

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

Location: Woody's in Rockford

Date: February 9th, 2008

Time: 4pm

Officers Attending:

President:	Mike Berger	X
Vice President / Chap Rep:	Dawn Riba	X
Treasurer:	Rosa Kreitlow	X
Secretary:	Maureen O'Hern	X
Sergeant @ Arms:	Fred Pawelk	X
	Jim Kreitlow	X
	Lee Plante	X
	Mike Shinn	X

Total number of members attending: 23

Guests attending: 5

AGENDA

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

Welcome new guests and members – Mike – Welcome to Rhiannon, Danielle, Sheryl, Noma and Shad.

President Remarks – Mike – Mike stated that the mark of a good president is to admit when they were wrong. He reminded everyone of the comments he had made in regards to eating a hat if the Grounded Hog party was a success. Rosa presented him with her favorite garden, straw hat. He took a bite, washed it down with a swig of beer and commented that it was no worse than Raisin Bran. Mary and Mike brought in a cake in the shape of a hat for all of us to enjoy.

Vice President Remarks – Dawn – Dawn spoke about how everyone in the group was important to her and to the chapter overall. She thanked everyone for being there and being part of the chapter.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Secretary's Report – Maureen -

Motion to waive the reading of the minutes – Mitch, 2nd by Becky. Hands – Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Rosa –

Beginning Balance		\$ 2,188.75
Income		
Membership	721.00	
Products (Gr.Hogs)	290.00	
Grounded Hogs	<u>10,894.5</u>	
	<u>0</u>	
	(\$1,250.00 previously reported for a total of \$12,144.50)	
Total Income	11,905.5	<u>+11,905.50</u>
	0	\$ 14,094.25
Expenses		
Grounded Hogs	4,516.87	
MRF 5% Donation	381.38	
MN PAC 5% Donation	381.38	
50% Split w/State	3,432.43	
Road Noise Postage	<u>2.00</u>	
Total Expenses	8,714.06	<u>-8,714.06</u>
Ending Balance		\$ 5,380.19
Fund		
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MRF	429.63	
Toys / Tots	-4.71	
Food Shelf	141.22	

Petty Cash	50.00	
Gambling	<u>253.80</u>	
Total Funds	869.94	<u>+869.94</u>
Grand Total		\$ 6,250.13

Grounded Hogs Fundraiser Breakdown

		Income		Expenses	
\$		\$		\$	
12,144.50	Income	150.00	Donations	1,200.00	Medina Rental
<u>-4,516.87</u>	Expenses	2,970.00	Chap. Adv.	1,250.00	Big Walter Smith
7,627.63		890.00	Medina Adv.	400.00	Everett Smithson
<u>-762.76</u>	Donations	4,014.00	Gate	600.00	Sound System
6,864.87		2,147.50	Auctions	210.00	Security
<u>-3,432.43</u>	50% split w/State	850.00	Sponsors	20.00	Coat Check
\$ 3,432.44	Lake Chapter	<u>1,123.00</u>	15% bar (\$7,500)	206.00	Insurance
		\$		\$	Tax / Medina
		12,144.50		53.87	Road Noise Ad
				\$	Start up cash
				<u>500.00</u>	
				\$	
				4,516.87	

Live Auction \$1,250.00 Silent Auction \$897.50 = \$2,147.50

Vendors \$150.00 Business Sponsorships \$100.00 Individual Sponsorships \$600.00 = \$850.00

Memberships: 22 single = \$440.00 6 couples = \$180.00 = \$620.00

Singles: 12 Lake, 2 Metro, 1 Tri-County, 7 Undeclared

Singles = 7 Renew, 15 New

Couples: 3 Lake, 1 Tri-County, 1 South Central, 1 Undeclared

Couples = 2 Renew, 4 New

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

State Rep Report – Dawn – She had the BOD minutes available for anyone who wanted to review them. Bikerday is Feb 27th, all the information is online. She had a copy of the proposed budget which will be voted on at the April BOD, we will review it at next month's meeting. She had a sign-up sheet for the State Rally work shifts available to sign. Dawn stated that Becky had retired from the Road Noise and that we don't have a replacement as of yet. Dawn had ABATE U raffle tickets for sale and/or check out. They have to be returned by April 1st for the chapter to get credit for them. She commented that anytime we give out Buddy Bears we need to fill out an acknowledgement sheet and return it to the Buddy Bears Chairman. MNPAC 2008 rockers are available and MNPAC needs money. Jim & Kristie Orn are the newest members to the Way & Means committee. **Dawn** commented that are our chapter membership is up. **Mike** asked for input from the group on what days and times would work for our chapter to work at the State Rally. **Dawn** reviewed a list of upcoming events (see **Upcoming Events** below) Both Dawn and Mike commented on how important it is for us to support other chapters, they put the word out for our Grounded Hogs party and we should return the favor.

