

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

Date – June 7th, 2008

Location – Woody's in Rockford

Time – 4pm

Officers Attending:

President	Mike Berger	X		
Vice President	Charm Bolgreaan	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		Dick Van Horn	

Total number of members attending - 32

Total number of guests attending – None

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

Welcome of new members or guests – None present

President's remarks (Mike) Mike reminded everyone to stay on point when speaking and to not talk over others when they are speaking and reviewed a list with the overall length of some of the past meetings. Thank you to Dawn for spearheading the Dart walk and collecting money for the MCPAC. Mike spoke about Craig Nelson, a fellow motorcyclist, who died on Hwy 55 on May 17th and reminded everyone to be safe on the road.

Vice President's remarks (Charm) – None

OFFICER REPORTS:

Secretary's report (Maureen) Copies of the meeting minutes were passed out. *Motion to accept Secretary's report – Becky, 2nd by Mike S, Hands – Motion passed.*

Treasurer's report (Jim) Currently we are \$228 out of balance with the Mitch (State Treasurer.) Jim is working on finding it.

Started May with	\$2,541.97
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Income:	Memberships	69.00
	Adj to Hospitality room food \$171.19 vs \$166.93	4.26
	Products sold	40.00
	Spring Dart Run tickets sold	752.00
	Membership reimbursement for ERC	240.00
	Cash donations	28.00
	Total:	1133.26

Expenses:	1st class postage for Road Noise	2.00
	Matt Collins-Reimburse hotel Heartland Steam	140.00
	Dawn Riba-Reimburse hotel Chapter Rep	157.58
	MRF sustaining membership	100.00
	Hennepin Tech Inst-ERC class	300.00
	50% split w/ABATE MN	141.15
	Adj to Road Noise add expense \$36.50 vs \$38.50	2.00
	Spring Dart Run prizes	150.00
	5% to MRF fund & Motorcycle Pac of MN \$37.60 each	75.20
	Memorial Run food (Becky)	50.00
	Postage/supplies postcards Bill Nelson	221.99
	Total:	1,339.92

April Ending Balance	\$2,335.31
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Earmarks:	Grounded hogs	-\$800.00
	ABATE U Hospitality Room	-\$150.00
	State Rally corn feed	-\$100.00
	Tent Rental to Little John	-\$100.00

Petty Cash:		\$50.00
MRF Donation Fund:		\$467.23
Chapter Gambling Fund:		\$253.80
Food Shelf Fund:		\$161.22
Toys for Tots Fund:		\$5.29
Buddy Bear Fund		\$275.00

Grand Total:	\$3,547.85
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Available Total:	\$1,385.31
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Motion to accept Treasurer's report – Mary, 2nd by Keith. Hands – Motion passed.

Chapter Rep report (Dawn) – State Rally \$35 advanced tickets available until the July 19th BOD, Dawn & Mary have tickets available. Dawn will not be at the July 7th Lake Chapter meeting. Southwest District meeting is June 28th, contact Mike about a group ride out there.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Special Events (Rosa) Thanks to everyone for attending and/or helping at the Spring & Memorial Runs. Special thanks to Becky for hosting the get together after the Memorial Run. Rental for the Medina Entertainment Center is \$1500. Contact Rosa ASAP with any band ideas. Grounded Hogs auction items needed. Toys for Tots will be at Bootleggers in Mayer, Lee is working on this. Fall Run is Sept 20th; contact Rosa with any ideas for the route. Terry & Angie Vigil have offered their place for a Lake Chapter campout after the Fall Run. *Motion to combine the Fall Run & the Lake Chapter campout – Todd, 2nd by Keith. Hands – Motion passed.* Contact Rosa or Charm with any ideas for advertising the Grounded Hogs party & the Fall Run.

Membership & Retention (Mike) Still looking for someone to take over this position, contact Mike if interested. Lake Chapter currently has 416 members. Charm reminded everyone about the State Rally ticket raffle when you sign up a new member.

Public Relations (Mitch) Not Present.

Training/Share the Road (Mary) Mary passed around a MC favorable article from the Waconia Patriot newspaper. The Exp. Riders Class went well; she encouraged others to take the class. A.B.A.T.E. of MN will extend your membership for 6 months when you send in a copy of your riders training completion card to the State Office. There was discussion about whether the chapter still reimburses members for taking a riders training course, Mike will check on this and revisit this issue at the next meeting. Mary passed out a HOG Tales magazine article that discussed loud pipes, she encouraged everyone to review it and be respectful of others when you using your throttle.

