

Lake Chapter, A.B.A.T.E. of MN

Date: March 7th, 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: 57 Total number of guests: 4

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance Led by Mike S. at 4:05pm.

Welcome of new members or guests Tom, Yolanda & Donna

President's remarks (Mike) Thanks for coming. Someone will be coming around checking your membership status.

Vice President's remarks (Charm) None

OFFICER REPORTS

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

Treasurer's report (Jim)

Started February with	\$813.92
Income:	
Memberships	0.00
Products Sold	395.14
G.H. Sponsorships	150.00
G.H. Ticket Sales	4350.00
G.H. Silent Auction	658.00
G.H. Live Auction	595.00
Return or petty cash (change for G.H. ticket table)	300.00
Member donation-general funds	3.00
Member donation-toys for tots	2.00
Member donation-food shelf	3.75
Rec'd from food shelf fund for pymt to Buffalo Food Shelf	165.97
Stop pymt check to Chain Lightning	700.00
Total:	7322.86

Expenses:

1st class postage for Road Noise	2.00
TFR to Toys for Tots fund	2.00
TFR to food shelf fund	3.75
Buffalo MN food shelf	165.97
ABATE of WI, Summer Hummer sponsorship	100.00
Mark Backlund-reimburse for member of year plaque	28.70
ABATE of MN, Lake member of year member fees	20.00
Medina Entertainment, net balance due for G.H	139.46
MN Pac (5% GH ticket sales)	279.10
Tfr to MRF donation fund (5% GH ticket sales)	279.10
Split w/State on Grounded Hogs fund raiser	1641.74
Drummer Add for Grounded Hogs	161.36
Pymt to Chain Lightning (cash)	700.00
Total:	3,523.18

February Ending Balance **\$4,613.60**

Earmarks:

State Rally corn feed **-\$100.00**

Petty Cash:	\$50.00	
MRF Donation Fund:	\$315.45	
Chapter Gambling Fund:	\$296.80	\$40.00 pending
Food Shelf Fund:	\$0.00	

Toys for Tots Fund:	-\$4.03
Buddy Bear Fund	\$34.55
Grand Total:	<u>\$5,306.37</u>
	spendable \$4,513.60

Mike – Jim please check with Ken K. or Dick V. about the status of the State Rally Corn Feed earmark money.

Motion to accept Treasurer's report – Mary B., 2nd by Shad. Hands – Motion passed.

Chapter Rep report (Dawn) She'll wait until next month to talk about 2 things that will be discussed at the April B.O.D. meeting 1. The proposed A.B.A.T.E. State Budget. 2. Road Noise mailings (only sending one Road Noise per household.) She has A.B.A.T.E. U posters and tickets available.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Special Events (Rosa) with discussion of Memorial Run (Batman) Rosa – discussed the 2010 GH party. *Motion to earmark \$2000 for the 2010 Grounded Hogs party at the Medina Entertainment Center – Mike S., 2nd by Mitch. Hands – Motion passed.* The Spring Run will be held on May 16th. Rosa brought up the questions of Do we want continue selling advanced tickets and Do we want to continue throwing darts on our run? Discussion was held on the Pros & Cons of each. The Sunrise Senior Living Center is willing to have us as a stop our run. *Motion to continue selling Advanced tickets – Todd, 2nd by Becky. Hands – Motion passed.* Todd volunteered to carry the dart board if we have a non-alcohol stop on our run. *Motion to have a non-alcohol stop on our run – Mary, 2nd by Becky. Friendly amendment to throw 3 darts at the dry stop. Hands- Motion passed,* Rosa talked about giving a % of the ticket sales to charity. Motion to leave the Spring Run as it is and consider making our Fall Run a Toys for Tots run – Mary, 2nd by Becky. Discussion was held about the percentages allowed to be donated (100% to charity without 10% of it going to the MRF and/or MCPAC or a 10% donation to the MRF and/or MCPAC.) Mary withdrew her motion. *Motion that for the Spring Run that we do not donate to charity – Becky, 2nd by Too Tall. Discussion – we are MC Rights Organization and that we can consider a Food Shelf drive for the Fall Run. Hands – Motion passed.* **Batman** – he needs the full names of any active members that have passed away including their Birth dates, dates of when they passed away and the location of their gravesite. He also needs ideas of how many gravesites we would like to visit and that we need a place to gather after the Memorial Run. Thanks you to Batman for spearheading this run. Becky and Dave volunteered to host the get together after the run.