Membership & Retention Report – Mary – Nothing new at this time.

Buddy Bears – Noma – Mike related to everyone that Noma has resigned from the Buddy Bear position until she renews her Lake Chapter membership. Mike asked for a volunteer to take over this position. **Note:** Before the end of the meeting Noma came in, her Lake Chapter membership was renewed and she resumed the Buddy Bear Chairperson position.

Motorcycle Riders Foundation Report – Todd – Todd spoke about the upcoming MRF's legislative agenda: Continuing the fight against health insurance discrimination by closing the loopholes that exist in HIPAA, Fighting the NTSB because of their recommendation to have mandatory helmet laws and other motorcycle related issues. Todd passed out copies of a Motorcycle Statistics

Fact or Fiction sheet and a copy of the NTSB's recommendations in regards to mandatory helmet use. Todd encouraged everyone to write their Legislators about these issues. Todd spoke about the need to support the MRF and that they need money. **Mike** reminded everyone that we have money set aside to offset the cost that Todd incurs attending different MRF related events to help fight these issues. **Mary** thanked everyone who signed letters at the Grounded Hogs party. She told us that 270 letters, that will be sent to Washington D.C., were signed that night and if anyone is interested in signing a letter to contact her.

MN MC SAC / Government Relations Report – Mike – He reminded everyone that Bikerday is Feb 27th. He related the story of a Dakota County Sheriff's son killing a biker. Mike stressed the importance of getting the Failure to Yield bill passed this year because if we don't we will become irrelevant to the legislators. MMSAC is accepting applications on line, Mike & Mitch would like to see more A.B.A.T.E. members on the board. Mike & Mitch both talked about MMSAC wanting to change the way crash information is collected at the scene of an accident and see it tied to rider's training information to build a correlation between the two. Todd talked about the fact sheet he passed out and pointed out the differences between the crash statistics of states that have and don't have helmet laws. Todd stressed the importance of attending bikerday. There was discussion about the Failure to Yield bill and what people can do if they can't attend bikerday.

Public Relations Report – Mitch – *Motion to pay for the Hospitality room at A.B.A.T.E.U – Becky, 2nd by Keith. Hands – Motion passed.* Becky brought up that we need a person to organize the potluck that we have at A.B.A.T.E. U. Becky, Rosa & Mary volunteered to help out, if anyone else is interested contact one of them. The Washout is set for Sat, May 3rd. Mitch had a couple MC training catalogs available. Mitch informed us that Danny Casper's mom told her that Danny got a scholarship to Camp Friendship and that we can take a year off. *Motion to take a year off from donating to Camp Friendship, 2nd by Fred. Discussion followed. Hands – Motion passed.* Mike S. brought up our Spring ditch pick up, this will be addressed at the next meeting.

Products Report – Jim – We had \$290 in product sales at the Grounded Hogs party. He had State products available and they were on sale. There was a round of applause for Jim and Sheryl for all they do.

Special Events Report – Rosa – Rosa thanked Gene for giving us the seed money for the Grounded Hogs party without him it would not have been possible, he is paid in full and there was a big round of applause for Gene. Rosa broke down the Grounded Hogs numbers (see **Treasurer's report** above.) Rosa thanked Charm for the individual sponsorship idea and handling the signs and banners. Rosa invited people to attend the Special Events committee meetings or if they had any ideas to write it down and give it to her. *Motion to set aside \$2000.00 for next year's Grounded Hogs party, which will be held on Feb 7th, 2009 at the Medina Entertainment Center, 2nd by Charm. Hands – Motion passed.* Rosa said the Medina Entertainment Center was very impressed with how smooth everything went and they enjoyed working with us. Rosa thanked everyone for their hard work that night. *Motion to reimburse Mike Berger for the \$40 party room rental fee at the Medina Inn, 2nd by Mike S. Hands – Motion passed.* There was a round of applause for Rosa for putting everything together.

State Rally Report – Becky – Next meeting is Mar 29th, 4pm at the VFW in St. James immediately before Rolling Prairie chapter's Chili Feed. \$30.00 Pre-Advanced tickets are available for purchase from Wendy Steinborn up until A.B.A.T.E U. We need Rally sponsors. *Motion to buy a \$500.00 Silver sponsorship – Mitch, 2nd by Charm. Hands – Motion passed.* There was discussion about what role Lake chapter wants to play in running the Bike Games at the State Rally. Mike B. will talk to Sand Dunes chapter President Kim Hubred about the Bike Games.

