

**A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota  
Lake Chapter Meeting Minutes**

**Location:** Woody's on Main, Rockford

**Date:** April 5th, 2008

**Time:** 4pm

**Officers Attending:**

<b>President</b>	Mike Berger	X		
<b>Vice President</b>	Charm Bolgrean	X		
<b>Chapter Rep</b>	Dawn Riba	X		
<b>Treasurer</b>	Jim Kosse	X		
<b>Secretary</b>	Maureen O'Hern	X		
<b>Sergeants at Arms</b>	Bill Jensen	X	Dick Van Horn	
	Karen May	X	Michael Shinn	X

**Total number of members attending:** 44

**Total number of guests attending:** 9

**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance** – Led by Mike Shinn, 4pm.

**Welcome of new members or guests** – *New Members* – John & Kirsten L. *Guests* – Sheryl I., Mike & Sherry E., Randy W., Amy P., Mark C. & Sue O., Rick O. from Glacial Ridge thanked us for supporting the Blizzard Bash, Phil W. from Sand Dunes spoke about some of his Chapters' upcoming events. (See **Upcoming Events** below)

**President's remarks** – Mike reminded everyone to watch out for "cagers" since they are not looking out for us. He also reminded everyone of what ABATE is all about, a Motorcycle Rights Organization.

**Vice President's remarks** – Charm stated that she was proud to represent Lake Chapter as the new VP and she would like to see all of the officers attend the BOD at ABATE U this year. If anyone has any comments/questions they can contact her.

**OFFICER & COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Point of Order: Mike** - The Officer and Committee reports should be separated from the other reports such as MRF & MMSAC and next month's agenda will reflect the change.

**Secretary's report (Maureen)** Charm read a synopsis of last month's meeting minutes. *Motion to approve the minutes as read by Charm – Mitch, 2nd by Stroke. Discussion- Secretary should read the synopsis. Hands – Motion passed.*

**Treasurer's report (Jim)**

Started March with	<b>\$ 4,812.37</b>
<b>Income:</b>	
Memberships	\$ 222.00
Products	\$ 288.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 510.00</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
1st Class postage for the Road Noise	\$ 2.00
ABATE U Chapter Challenge	\$ 500.00
Dial-a-Ride donation	\$ 300.00
American Legion Riders - Delano, donation	\$ 200.00
Todd Riba (postage/shipping)	\$ 53.82
Maureen O'Hern (misc office supplies)	\$ 139.55
Mileage Patches	\$ 30.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,225.37</b>
April Ending Balance	<b>\$ 4,097.00</b>
<b>Earmarks:</b>	
Grounded Hogs	<b>-\$2,000.00</b>
ABATE U Hospitality Room	<b>-\$150.00</b>
Heartland STEAM room reimbursement	<b>-\$140.00</b>
Petty Cash	<b>\$ 50.00</b>
MRF Donation Fund:	<b>\$ 429.63</b>
Chapter Gambling Fund:	<b>\$ 253.80</b>
Food Shelf Fund:	<b>\$ 141.22</b>
Toys for Tots Fund:	<b>-\$4.71</b>
Buddy Bear Fund:	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$ 4,966.94</b>
<b>Available Total:</b>	<b>\$ 1,807.00</b>

*Motion to approve the Treasurer's report as read – Mitch, 2nd by Mike S. Hands – Motion passed.*

**Chapter Rep report (Dawn)** If you are planning on attending Algona this year please volunteer for a front gate work shift. Share the Road was discussed and will be covered later in this meeting. She related the story about how Glacial Ridge got younger members involved in their chapter and that we need to find ways to get younger members involved in our chapter. Possibly hold an informal meeting at the State Rally. There will be new products available at ABATE U. Dial-a-Ride boxes are in and we need volunteers to hand them out to local bars. She reminded everyone to attend your local Representatives' Meet & Greet, it is important. Everyone is encouraged to attend an ERC class.

**MRF report (Todd)** Todd explained what the MRF is since new members were present. He read an excerpt from the Fact or Fiction handout. He stressed the importance of developing a relationship with your local representatives, Ex. attend their fundraisers. He passed around the picture of some ABATE members attending a Governor Pawlenty fundraiser, the new MRF tri-fold, and the Meeting of the Minds flyer.

**Govt. Relations/MMSAC report (Mike)** **Govt. Relations** - He stated that our Failure to Yield bill is basically DOA due to partisan politics. Bikerday at the State Capital had a good turnout but it is also important to develop and maintain a relationship with your local Representatives. **MMSAC** - They are still accepting applications and he would like to see more ABATE members on the committee and to contact him if you are interested.

**Membership & Retention (Mary)** She stated that if anyone was interested in helping with this to contact her.

**Buddy Bears (Noma)** Bears have been ordered, Noma will come up with a plan of who/when they will be given out.

**Public Relations report (Mitch)** She had MC Safety Training info available and highlighted some of our upcoming events.

