about the Rescue Riders Organization and how if a person completes the course and signs up to be in the Rescue Riders database they will be reimbursed the \$55 for the class. Rescue Riders may be asked to attend various events to provide First Aid support for the event. A sign-up sheet was sent around with dates and times available.

**State Rally (Charm)** Next meeting is 6pm on Apr. 17th. Our State Rally work shifts are Security – Saturday Noon to 4pm (9 people). Front Gate – 3pm to 7pm (4 people).

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

## OTHER REPORTS

**MRF (Todd)** Bikerday at the Capital was outstanding we didn't have 500 people but it still good. You can sign-up for the Session Weekly magazine to keep up to date on what's going on at the Capital. We have a Senate companion bill (SF0639) to our Failure to Yield House bill (HF45.) Todd encouraged everyone to contact their Legislators about these bills. Todd spoke about Special Olympics Polar Plunge that is coming up in Maple Grove, Google it and sponsor the Lake Chapter Leapers. The Lobbying ride to Washington D.C. is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 14th details to follow. Thank you to everyone who helped out with cooking for the MRF Board. The MRF Meeting of the Minds banquet price will be increasing. The MRF needs more members if they do not get them further cuts will have to be made. The Donnie Smith Bike Show is coming up and volunteers are needed to man the booth you contact Todd or Matt Collins.

**Meeting of the Minds 2009 (Mary)** The next meeting Thursday, Feb 19th at 6:30pm at the American Legion/VFW off of 84th and Nicollet in Bloomington. This is the biggest fundraiser for the MRF and she is looking for volunteers and ideas contact her if you are interested.

**Govt. Relations/MMSAC (Mike)** Mike read off the sponsors of Failure to Yield bills and he encouraged everyone to contact their Legislator about becoming a sponsor if their Legislator was not mentioned. Contact Mike or Todd if you would like more info on 2 bills. MMSAC information will be discussed at the next meeting.

**Products (Rhiannon)** Thanks to everyone who helped with Products at the GH party. She is still looking for ideas for Chapter products.

**Drawing of name (Mary)** The winner of the \$5 off Chapter products coupon is John W.

## OLD BUSINESS

1. **Food shelf distribution (tabled from December's meeting)** There is money available to match a Food Shelf donation. *Motion to spend the 162.22 in our Food Shelf fund and give it to the Wright County Food Shelf – Gene,*

2nd by Shad. Friendly amendment by Mike S. to change it the Buffalo Food Shelf since there isn't a Wright County Food shelf. Hands – Motion passed.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. **Presentation of the Member of the Year Award (Mitch)** The 2008 winner is Maureen O'Hern.
2. **Chapter Officer nominations (continued)** Bring your membership card to the March meeting.

### President

Dawn Riba – Accept  
Mike Berger – Accept

Lee Plante – Decline

### Vice President

Fred Pawelk – Accept  
Bill Jensen - Accept

Rod "Stroke" Quist – Decline  
Charm Bolgrean – Decline  
Todd Riba – Decline  
Mary Berger – Decline  
Mike Edgett – Decline

### Chapter Rep

Todd Riba – Accept  
Dawn Riba - Accept  
Noma Skinner - Accept

Charm Bolgrean – Decline  
Mike Berger – Decline  
Karen May – Decline

### Treasurer

Jim Kosse – Accept

Noma Skinner – Decline

### Secretary

Sheryl Immel – Accept

Olga Strobel – Defer

John "Batman" Dewey – Decline  
Maureen O'Hern – Decline  
Audra Koel – Decline  
Nancy "Olive" Dibb – Decline  
Rhiannon Dubinsky – Decline  
Todd Riba - Decline

### Sergeant at Arms

Mike Edgett – Accept  
Mike Shinn – Accept  
Charlie Cassel – Accept  
Rick Olgesby – Accept  
John "Batman" Dewey - Accept  
Bill Jensen - Accept  
Lee Plante - Accept  
Rhiannon Dubinsky – Accept

Karen May – Decline  
Keith "Smoker" Efron – Decline  
Jim Kreitlow – Decline  
Shad Skinner - Decline  
T.C. Strobel – Decline

3. **Wisconsin Summer Hummer Sponsorship** (June 18th-21st, 2009) Mike explained what we would get if we sponsor A.B.A.T.E. of Wisconsin's Summer Hummer which is held in Greenwood WI. *Motion to spend \$100 to sponsor the Summer Hummer – Todd, 2nd by Mike S. Discussion was held about the availability of funds to sponsor this event. Hands – Motion passed.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 14th-15th ~ 28th Annual Cycle World International Motorcycle Show, Mpls Convention Center

March 7th ~ Chapter meeting, 4pm, Delano Legion

March 8th ~ River Riders Chapter's Spaghetti Dinner for Buddy Bears, VFW in Forest Lake

March 21st ~ American Legion Riders 3rd Annual Benefit for the Gillette's Children's Hospital, Delano Legion

March 28th ~ SWDD meeting, VFW in St. James at 2pm

March 28th ~ Rolling Prairie Chapter's Chili Feed, VFW in St. James

March 28th-29th ~ Donnie Smith Bike Show, St. Paul RiverCentre

April 4th ~ Chapter meeting, 4pm., Delano Legion

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

April 24th ~ Heartland S.T.E.A.M. held in North Dakota

Motion to adjourn – Jim, 2nd by Matt. Hands – Motion passed.

Time: 5:21pm

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

**Motions made at the 2.14.09 meeting**

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