

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

Date: July 12th, 2008

Location: Keith's place in Breezy Point

Time: 4pm

Officers Attending:

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

Total number of members attending: 14

Total number of guests attending: 2

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance – Karen at 3:57pm

Welcome of new members or guests – Welcome thanks for coming.

President's remarks (Mike) – Mike absent

Vice President's remarks (Charm) – Thanks to everybody who came out today. Thanks to Keith for hosting the meeting.

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary's report (Maureen) – *Motion to waive the reading of the minutes – Mary, 2nd by Keith E. Hands – Motion passed.*

Treasurer's report (Jim) – Read by Charm.

	Started June with	\$2,226.34
Income:	Memberships	88.00
	Total:	88.00
Expenses:	1st class postage for Road Noise	2.00
	Total:	2.00
April Ending Balance		\$2,312.34
Earmarks:	Grounded hogs	-\$800.00
	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:		\$10.00
Buddy Bear Fund		\$275.00
Grand Total:		\$3,529.59
Available Balance		\$1,312.34

Motion to accept Treasurers report - Kenny, 2nd by Fred. Hands – Motion passed.

Chapter Rep report (Dawn) – Read by Charm. State Rally work shift sign-up sheet sent around. Kenny is the contact person for the corn that will be served at the State Rally. Dawn will present Mike/Mary's idea about giving new members a free A.B.A.T.E. patch. *Motion to accept Chapter Rep report – Kenny, 2nd by Karen. Hands – Motion passed.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Special Events (Rosa) Read by Charm. Fall Run/Campout coming up. *Motion to spend \$569 - \$594 to pay for the Fall Run/Campout expenses – Gene, 2nd by Karen. Hands – Motion passed.* Keith E will look for info on the Minnesota's original biker calendar so we can get events listed in there, Mary and/or Rosa will follow up on this. Charm mentioned that since we don't have an August meeting and we are kinda in a time crunch to get this together Rosa asked if the Chapter would let the Special Events pick the bands for the Grounded Hogs party and pay up to and within the \$1200 – \$1400 range to secure them. *Motion that we let the Special Events committee pick the bands and have leeway for the money to secure the bands for the Grounded Hogs party – Fred, 2nd by Schmidty. Hands – Motion passed.*

Membership & Retention (Open) Mary – Contact Mike Berger, if interested in this position. Discussion was held about the giving out name tags and giving away a \$5 off chapter products coupon at each meeting didn't increase membership, the new Membership & Retention person will address this issue.

Public Relations Read by Mack. There is a Dial-A-Ride trailer is available to parked in Lake Chapter's area. Aug 19th is the Camp Friendship event. Discussion was held on what to bring to the Camp Friendship event. Anoka Technical College will be holding a Basic MC Maintenance course for \$65 it will be held one day a month for the next couple of months. St. Cloud Technical College has Motorcycle Riding Training courses available.

Training/Share the Road (Mary) - She is working with Paul T. to hold a Share the Road class at her work. We need people to conduct the Share the Road classes, ideally 5-6 people.

Motion to accept committee reports – Ken, 2nd by Fred. Hands – Motion passed.

OTHER REPORTS

MRF (Todd) – Mary spoke about Mary Peters apologizing for trying to raid MC funds and how she will work closer with the MC community in the future. In a press release Mary Peters stated that this administration will never consider a National helmet mandate. Lake Chapter is a sustaining member of MRF. Todd is now the State Reps Program Director for the MRF.

Govt. Relations/MMSAC (Mike) – The next MMSAC meeting will be held on Thursday July 17th in Winona, there will be a cornering class held before the 5pm meeting.

Products (Rhiannon) – If you have any ideas for products or T-shirt designs, please contact her.

Buddy Bears (Noma) – Read by Charm. Noma came up with a list of who Buddy Bears are going to be given to and how many they will receive. She needs help setting up delivery dates. Kenny will set up the Albertville Fire Department date.