**Products report (Jim)** Jim is looking for a new products person and if anyone was interested let us know. *Motion to donate \$50 worth of Lake Chapter products, at Jim's discretion, to the Heartland STEAM auction. - Todd, 2nd by Gene. Hands - Motion passed.*

**State Rally report (Becky)** Next meeting will be held at ABATE U. She related how many sponsors we had for the Rally. \$30 Rally advanced tickets available until the July BOD. The 2009 State Rally may be held somewhere else, if the new contract is not approved by the Meeker County Fair Board. **Charm** - We will have teams for the Mud Olympics Tug-A-War, so start thinking about teams.

**Special Events reports (Rosa)** *Motion to write a check to the Medina Entertainment Center to reserve Feb 7th, 2009 for our Grounded Hogs party - Ken, 2nd by Mike S. Hands - Motion passed.* Everett Smithson approved as is one of our bands, if anyone has any ideas for a 2nd band contact Rosa. The Special Events Committee made a recommendation to cancel our Spring Run due other MC rides being held on May 17th. *Motion to cancel our Spring Run and support the Ugly Bar's ride on May 17th - Lee, 2nd by Gene. Discussion followed. Vote called for - Motion failed.*

*Motion to accept Officer and Committee reports - Ken, 2nd by Mike. Hands - Motion passed.*

**Drawing of name for \$5 off chapter products** Fred was the winner.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**ABATE U Hospitality room (Noma)** Room has been reserved the sign-up sheet is available to bring food. *Motion to spend up to \$200 on food for the room - Becky, 2nd by Popeye. Hands - Motion passed.* There will be a Dart Walk this year at ABATE U.

**Memorial Run (Batman)** - The Memorial Run is on May 24th. It starts in Victoria at noon and ends in Buffalo. BE THERE.

**State budget approval** - Copies of the budget were handed out. *Motion to postpone voting on the State Budget until after Old Business and before New Business to give members a chance to review it - Todd, 2nd by Hands - Motion passed.*

**Delano 4th of July parade** - General consensus was to do this in non-election years. Everyone was encouraged to ride with politicians in local parades in election years.

**Recap of Lake Chapter rally shifts - Front Gate:** Saturday - 11am to 3pm, we need 4 people. **Security:** Friday - 4pm to 8pm, we need 11 people. Sign-up sheet will be available at the next meeting.

*Motion to approve the State Budget as presented - Ken, 2nd by Mike. Hands Motion passed.*

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Algona Freedom Rally** - Volunteers needed to work the front gate membership table because this is a good opportunity for us.

**Training/Share the Road chairperson needed** - Mike is looking for a Chairperson for this. He would like to see a group ERC class setup and someone participate in the Share the Road program.

**Reactivation of the President's Special Committee on Increasing Meeting Attendance** - Mike would like anyone interested in helping with this to contact him.

**Discussion/evaluation of meeting location(s) for the next 12 months** - *Motion to continue having the meetings at Woody's for the next 6 months except for the July meeting which will be held at Keith's place, 2nd by Gene. Discussion was held. Todd made a friendly amendment to have the meetings in one place for 6 months and travel for 6 months. Fred amended his motion to have the Oct thru Apr meetings at Woody's and travel for the May thru Sept meeting. Hands - Motion passed.*

**Possible meeting/social for Lake Chapter at the Rally - Tabled until the next meeting.**

**Member of the Year presentation - Congratulations to Noma Skinner, she is this year's winner.**

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

April 11th - 13th – A.B.A.T.E. U, Alexandria, MN

April 25th - 27th – Heartland STEAM, Aberdeen, SD

April 26th – Sand Dunes Chapter, Ride for Better Vision, KJ's in Orrock, 11am.

May 3rd - Great Minnesota Washout, Enfield Rest Stop, 9am - Noon

May 3rd - Ditch Pickup, St. Boni, 1pm

May 3rd - Lake Chapter meeting, Woody's, Rockford, 4pm

May 17th - Lake Chapter Spring Run, leaving Woody's in Rockford at Noon

May 24th – Lake Chapter Memorial Run, leaving Victoria, 12pm

May 24th – Sand Dunes Chapter Spring Fling Fundraiser, KJ's in Orrock, 7pm

June 7th - Lake Chapter meeting, Woody's in Rockford, 4pm.

June 14th - Central Chapter Buddy Bear Bash, Milo's in Morrill

July 4th - 6th - Algona Freedom Rally in Iowa

July – Lake Chapter meeting at Keith's "Smoker" place, Breezy Point, 4pm.

*Motion to adjourn - Audra, 2nd by Mitch. Hands – Motion passed.*

Time 5:51pm.

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

**Motions made at the 4-5-08 Lake Chapter meeting:**

1. Motion to approve the minutes as read by Charm – Mitch, 2nd by Stroke. Discussion- Secretary should read the synopsis. Hands – Motion passed.
2. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report as read – Mitch, 2nd by Mike S. Hands – Motion passed.
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