

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

Location: Woody's in Rockford

Date: March 1st, 2008

Time: 4pm

Officers Attending:

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

Total number of members attending: 44

Guests attending: 3

AGENDA

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

Welcome new guests and members – Welcome to Rhiannon, Gerri, Mike & Sherry

President Remarks – Mike – Welcome to everyone we have a lot to cover today. Maureen went home sick Mary Berger will be filling in for her as Secretary.

Vice President Remarks – Dawn – Welcome to everyone glad to see so many people turn out to vote.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Secretary's Report – Maureen -

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

Treasurer's Report – Rosa –

Beginning Balance		\$5,380.19
Income		
Products	30.00	
Membership	18.00	
Total Income	\$48.00	+48.00
		<u>\$5,248.19</u>
Expenses		
Reimb. Hospitality Room Grounded Hogs	40.00	
Postage Road Noise	2.00	
Silver Sponsorship State Rally	500.00	
Total Expenses	\$542.00	-542.00
Ending Balance		<u>\$4,812.37*</u>

* \$2,000.00 earmarked for the Grounded Hogs Fundraiser Feb 2009

* \$150.00 earmarked for the Hospitality Room @ A.B.A.T.E. U Apr 2008

Funds		
MRF	429.63	
Toys for Tots	-4.71	
Food Shelf	141.22	
Petty Cash	50.00	
Gambling	253.80	
Total Funds	\$869.94	+869.94
Grand Total		<u>\$5,682.31</u>

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

State Rep Report – Dawn – Not a whole lot to report this month I covered most of it last month.

Membership & Retention Report – Mary – Thank you to everyone who attended Bikerday we had a good turn-out. Mary brought in letters for those who could not attend Bikerday to take/modify and mail to their legislators to make their voices heard.

Motorcycle Riders Foundation Report – Todd – Todd spoke about how Mary Peters sent letters to Cheney and Pelossi to take some of the SAFE-TEA-LU money that was granted to us and use it to lobby for mandatory helmet laws. Todd spoke about the need to shut down the loopholes that exist in the insurance laws. There have been instances of motorcyclist being denied payment for their injuries, so this is a very important issue. Todd asked for permission to use the chapter email list to send out important information. *Motion to allow Todd to use the chapter email list to send out important information – Ken, 2nd by Stroke. Hands – Motion passed.*

MN MC SAC / Government Relations Report – Mike – Mike spoke about how important the SAFE-TEA-LU money is, it was used to buy new bikes for the Motorcycle Safety Training Classes, more bikes are still needed we may have to turn people away from the classes if the equipment isn't updated. Training and Education are important tools for combating the call for mandatory helmet laws. MMSAC makes recommendations to Commissioner Campion on where the money should be spent. Mary Peters shouldn't circumvent the process and divert money away from Training and Education. Mike would like to thank the current A.B.A.T.E. members that are on the board and encourage more members to join. MMSAC is currently accepting applications he had some available. Mike and Too Tall both spoke about how there are people on the committee that don't like ABATE and would like to see us go away.

Public Relations Report – Mitch – Next event Hospitality Room at A.B.A.T.E. University. May is Motorcycle Awareness Month and there are pins available. She had Motorcycle Safety Foundation course guide available.

Products Report – Jim – Jim had State products on sale, Men's & Women's t-shirts and calendars.

Special Events Report – Rosa – Batman spoke about the Memorial Run: 1) Reduce the # of stops to 5 with honorable mentions for our other fallen brothers and sisters. 2) Start in Victoria and end in Buffalo 3) Run will start at noon on May 24th. **Rosa** – Rosa thanked Batman for putting the Memorial Run together. The Spring Run will be Sat. May 17th, starting at noon at Woody's in Rockford ending at Bootlegger's in Mayer. There will be advanced tickets at the next meeting. There was discussion about participating in the Delano parade again this year there will be more info in the coming months. As always Special Events committee meetings are 1 hour before chapter meetings everyone is invited to attend.

State Rally Report – Becky – Next Rally meeting Mar. 29th before the Rolling Prairie Chili Feed. Noma has Sponsorship packets available. Contact Wendy Steinborn for State Rally advanced tickets: \$30 tickets available until A.B.A.T.E. U, \$35 tickets available after A.B.A.T.E. U and until the July BOD, after the July BOD there will not be any advanced tickets available.

Motion to accept all Officer and Committee Reports – Charm, 2nd by Stroke. Hands – Motion passed.

Chapter Drawing – Karen – Matt Collins is the winner of the \$5 off chapter products coupon.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Ditch pick up dates** – 1pm, Hwy 7 in St. Boni on May 3rd.
2. **Memorial Run** – covered earlier in the meeting.
3. **Frenchy** – had tickets for the American Legion Riders fundraiser on Mar 22nd.
4. **Election of Chapter Officers** – *Motion to start the election – Too Tall, 2nd by Smoker. Hands – Motion passed.* Dawn Riba read the duties of each officer position before nominations for each position was opened.

