

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

Location: American Legion, Wayzata **Date:** April 7th 2007 **Time:** 4:00pm

Officers Attending:

President:	Mike Berger	<u>X</u>
Vice President:	Dawn Riba	<u>X</u>
Treasurer:	Rosa Kreitlow	<u>X</u>
Chapter Rep:	Dawn Riba	<u>X</u>
Secretary:	Maureen O'Hern	<u>X</u>
Sergeant @ Arms:	Fred Pawelk	<u>0</u>
	Jim Kreitlow	<u>X</u>
	Lee Plante	<u>0</u>
	Mike Shinn	<u>0</u>

Total number of members attending: 35

Guests attending: 0

Call to order / Pledge of Allegiance – Mike / Todd

President Remarks – Mike - Thanks for all of you coming out.

Vice President Remarks – Dawn – No comments.

Welcome new guests and members – Mike – None present.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Secretary's Report – Maureen - Motion to waive the reading of the minutes – Ken, seconded by Todd. Hands – motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Rosa -

Started the March with **2,731.78**

Income:

Memberships	23.00
Products Sold	15.00
Donation from Chapter Laurie Otten (Dan Smith)	<u>150.00</u>

Total Income: **188.00**

Expenses:

1st class postage for Road Noise	2.00
Products purchased	0.00
State Rally Silver Sponsor	500.00
Washington D.C. Cost	100.00
ABATE U Challenge	250.00
Reimbursement Member of the Year Membership	20.00
Reimbursement – 2 Part Silent Auctions Papers	37.88
Laurie Otten – Donations from Chapter for Dan Smith	150.00
Chapter MRF Renewal	100.00
Courage Center Donation in Memory of Dan Smith	<u>100.00</u>

Total: **1259.88**

March Ending Balance: **1659.90**

Funds:

Petty Cash	42.20
M.R.F. Donation Fund	339.00
Chapter Gambling Fund	445.70
Food Shelf Fund	31.22
Toys for Tots Fund	18.00
Buddy Bear Fund	0.00

Grand Total: **2536.02**

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report as read – Keith, seconded by Audra. Hands – Motion passed.

State Rep Report – Dawn – Passed around a copy of the State Budget that needed to be voted on. Sent around a sign up sheet for the State Rally. Discussion followed about what shift Lake Chapter is currently signed up for and what areas and times are available. Dial-A-Ride is asking for about 10 liquor providers so the DAR can hand out coasters and posters to them. Discussion followed about business names. Dial-A-Ride is also looking for driving volunteers to be on call, sign up sheet passed around. Southwest District Meeting, hosted by Lake Chapter, will be held at the Sons of Silence Clubhouse in Cokato on June 9th at 2pm. Reminder ABATE U tickets are due by April 15th or chapter will not get credit for the tickets. A volunteer for the Membership and Retention position is needed.

Membership & Retention Report – Open - Mike talked about needing a volunteer for this position. Mary stated that one of the things she would like see taken over is the mailing out of the welcome letters and calling new members. Too Tall had an idea for a storyboard to show the different events ABATE is involved in. Rosa volunteered for the position.

Motorcycle Riders Foundation Report – Todd – Star and Tribune article about motorcycle noise levels referenced, the MRF is looking into the motorcycle noise level issue. The MRF would like deal with the Federal government so it is easier for the MRO to fight at a local level. Insurance policies-AMA & the MRF looking into the loopholes of denying coverage to motorcyclist. Referenced the AMA website where you can send a letter to your legislator. Heartland STEAM discussion – location, price & who's going. Annual Veterans Ride is June 3rd 2007. Reminder – MRF is still looking for an Asst. MRF Rep.

Government Relations / MN MC Safety Advisory Committee Report – Mike – Mike had an article from the Star & Tribune passed around. The article advocated for restrictions on where motorcyclists can ride and the noise level of their motorcycles. Mike encouraged people to write to there legislators about the article. Discussion followed.

State Coordinator Report – Mack – Not Present.

President's Committee on Increasing Meeting Attendance – Mary B. – Rudy and the American Legion Riders donated 5 free drink tokens. Winners were Batman, Kenny, Todd, Jim K. & Maureen. Winner of the \$5 off products drawing was Noma

Public Relations Report – Mitch – Mitch not present. Dawn Riba gave the report. Mitch thanks whoever submitted the picture to the Buffalo Journal. May is Motorcycle Awareness month, May 12th is the Washout & Highway pickup. Keith K. motioned to donate money to the veterans, Becky had a friendly amendment to table the item, Keith E. 2nd the motion. Item tabled until next month.

Products Report – Jim – We are running low on shirts. Keith K. motioned to give Jim money to order new shirts, Charm 2nd. Todd had a friendly amendment of a \$400 limit. Discussion followed passed by hands. Matt asked if the chapter had donated a shirt to the quilt being made for ABATE U. Noma motioned to donate a shirt, Keith E. 2nd, Hands - motion passed.