State Rally (Becky) – Advanced tickets available until the July 19th BOD. The next State Rally meeting is after the BOD. August 1st is the deadline for getting sponsors listed in the Rally program. We can still accept sponsors after Aug 1st. The Nielson White band will replace Debbie Jackson & Thunder Road as a State Rally band. The last Rally meeting will be Sunday, Aug 24th at noon at the Meeker County Fairgrounds.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Review of Lake Chapter's rally duties: security, front gate, bike games, raising of the army tent** – Lake Chapter will be running the Bike Games at the State Rally. Sign-up sheet is going around for Rally shifts. Help is needed to raise the army tent at the Rally. Becky will order the trophies for the Bike Games.
2. **Recap of Camp Friendship bike show times/commitment from members to attend/products to donate** – Covered earlier in the meeting.
3. Mary handed out a list of fallen A.B.A.T.E members she needs help filling in the incomplete info and getting pictures of these members.
4. Lee talked about a benefit for A.B.A.T.E. member Dale Luetke, who was injured in a motorcycle accident. It will be held at the Delano American Legion on Sept 20th from 6 to 8pm. The Medina Entertainment Center will soon be holding a benefit for Dale.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Lake Chapter hosting the next Southwest District meeting – need to contact the Sons (same day as our fall run/campout)** Lake Chapter was suppose to hold the SWDD meeting on Sept 20th but we scheduled our Fall Run that day, Charm talked to Val V. about the scheduling mix-up and Lake Chapter will host the next Southwest District Director's meeting.
2. **Post cards need to be printed – review of dates/meeting times and locations** – The Oct thru Apr chapter meetings will be held at Woody's in Rockford at 4pm. Maureen suggested holding the Sept 6th chapter meeting at Pioneer Park. *Motion to hold the Sept 6th chapter meeting at Pioneer Park in Annandale at 4pm – Fred, 2nd by Karen. Hands – Motion passed.* Fall Ditch pick-up will be Oct 18th, 10am to Noon followed by the Amateur Bartending (Toys for Tots fundraising event) at Bootleggers from Noon to 6pm.
3. Mack spoke about how Mary Peters has done a 180 on her idea to take away money from motorcyclist, Governor helped make this happen. He spoke about that it's a good thing more A.B.A.T.E. members are getting on the MMSAC board. Thanks to A.B.A.T.E. of Iowa for allowing us to sign up people for A.B.A.T.E. of MN. Thanks to Kenny for working hard at the Algona Rally to make things happen. He passed around a tri-fold that Maureen put together. He spoke about a Marketing Director position that he will present to the Board at the next BOD. He spoke about a blanket insurance policy that will save A.B.A.T.E. money and eliminate individual chapters getting insurance for their events. He reminded everyone that we have to work hard to get our membership numbers up so we can secure our freedoms there are a lot of people working hard to take our freedoms away.
4. Thanks to Keith for hosting this month's meeting. After passing the hat Keith was given \$85 to defray food costs.
5. Gene talked about Shad Skinner's motorcycle accident. *Motion to donate \$150 to Shad to defray medical expenses – Gene, 2nd by Fred. Hands – Motion passed.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 19th – Breeze for Needs Cancer Run

August 19th – Camp Friendship Bike Show meet at Sturges Park in Buffalo @ 5pm

August 29th ~ Sept 1st – ABATE of MN State Rally (Chapter Meet & Greet & group photo, Aug. 30th, 2pm)

Sept 6th – Chapter meeting at Pioneer Park in Annandale at 4pm

Sept 20th – Fall run and campout

Oct 18th – Fall Ditch pick up, 10am to Noon

Oct 18th – Amateur Bartending (Tots for Tots fundraiser) Bootleggers, Noon to 6pm

Motion to adjourn – Buzz, 2nd by Mary. Hands – Motion passed.

Time 5:10pm.

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

7.12.08 Lake Chapter Meeting Motions

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