President: Keith Efron – Accept, Mike Berger – Accept

Vice President: Charm Bolgrean – Accept Fred Pawelk - Accept

Chapter Rep: Dawn Riba – Accept

Treasurer: Jim Kosse – Accept

Secretary: Maureen O'Hern – Accept

Sergeant @ Arms: Bill Jensen – Accept, Fred Pawelk – Accept,
Karen May – Accept, Mike Shinn – Accept, Rick Van Horn – Accept

Election Judges – John "Batman" Dewey, Ken Kalway & Gene Bolgrean

5. **Buddy Bears** – Noma spoke about the need to purchase more bears. *Motion to use Gambling funds to buy \$225 worth of Buddy Bears – Todd, 2nd by Stroke. Discussion followed about who wants them and the availability of funds. Stroke made a friendly amendment to purchase 100 Buddy Bears (\$500), Todd didn't accept friendly amendment. Bill Jensen made a friendly amendment to purchase the 100 Buddy Bears and have Mediacom pickup \$275 of the cost. Todd and*

Stroke accepted the friendly amendment. Noma will ask past recipients if they need any Bears and will report back at the next meeting.

6. **Voting for the Member of the Year** – The Nominees are: Buzz Plante, Dawn Riba, Jim Kosse, Jim Kreitlow, Mary Berger, Maureen O’Hern, Noma Griffin, and Olga Strobel. Members voted and the ballots were given to Mitch, she will handle getting the Member of the Year plaque.
7. **State Budget approval / Vote** – Tabled until the next meeting.
8. **A.B.A.T.E. U Chapter Challenge** – Dawn explained that the chapter challenge is a way for the chapters to give additional money to the A.B.A.T.E. U Committee for the seminars etc. at A.B.A.T.E. U. *Motion to give \$500 for the A.B.A.T.E. U chapter challenge – Becky, 2nd by Mitch. Discussion followed. Hands – Motion passed.*

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Donnie Smith bike show** – Matt mentioned that he will be manning a table at the show and would like help
2. **Heartland S.T.E.A.M on Apr 25th & 26th. In Aberdeen S.D.** – *Motion to have Lake Chapter cover the cost of someone attending the Heartland S.T.E.A.M. event (must be a first time attendee) – Todd, 2nd by Mr. Anderson. Discussion followed about to get in the drawing and how much it will cost (approx. \$140.00.) Hands - Motion passed.*
3. **Mike E. from Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride** – Mike thanked everyone for their support of MCDAR, he specifically thanked Mike Berger, Dave “Too Tall” Carlson, Karen May, Becky, Dawn & Charm for their help. He mentioned how to donate to MCDAR through the United Way. He thanked everyone in Lake Chapter, he doesn’t remember having to pick up anyone from our chapter. He mentioned that if anyone has a name of a bar or restaurant that they would like to give MCDAR info to please give that info to Dawn and she will get kits to the business. **Lee** asked Mike how MCDAR did at the coat check at the Grounded Hogs party he didn’t know the answer. **Too Tall** thanked Mike for all that he and MCDAR does for us. **Sherry E.** mentioned that MCDAR needs volunteers too. *Motion to donate \$300 to MCDAR – Becky, 2nd by Julie A. Discussion followed - Todd spoke about the importance of this program. Hands – Motion passed.* Mike E, thanked us for the donation.
4. **Rudy from American Legion Riders** – Rudy mentioned that there are nearly 800 chapters in 48 states. He spoke about the benefit for the Gillette Children’s Hospital that will be held at the Delano Legion on March 22nd. Doors open at 3pm, 4-8pm Everett Smithson will play, 9pm to close Blue Voodoo will play. He had tickets available \$12 in Advance, \$15 at the Door. Rudy invited people to attend the Flood Run on April 19th. He mentioned that at the end of April they will be visiting the MN Veterans Home and will be presenting them a check for money that the American Legion Riders have raised. *Motion to donate \$200 to the ALR the money will be earmarked for the MN Veterans Home, 2nd by Charm. Hands – Motion passed.* Rudy mentioned that he is looking for auction items and that Jim “Meats” Kreitlow will be the auctioneer.
5. **Election Results for the 2008 Lake Chapter Officers** –
 - **President:** Mike Berger
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 - **Chapter Representative:** Dawn Riba
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mar 15th ~ Northeast Chapter’s Bunwarmer @ the Lost Isle Bar, Carlton.
Mar 22nd ~ American Legion Riders’ Fundraiser, 3pm – Midnight @ the 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.
Mar 29th-30th ~ Donnie Smith bike show at the RiverCentre in St. Paul.
Apr 5th ~ Lake Chapter Meeting, Woody’s in Rockford, 4pm.
Apr 11th-13th ~ A.B.A.T.E. University in Alexandria, MN.
Apr 25th-27th ~Heartland S.T.E.A.M in Aberdeen, SD.
May 3rd ~ The Great Minnesota Washout Enfield rest stop, 9am to noon.
May 3rd ~ Spring Ditch pick-up Hwy 7, St. Boni, 1pm.
May 3rd ~ Lake Chapter Meeting, Woody’s, Rockford, 4pm.
May 17th ~ Lake Chapter’s Spring Run – more information to come.
May 24th ~ Memorial Run, starts at noon in Victoria ends in Buffalo.
Jun 14th ~ Central Chapter’s Buddy Bear Bash @ Milo’s in Morrill.

Motion to adjourn by Stroke, 2nd by Sheila. Hands – Motion passed.
Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm

Minutes submitted by Maureen O'Hern, Lake Chapter Secretary.

Motions made at the March 1st, 2008 Lake Chapter meeting:

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