Motion to accept all Officers and Committee Reports - 2nd by Hands – Motion passed.

Chapter Drawing – Mary B. – Frenchy was the winner of the \$5 off coupon.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Member of the Year Nominations** – The Nominees are: Buzz Plante, Dawn Riba, Jim Kosse, Jim Kreitlow (missing from last month's minutes), Mary Berger, Maureen O'Hern, Noma Griffin, and Olga Strobel.
2. **Lee** - gave Rosa reimbursement paperwork for the price of the Mileage patches awarded at the Grounded Hogs party.
3. **Mike** – spoke about Kickstart TV and thanked Jim for taking this and running with it.
4. **Nominations for the 2008 Lake Chapter Officers: Note - A.B.A.T.E. bylaws have been changed to recognize 4 Sgt @ Arms.**

President: Keith Efron – Accept Jim Kosse - Decline
Mike Berger – Accept

Vice President: Charm Bolgrean - Accept Dave Dibb – Decline
Fred Pawelk - Accept Dawn Riba – Decline
Jim Kosse – Decline
Lee Plante – Decline
Keith Knee - Decline
Mike Shinn – Decline
Noma Skinner – Decline
Rod Quist – Decline

Chapter Rep:	Dawn Riba – Accept	Ken Kalway – Defer	Becky Hasslen – Decline Charm Bolgrean – Decline Dave Anderson – Decline Gene Bolgrean – Decline Karen May – Decline Mary Berger – Decline Mike Berger – Decline Shelia Knee – Decline
Treasurer:	Jim Kosse – Accept		Cathie Jensen – Decline Jeanne Truax – Decline Julie Anderson – Decline Karen May – Decline Maureen O’Hern – Decline Olga Strobel – Decline Rosa Kreitlow – Decline Sheila Knee – Decline
Secretary:	Maureen O’Hern – Accept		Sheryl Immel – Decline
Sergeant @ Arms:	Bill Jensen – Accept Fred Pawelk – Accept Karen May – Accept Mike Shinn – Accept Rick Van Horn – Accept	John Dewey – Defer	Becky Hasslen – Decline Charm Bolgrean – Decline Dave Clifton – Decline Dave Dibb – Decline Dave Truax – Decline Jim Kreitlow – Decline Keith Knee – Decline Lee Plante – Decline Rod Quist – Decline Shad Skinner – Decline
	Matt Collins – Accept/Removed*		

*Matt Collins' name was removed from the Sergeant @ Arms nomination list since his primary chapter is Metro and that prevents him from holding an officer position in Lake chapter.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Hospitality room / Potluck at A.B.A.T.E. U** – covered earlier in the meeting.
2. **Time of Summer meetings** – *Motion to keep meeting start time at 4pm – Mitch, 2nd by Rosa. Discussion followed. Hands – Motion passed.*
3. **Keith Efron** – offered his place for the July meeting.
4. **Frenchy** – spoke about the 2nd American Legion Riders benefit for the Gillette Children’s Hospital. It’s at the Delano Legion on Mar 22nd, 3pm to Midnight. He didn’t have tickets or fliers this month but he will next month. There will be a Live & Silent Auction and 2 bands, one of which will be Everett Smithson. He said the American Legion Riders are always looking for new members, discussion followed about how Non-Veterans can join the ALR. Jim Kreitlow stated he will be the Auctioneer that night.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Feb 9th ~ Narrows Chapter’s fundraiser @ Chaser’s in Albert Lea, 7pm.
Feb 9th ~ Heart of the Lakes Chapter’s fundraiser @ Playtime Sports Bar in Perham, 7:30pm.
Feb 16th ~ Buffalo Ridge Chapter’s Chili Feed @ Lyndwood Bar in Lynd, 6pm.
Feb 16th ~ Mississippi Valley Chapter’s 5th Annual Blizzard Bash @ CrossRoads Bar and Grill in Randolph.
Mar 15th ~ Northeast Chapter’s Bunwarmer @ Lost Isle Bar, Carlton.
Mar 22nd ~ American Legion Riders’ fundraiser, 3pm – Midnight @ Delano Legion in Delano.
Mar 22nd ~ Glacial Ridge Chapter’s Blizzard Bash @ Rooney’s Bar in Sedan, 7pm.
Mar 29th ~ Rolling Prairie Chapter’s Chili Feed @ the VFW in St. James.
May 3rd ~ The Great Minnesota Washout Enfield rest stop.
May 17th ~ Spring Run – more information to come.
Jun 14th ~ Central Chapter’s Buddy Bear Bash @ Milo’s in Morrill.

Motion to adjourn – Mitch, 2nd by Mary Hands – Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:28pm.

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