Special Events Report – Rosa – Rosa had flyers passed out for the spring run. The pre-run is May 12th @ noon, Sgt @ Arms & Road Guards should attend. Door prizes wanted. Run is 150 miles leaves Woody's @ noon. Bootleggers will have a pork chop dinner available for purchase. We will have the mileage contest again. Spring run tickets are available. Memorial run is May 26th leaving Hopkins Tavern on Main @ noon. Discussion followed about remembering Dan Smith. Rosa motioned to set aside \$800 for the Grounded Hogs party (\$300 of that for incidentals). Rosa stated that we needed to set up a budget for our Grounded Hogs party. Chris 2nd. Discussion followed, Hands - motion passed. Rosa motioned to change the time of our summer meetings (May – Oct) to 2pm so we can take a ride after the meeting, Chris 2nd. Discussion followed. Count taken - 16 in favor, 7 opposed, 2 abstained, motion to change meeting time passes.

State Rally Report – Becky – Reminder that you can get discounts on advance State Rally tickets. Looking for people to head up the Front Gate and other volunteers. Noma has State Rally sponsorship packets and explained what is offered with the sponsorship. Becky/Charm talked about the idea for holding Mud Olympics at the State Rally to embrace the crappy weather we have had in the past. We don't have a Chair for the Bike Games at the State Rally. Sand Dunes is willing to help out with Bike Games. Todd made a motion to Co-Chair the Bike Games with Sand Dunes, Keith K. 2nd. Becky made

the friendly amendment to offer Lake Chapter as a Co-Chair to any chapter that is interested in the Bike Games. Hands - motion passed. Matt will be the point man on this issue.

Motion to accept all Officer and Committee Reports – Todd, seconded by Mary. Hands – motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of State Budget – Motion to approve State Budget – Mary, seconded by Noma. Hands – motion passed.

Presented the “Member of the Year” award to Todd Riba.

Chose the locations for upcoming meetings:

- 1) May 5th meeting, 152 in Albertville, 2pm.
- 2) June 2nd meeting, Missile Park in St. Boni, 2pm.
- 3) July 7th meeting, Smoker’s in Breezy Point, 2pm. Meet before hand to ride up there.
- 4) July 28th meeting, Sturges Park in Buffalo, 2pm.

ABATE U food sign up sheet sent around.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upcoming SW District meeting is June 9th @ 2pm at the Sons of Silence Clubhouse in Cokato, hosted by Lake Chapter. Delano Harley Customer Appreciation May 19th – Discussion about having a membership table set-up. We need to get new motorcyclists involved in ABATE.

Pam spoke about her disappointment in having only 3 members from Lake Chapter show up at the American Legion Riders event. The American Legion Riders will be donating \$3500 to Veteran’s Hospital on Apr. 28th and invited Lake Chapter to attend this event. Pam made a motion that Lake Chapter donate \$200 to the Gillette Children’s Hospital which will be presented to the hospital along with the American Legion Riders donation. Todd 2nd. Discussion followed. Hand – motion passed. Mike/Becky stated that the Road Noise needs volunteers on many levels. Chris spoke about having a float made up for parades, discussion followed, item will be tabled until a future meeting. Darin thanked everyone in regards to the Patriot Guard Rider fundraiser. There were 1400-1500 people in attendance and they raised a little over \$7200, then he gave examples of where some of the money had been used. Kenny reminded everyone that ABATE U raffle tickets are due.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- April 13th, Full Moon in Albertville @ 8pm.
- April 20th & 21st, ABATE U, Holiday Inn, Alexandria.
- May 5th meeting, 152 in Albertville, 2pm.
- May 5th, Heartland STEAM, LaCrosse, WI.
- May 12th, Washout, 9am – Noon.
- May 12th, Highway pick-up meet at the gas station on Hwy 7 @ 2pm.
- May 12th, Pre-run for Lake Chapter Spring Run meet at Woody’s, leave @ noon.
- May 19th, Lake Chapter Spring Run, leaving Woody’s in Rockford @ 12 noon.
- May 26th, Memorial Run leaves Tavern on Main in Hopkins @ Noon.
- June 2nd meeting, Missile Park in St. Boni, 2pm.
- June 9th, SW District Meeting, 2pm, Sons of Silence Clubhouse, Cokato.
- June 20th & 21st, BOD Meeting, location TBD, but Southwest District is hosting.
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- July 28th meeting, Sturges Park in Buffalo, 2pm.
- Aug 7th, Meet at Wy’s Casino in Central City, SD @ 2pm.
- Aug 31st- Sept 3rd, State Rally at Litchfield County Fairgrounds.

Motion to adjourn – Noma, seconded by Keith. Hands – Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:51pm

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

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