Membership & Retention (need a new person) Mike – We need a person for this. Mike talked about the idea of giving a new member a free A.B.A.T.E. State Patch when they come to their 1st Lake chapter meeting. *Motion to give a new member a free A.B.A.T.E. State patch and that they have to buy a Lake Chapter patch – Mary, 2nd by Shad. Discussion was held about including a Lake Chapter pin. Friendly amendment – The new member is given a choice between a State patch or a Lake Chapter pin. Hands – Motion passed.*

Public Relations (Mitch) The MN Washout is on May 2nd and the Camp Friendship bike show is on July 14th.

Training & Education (Mary) Accident Scene Management – The grant \$\$ to reimburse people for the class is gone and Vicky is reapplying for the grant. Sun, Apr 26th is booked for the class it will be 9am to 4:30pm at Oak Ridge Conference Center in Chaska. The class cost is \$55, refreshments will be available and lunch is separate. Need a min of 30 people to hold the class 50 people max. A sign-up sheet was passed around and Mary will put an ASM ad in Road Noise to open it up to other chapters. You can go on the ASM website to register, Mary will check on the possibility of paying for the class on the day of the class. Experienced Riders Course – Mary can set up another ERC class (possibly in Eden Prairie) if enough people are interested (10 people max.) we can get a group rate (rate TBD.) *Motion to have Lake Chapter pay for the Accident Scene Management Road Noise ad (\$65) – Becky, 2nd by Shad. Hands – Motion passed.*

State Rally (Charm) Next meeting is at A.B.A.T.E. U on Fri, Apr 17th at 6pm.

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

OTHER REPORTS

State Coordinator (Mack) The MN MC Safety Center is linked on our website you download schedules and other info. A couple of weeks ago A.B.A.T.E. of MN was asked to testify at a MN Senate Transportation Committee meeting and it went well. Mack reminded everyone on how important is that we fight for our MC rights and to get family and friends involved. **Too Tall** – Spoke about how the government feels the need to protect us from ourselves. There is fundraiser in his district on Thurs, Mar 26th, 5-8pm at the Hopkins Elk Lodge. The cost is \$50 advance and \$60 at the door. Attendees will include Governor Tim Pawlenty, Rep. Marty Siefert, Rep. David Hann, Rep. Dan Severson and Hennepin County Sheriff Rich Stanek. This is an excellent opportunity to be heard. Call 612-868-2119 for more info.

MRF/Govt. Initiatives (Todd) The MRF has set up a 501c3 organization (MRF A&E.) The ride to D.C. has been limited to 20-30 people, Todd will check on reserving 1-2 spots for people from MN contact him if you are interested. He brought up 3 bad ideas #1 A Smog check program for MCs ~ currently being discussed in California it may come here. #2 Tailpipe Emissions Standards for MCs ~ After 2010 MCs may come equipped with a Catalytic convertor to meet these standards. #3 The MN Clean Car Act ~ The Act will add \$1000 to the cost of a vehicle. Right now this doesn't affect MCs but it may if wording in the bill changes. Todd also spoke about Photo Cop and how it may come to MN. He encouraged everyone to call their legislators and express your opinion on these issues. Failure to Yield ~ we have good momentum on this bill continue to contact your legislators about this issue. *Motion to donate \$200 out of Gambling Funds to the MRF A&E 501c3 fund – Gene, 2nd by Lee. Hands – Motion passed.*

Meeting of the Minds 2009 (Mary) Next Meeting Thurs, Mar 19th at the Bloomington American Legion, 6:30pm.

MMSAC (Mike) He will address this next month.

Products (Rhiannon) Some "Active" member patches out. Old shirts are \$5. She talked about Women's shirt sizes and Men's shirt prices. She is looking for a ride to A.B.A.T.E. U this year.

A.B.A.T.E. U (Noma) The Dart Walk will happen again this year. Leather and patch vendors this year. The MN Patriot Guard will also have table. Becky has the luncheon forms and also Motorcycle PAC forms.

Drawing of name (Mike E.) Rosa is the winner of the \$5 off chapter products coupon.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Final call for Chapter officer nominations/ Officer Elections Mike ~ Last year the B.O.D. voted to recognize up to 6 Chapter Sgt @ Arms. *Motion to stay with 4 Sgt @ Arms – Too Tall, 2nd by Mitch. Hands – Motion passed.*

President

Dawn Riba – Accept Lee Plante – Decline
Mike Berger – Accept

Secretary

Sheryl Immel – Accept John "Batman" Dewey – Decline
Maureen O'Hern – Decline
Audra Koel – Decline
Nancy "Olive" Dibb – Decline

Vice President

Fred Pawelk – Accept Rod "Stroke" Quist – Decline
Bill Jenesen - Accept Charm Bolgrean – Decline
Todd Riba – Decline
Mary Berger – Decline
Mike Edgett – Decline

