

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

Date: May 2, 2009

Location: Missile Park St. Boni
2:09 pm

Time:

Officers Attending:

President	Dawn Riba	X		
Vice President	Bill Jensen	X		
Chapter Rep	Dawn Riba	X		
Treasurer	Jim Kosse	X		
Secretary	Sheryl Immel	X		
Sergeants at Arms	Mike Edgett	X	John Dewey	X
	Michael Shinn	X	Lee Plante	X

Total number of members attending: 27

Total number of guests: 2

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance Led by Bill Jensen. At 2:09.

Welcome of new members or guests

President's remarks (Dawn) Thanks to everyone who was at the washout and the ditch pickup today. Our products person could not be here today. You will receive your active membership patches at the next meeting. Moment of silence for Frenchy.

Vice President's remarks (Bill) Kathie and I had a great time at A.B.A.T.E. U. Our #1 job and focus is protecting motorcycle rights.

OFFICER REPORTS

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

Rosa made a request to read the motions passed from the previous meeting.

Treasurer's report (Jim)

Treasurer's Report - April 2009

Presented at May 2, 2009 Meeting, 2:00 PM St. Bonifacious		
Started April with		\$4,188.60
Income:		
	Memberships-march	148.00
	Member Donation	2.00
	Trf from petty cash for postage reimbursement	4.95
	Total:	154.95
Expenses:		
	1st class postage for Road Noise	2.00
	Hospitality Room Charge ABATE U	166.34
	Hospitality Room ABATE U food	160.36
	Affiliation fee	25.00
	Hennepin Tch Collage chapter ERC class for May 24	300.00
	reimburse postage of chapter election results to state office (petty cash)	4.95
	Millage reimbursement to chapter rep SWDM	27.30
	Total:	685.95
April Ending Balance		\$3,657.60
Earmarks		
	State Rally Corn Feed	\$100.00
	2010 Grounded Hogs Party	\$2,000.00
	Lake Chapter member recruiting challenge	\$50.00
Petty Cash		45.05
Fund		315.45
Chapter Gambling Fund		296.80
Food Shelf Fund		0.00
Toys for Tots Fund		2.00
Buddy Bear Fund		34.55
Grand Total:		\$4,351.45
	spendable	1507.60

Motion to accept Treasurer's report - Mitch, 2nd by Karen. Hands – Motion passed.

Chapter Rep report (Todd) The treasurer's report and the gambling fund report are available from Todd if anyone would like to see them. Todd has raffle tickets available to sign out for the bike to be given away at the 2010 rally. The cost is \$5.00. We receive money for the gambling fund from the sale of these tickets.

The Ways and Means committee is in need of 3 new members. They meet quarterly at the Ugly bar in Montrose. The Ways and Means committee reviews receipts and expenditures. Any questions, ask Mitch.

Advance tickets for the rally are available from Todd. The cost is \$30.00 per ticket until July 11th. Any tickets signed out and not sold need to be returned to Todd by the July 11th board meeting.

A sign up sheet was passed for shifts at the rally for security, first aid and the front gate.
A sign up sheet was passed for shifts at the Algona Rally in Iowa. This is the biggest recruiting effort for A.B.A.T.E of Minnesota.
MMSAC – Info was passed. This is a very important committee for motorcyclists and we need more than 2 A.B.A.T.E members on this committee.
Write to ride patches: when you write a letter to an elected official and get a response, send a copy to Frank Ernst you will receive a patch or rocker. Mike Davis, Mitch Backlund, Connie and Wayne Skinner received theirs from the last board meeting.
Becky, Todd and Lee received pins for their contributions to the Road Noise.
Todd passed fliers for the Vets Ride on June 7th leaving from Forest Lake. The ride benefits programs for our Vets.
East Central chapter of A.B.A.T.E is having a fundraiser on June 6th. Info with a complimentary ticket was passed. Take the ticket if you can go.
Way West Chapter's Memorial Weekend bash in Montevideo is Memorial Day weekend; contact Todd if you want to go.