Motion to accept committee reports – Rhiannon, 2nd by Lee. Hands Motion passed.

OTHER REPORTS

MRF (Todd) Through the MCPAC we can collect money and give it to MC friendly politicians. Thanks to the PAC, a few people were able to attend a fundraiser for Rep. John Kline. Meeting of the Minds is coming up Sept 25th – 28th in Denver, Colorado, contact Todd if you are interested in going. Todd spoke about the “Perfect Storm” brewing politically and recounted numerous Legislators’ plans to infringe upon the rights of motorcyclist such as decreasing motorcycle safety funding, helmet laws and the like. Todd spoke about studies that cherry pick info to get the results they want. Todd encourage everyone to read about what AAA is doing and write them a letter and think about joining the MRF’s Roadside Assistance Program. Rhiannon told everyone about a Meet & Greet for Rep. Will Morgan on Monday June 9th.

Govt. Relations/MMSAC (Mike) Mike reviewed some statistics and talked about how different groups can skew the information to get a desired result. For the “Real” information contact Mike or Todd. The next MMSAC is July 17th in Winona. If anyone is interested in group riding down there, contact Mike.

Products (Jim & Rhiannon) Jim – Rhiannon is now our new Products person. **Rhiannon** – If anyone has any ideas about shirt colors and/or designs let her know. **Keith** - Thank you for stepping up and taking the position. (applause)

Buddy Bears (Mike) – Bears are on their way to Barb. Bears will be given to LifeLink, Albertville Fire & Rescue, Wright County Children’s Services & the Breezy Point Fire & Rescue. Mike will check if the bears will be here in time for our July 12th meeting in Breezy Point.

State Rally (Becky) A 5yr contract extension has been signed with the Meeker County Fair Board. Sponsorships are still needed. Lake Chapter Meet & Greet is Aug. 30th at 2pm. Little John will bring the tent to the Rally. **Todd** – Mitch paid the \$250 for an MRF sponsorship for the Rally, he passed the hat to defray the cost of that sponsorship.

OLD BUSINESS

1. There is 40th Birthday at Mike & Mary’s house after today’s meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Randy Deter spoke about how important Lake Chapter and A.B.A.T.E. has been to him. Randy is moving to Arizona shortly. Randy would like to see an award set up that will recognize individuals for their work on behalf of children.
2. Drawing of the Name – There will be 2 names drawn next month.
3. There will be a group ride to the July 12th Lake Chapter meeting, e-mails will be sent out with the details. Mike will not be at the next meeting.
4. Mike spoke giving new members a free A.B.A.T.E. patch upon joining A.B.A.T.E. *Motion to have Dawn present the idea of giving new members a free A.B.A.T.E patch upon joining; chapter rockers are not included, to the BOD at the July meeting – Mary, 2nd by Keith. Discussion ~ Keith – Friendly amendment to have it be “1st time, new” members only not renewals. Hands – Motion passed.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 14th – MC Run for the Red Cross, Registration 9am, Tavern on Main, Hopkins

June 14th – Lee’s Hog Shoot, Lee’s house in St. Boni, 5pm

June 14th – Central Chapter Buddy Bear Bash, Milo’s Morrill

June 14th – Ronald McDonald House Benefit Run

June 21st – Alzheimer’s MC Ride for the Mind, Registration 11am, 10 Spot Bar, Royalton

June 21st – Memorial Run for Auggie, Leave’s Schmidty’s at Noon

June 28th – Southwest District Meeting, Bonfire Bar & Grill (on Hwy 22 between Litchfield & Hutchinson) 2pm

July 3rd ~ 5th – Algona Freedom Rally in Iowa

July 12th – Lake Chapter Meeting, Keith “Smoker” Efron’s place, Breezy Point, 4pm

July 19th – Breeze for Needs Cancer Run

July 25th – Party at the Anderson’s

August 19th – Camp Friendship Bike Show

August 29th ~ September 1st – A.B.A.T.E. of MN State Rally (Chapter Meet & Greet, Aug 30th, 2pm)

September 20th – Fall Run / Lake Chapter Campout

Motion to Adjourn Stroke, 2nd by Keith. Hands – Motion passed

Time – 5:14pm

Lake Chapter 6.7.08 Meeting Motions

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2. Motion to accept Treasurer’s report – Mary, 2nd by Keith. Hands – Motion passed
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