Olga Strobel – Decline
Rhiannon Dubinsky – Decline
Todd Riba - Decline

Chapter Rep

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Dawn Riba - Accept Mike Berger – Decline
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Sergeant at Arms

Mike Edgett – Accept Karen May – Decline
Mike Shinn – Accept Keith "Smoker" Efron – Decline

Treasurer

Jim Kosse – Accept Noma Skinner – Decline

Charlie Cassel – Accept Jim Kreitlow – Decline
Rick Olgesby – Accept Shad Skinner - Decline
John "Batman" Dewey - Accept T.C. Strobel – Decline
Bill Jensen - Accept
Lee Plante - Accept
Rhiannon Dubinsky – Accept
Audra Koel – Accept

Election Results

President Dawn Riba
Vice President Bill Jensen
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Treasurer Jim Kosse
Secretary Sheryl Immel
Sergeant at Arms Mike Edgett John "Batman" Dewey
Mike Shinn Lee Plante

State Election Results

State Coordinator Mark "Mack" Backlund
Asst State Coordinator Kevin Todd
State Treasurer Michelle "Mitch" Backlund
State Secretary Jan Loft-Pilgrim
Southwest District Director Val VanderWeyst

Chapter meeting places and times (postcards need to be created)

Motion to have our May through Oct meetings move around, hold them outdoors when possible and have them start at 2pm – Mary, 2nd by Mitch. Hands – Motion passed.

May 2nd – Missile Park in St. Bonifacius, 2pm

June 6th – Pioneer Park in Annandale, 2pm

July 11th – Dave Clifton's house in Buffalo, 2pm

Aug 15th – Rosa & Jim Kreitlow's house in Buffalo, 2pm

Sept 5th – A.B.A.T.E. State Rally at the Meeker County Fairgrounds in Litchfield, Time TBD

Bike raffle ticket purchase (idea from Todd from last meeting) Mary B. explained the logistics, legalities & taxes involved if our chapter were to win a raffle bike and turn around and raffle the bike off at one of our events. *Motion to have Lake Chapter purchase 5 tickets for the bike and if we win the bike turn around and donate it back to A.B.A.T.E. of*

MN under the condition that half of the proceeds from raffling said bike goes in our Gambling Funds – Todd, 2nd by Sheryl. Hands – Motion failed. Motion to spend \$500 on the A.B.A.T.E. U Chapter Challenge – Becky, 2nd by Mike S. Hands – Motion passed.

ABATE U Hospitality Room Motion to have Audra run the Hospitality room – Becky, 2nd by Mary. Hands – Motion passed. Motion to have Lake Chapter pay for the Hospitality room for Fri. & Sat. night – Becky, 2nd by Mary. Hands - Motion passed. Motion to spend up to \$200 on food for the Hospitality room – Becky, 2nd by Phil. Hands – Motion passed. **Mitch** – would like some people to get together and make up a Lake Chapter poster board for A.B.A.T.E. U contact her if you are interested. **Rosa** - Auction items are still needed for A.B.A.T.E. U.

Heartland STEAM – group ride? Todd will spearhead this contact him if you are interested in going.

American Legion Riders annual benefit for Gillette's Children's Hospital (Rudy) He explained what the benefit is all about and that you contact him if you would like to donate auction items. Motion to donate \$100 American Legion Riders fundraiser – Jim, 2nd by Mike S. Discussion – **Todd** - Can we also pass the hat? Hands - Motion passed. \$80 was collected from passing the hat.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 8th – River Riders Spaghetti Dinner for Buddy Bears, VFW in Forest Lake
March 21st – American Legion Riders annual benefit for Gillette's Children's Hospital, Delano Legion
March 28th – Southwest District Meeting, 2pm, St. James VFW
March 28th – Rolling Prairie Chili Feed, St. James VFW
March 28th~29th – Donnie Smith Bike Show, St. Paul River Center
April 4th – Chapter meeting, 4pm, Delano Legion
April 17th~19th – A.B.A.T.E. U, Holiday Inn, Alexandria
April 24th~26th – Heartland STEAM, Mandan, North Dakota
May 2nd – Washout, 9am to Noon, Enfield rest stop
May 2nd – Ditch Pick-up, 1pm, St. Bonifacius
May 2nd – Chapter meeting, 2pm, Missile Park in St. Bonifacius.

Motion to adjourn – Mike S., 2nd by Cathy. Hands – Motion passed.

Time: 6:18pm

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

Motions made at the 3.7.09 meeting

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2. Motion to accept Treasurer's report – Mary B., 2nd by Shad. Hands – Motion passed.
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