Reminder of a 5 minute maximum for reports, hold your questions and comments until after the reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership & Retention (Sherry) Sherry deferred to Dawn about her ideas for Membership. Dawn would like current members who attend meetings to call members who don't come to meetings and invite them to upcoming meetings and events. Dawn is putting together a list for people to call in their area so they can invite members to events and possibly ride together. After we get through the current member list, we can start on the expired member list.
A reminder that the person who recruits the most new members before the June meeting will receive \$100.00.

Products (Rhiannon) No Report.

Buddy Bears (Noma given by Jim) Since we have no money in the gambling fund, we have not ordered any more buddy bears.

Special Events (Rosa and Kathie) Kathie has volunteered to be co-chair.
Spring Run is May 16th. Registration starts at 10:30. We will leave the Delano Legion at 12:00 ending in Buffalo at Evergreen Grill and Spirits. Tickets are \$7:00 in advance and \$10.00 the day of the event. *Motion to charge \$7.00 for the meal tickets after the run, \$6.00 will go to Evergreen and \$1.00 will come back to the chapter – Bill, 2nd by Mike S. Hands – motion passed.* Meal will include a pork chop, pasta salad, beans, bun, and chips. Water and pop will be available. Additional pork chop is \$2.00. Please bring non-perishable food items for the Buffalo Food Shelf. Rosa will collect and bring these items to the Buffalo food shelf.
The pre-run is Saturday May 9th at 12:00 from the Delano American Legion. All are welcome.
Camp Friendship Bike show is July 14th. We will leave Sturgis Park in Buffalo at 5:30.
Grounded Hogs party will be February 6th. We need to get Medina a check for \$1200.00 to secure the facility. We will receive 15% of the bar take. Doors will be open from 7pm to 1 am. We can start setting up as early as 8 am.
Motion to secure Pork Chop and Everett Smithson for the Grounded Hogs party – Mitch, 2nd by Gene. Hands – motion passed.
Advertising for the Grounded Hogs party – along with advertisements in the Road Noise and radio spots, there are many free spots on the internet. Contact Rosa or Kathie with any free spots that you can find.
Auction items – start looking now for auction items. We need better quality items so we can make more money. Medina has asked that no food or alcohol items be used in the auction. Rosa will

talk to them about this since the items will not be consumed on the premises.

Training & Education (Mary given by Jim) There are still spots open for the ERC class. Currently 9 people are signed up. Up to 12 can attend. It is scheduled for Sunday May 24th.

Committee Reports (State Level)

A.B.A.T.E. U (Noma given by Karen) About \$3,000.00 was made on the auction and about another \$3,000.00 was made from the chapter challenges. After everything was paid for there was a profit. Noma should have the final numbers next month. If anyone has questions or comments on the new things they tried this year, contact Noma.

State Rally (Bill) For the 2010 rally there will be a drawing for a motorcycle. We will need to sell about 8 to 9 thousand tickets at \$5.00 each.

Dawn has fliers available for the 2009 rally. The dates are September 4th through the 7th. The bands will be: Friday - Silver and Vick Ferrari, Saturday - Everett Smithson, Freebird and Bad Animals, Sunday - Ultimate Ozzy and TNT.

OTHER REPORTS

Public Relations (Mitch) Mitch we put articles in the local papers about Motorcycle Safety Awareness month.

July 14th is the bike show at Camp Friendship.

MRF Report (Todd) Todd has fliers available for the Meeting of the Minds in September. The Vice President of the MRF, Michael Bose Kerr, passed away peacefully in his sleep on April 20th. A new vice president will be seated on May 3rd at a board meeting conducted via e-mail and web cam. About \$480.00 was raised at A.B.A.T.E. U. and in Bismarck, ND for the MRF. Part of the money will be used for the MRF to sponsor our rally and the rest will be presented to them at the Meeting of the Minds. \$255.00 was raised for the PAC.

MMSAC (Mike) No report.

Legislative Director (Todd) The Failure to Yield bill suffered a serious but not fatal setback in the Minnesota House Finance Committee. The bill was defeated on a voice vote. Mack has more info on the A.B.A.T.E. website.

Motion to accept the committee reports – Michael Shinn, 2nd by Lee. Hands – Motion passed

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

OLD BUSINESS - Dawn has made arrangements to have the Dial-A-Ride trailer on our run. Memorial Run will leave from Hopkins from Tavern on Main at noon. The run will visit Victoria, Waconia, St Boni (stopping for a short visit at Tommy's), Delano, Montrose and then to Buffalo. The run will end at Dave and Becky's houses for refreshments.

NEW BUSINESS - Lake Chapter's MRF membership is due. *Motion to renew our sustaining*

membership with the MRF at a cost of \$100.00, Michael Shinn, 2nd by Mike E., Hands - motion passed.

Dial-A-Ride boxes are here. These are available from Dawn. If you drop off boxes, please follow up with the bar to make sure they are using them and keeping track of calls made to Dial-A-Ride. There is a checklist available with steps for follow-up on the boxes.

Dawn has proposed that we work with other chapters on our runs. The fall run with Tri-County and the spring run with Sand Dunes. Dawn will bring this idea to the special events committee. Dawn will contact Rhiannon about memorial patches for Frenchy. We may co-ordinate patches with the Legion Riders.

Dawn will be asking members to plan a ride and/or dinner around the meetings. She will be sending the info via e-mail before the next meeting.

Lee has schedules for the St.Boni Saints if anyone would like one. For their fundraiser they have bar cards available at the local bars for discounts on drinks.

Saturday May 9th Crow River Harley Davidson is having their open house. Maureen will have a table there if anyone would like to work with her.

State co-coordinator, Mack has been visiting other organizations working on some of the insurance and legislative issues we share.

Mitch is taking reservations for the School House in Sturgis.

Dawn has invited everyone to her graduation party on May 9th from 1-5, with a bonfire to follow later in the evening.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 14th - Bike night at Medina Ballroom

May 16th – Spring Run - registration starts @ 10:30. Leave Delano Legion at Noon

May 23rd – Memorial Run leaving from Tavern on Main in Hopkins at 12:00

June 6th – Chapter Meeting 2:00, Pioneer Park, Annandale

June 7th - Vets Run, Forest Lake

June 13th - MN Honors Vietnam era Vets - State Capital Grounds

July 11th – A.B.A.T.E of MN Board of Directors Meeting, Finlayson

July 14th - Camp Friendship Bike Show, leaving Sturgis Park in Buffalo at 5:30

August 4th – Minnesota Day in Central City, SD

August 15th – Chapter Meeting 2:00 @ Rosa and Jimmy's house, Buffalo

September 4-7 – A.B.A.T.E of MN State Rally, Litchfield

September 24-27 – Meeting of the Minds, Bloomington

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

Time: 3:40

Minutes recorded and submitted by Sheryl Immel, Lake Chapter Secretary

Motions made at the 5.2.09 meeting

1. Motion to accept minutes as written – Maureen, 2nd by Mitch. Hands – Motion passed.

2. Motion to accept Treasurer's report - Mitch, 2nd by Karen. Hands – Motion passed.

3. Motion to charge \$7.00 for the meal tickets after the run, \$6.00 will go to Evergreen and \$1.00 will come back to the chapter – Bill, 2nd by Mike S. Hands – motion passed.

4. Motion to secure Pork Chop and Everett Smithson for the Grounded Hogs party – Mitch, 2nd by Gene. Hands – motion passed.

5. Motion to accept the committee reports – Michael Shinn, 2nd by Lee. Hands – Motion passed

6. Motion to renew our sustaining membership with the MRF at a cost of \$100.00 - Michael Shinn, 2nd by Mike E. Hands - motion passed.

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