

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

**Location:** Woody's Rockford, MN

**Date:** August 25th, 2007

**Time:** 2pm

**Officers Attending:**

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

**Total Number of members attending:**     32

**Guests attending:**                             3

**Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Lee at 2:03pm

**President Remarks - Dawn acting President during Mike's absence** – Our thoughts and prayers are with Jimmy and his family who lost his sister this week. Welcome to Dave. Welcome to Deano and Val.

**Vice-President Remarks – Jim Kosse acting Vice President -**

**Welcome to guests and new members**

**OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Secretary's Report – Maureen -** *Motion to waive the reading of the minutes – Fred, 2nd by Gabby. Hands – Motion passed.*

**Treasurers Report – Rosa -**

<b>Beginning Balance</b>		\$1223.77
<b>Income</b>		
Memberships	\$193.00	<u>+\$193.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>		\$1,416.77
<b>Expenses</b>		
Road Noise	\$2.00	
Printed Materials	<u>\$12.97</u>	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$14.97	<u>-\$14.97</u>
<b>*Ending Balance</b>		\$1,401.80

**\*Future Expenses**

\$350.00 for the Everett Smithson Band (\$250.00 from the chapter and \$100.00 from member donations.)  
Up to \$50.00 for tent repairs.  
\$75.00 (approx.) for the purchase of 25 Dan Smith memorial patches.  
\$120.00 for two members to attend the Meeting of the Minds (\$60.00 ea.)  
Up to \$40.00 for the purchase of the U.S. Flag for the Steven J. Kreitlow Award.  
\$38.50 for the Road Noise Ad for the Fall Colors Run.  
\$38.50 for the Road Noise Ad for the Amateur Bartending event.

**Chapter Funds**

Petty Cash	\$42.20	
MRF	\$388.00	
Toys/Tots	\$18.00	
Food Shelf	\$71.20	
*Gambling	<u>\$871.80</u>	
<b>Total Funds</b>	\$1,351.20	<u>+1,351.20</u>
<b>Grand Total</b>		\$2,793.00

\*\$55.00 allocated for the purchase of 10 aprons @ \$5.50 ea.

\*\$100.00 allocated for a Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation donation.

*Motion to accept Treasurer's Report as read – Mitch, 2nd by Fred. Hands – Motion passed.*

**State Rep Report – Dawn- Southwest District Director Val VanderWeyst** – She said there was nothing new to report. The next District meeting will be held at the Grain Exchange in Slayton, MN on Sept. 15th @ 2pm. The meetings are open to everyone.

**Membership & Retention Report – Mary absent – Karen** – nothing new to report.

**Motorcycle Riders Foundation Report – Todd** – Sept 1st is the deadline for winning the motorcycle from the MRF. There was an attempt to strip MC funds from the highway bill, Jeff Hennie got to work quickly and the proposal was shot down. It's very important to have this guy in D.C. Todd is on the MRF Board of Directors and he sees how much money it takes to run the organization. Todd spoke about the Meeting of the Minds being very worthwhile and taking ownership of your freedom and getting involved. Meeting of the Minds coming up the main hotel is full and there are 3 overflow hotels in the area. Todd spoke about the Black Hills map that was passed out during Sturgis. *Mitch made a motion to donate the \$388.00 that we have in the MRF fund and add an additional \$112.00 from chapter general funds to make a \$500.00 donation to the MRF, 2nd by Charm. Hands motion passed.* **Rosa** - cannot attend the Meeting of the Minds this year - subject will be addressed after the meeting.

**Government Relations / MN MC Safety Advisory Committee Report – Mike absent – Mack** – I'd like to thank Mike for being on the committee. Mack got the list of the new / returning committee members and we have 5 ABATE members on the committee. When you see a committee members thank them. Everybody is welcome to attend the meetings.

**Public Relations Report – Mitch** – She has updated the photo books. Bowling is coming up on Oct 21st. Dawn and Chris spoke about how rewarding it is to go to Camp Friendship for you and them.

**Products Report – Jim** – I've got shirts available. The Dan Smith memorial patches are on order and should be here soon. He should have products for the State Rally. Todd has MRF products available.

**Buddy Bears Report – Noma** – She did hear from Randy Deters and he will be at Grumpy's in St. Boni at 6:30pm on Sept 25th to receive our Buddy bear donation. Mitch wants pictures of the Buddy Bear donation to Wright County.

**Dial-A-Ride – Dawn / Rosa – Dawn** – She has the aprons and will bring them to the Amateur Bartending event. **Rosa** – She will get 5 more DAR boxes to bring on the Fall Run and hand them out.

**Special Events Report – Rosa** – Highway pickup on Sept 29th at 10am in St. Boni. Lee would like a big turnout so we can take a picture in front of our new sign. Grumpy's will give a free beverage to everyone who helps out with the highway pickup. Amateur Bartending at Bootlegger's in Mayer starts at 11am. They will have food and a band. Fall Run is on Oct 6th leaving Woody's at noon, the route is about 110 miles. Grounded Hogs party – We need to sell tickets. For every 10 tickets you sell you get your name in the drawing for the free room. Rosa thanked everyone on the committee for all their help. **Charm** – Will there be Grounded Hogs info handed out at the District meeting? Dawn will be going to the meeting she will bring flyers. Rosa – Flyers/tickets will be handed out at the next BOD. The Fall Run Pre-Run will leave Woody's at noon sharp on Sept 30th. All Sgt @ Arms should attend the pre-run.

**State Rally Report – Becky** – The next Rally meeting will be Aug 26th at the fairgrounds at noon. Tent patching is on Aug 26th at the fairgrounds. Dawn sent the State Rally work shift sign up sheet around. There was discussion about what food will be available and who will cook what. Electrical is available for crock-pots and such. Shad and Noma will renew their vows on Saturday, Sept 1st at 1:30pm.

**Southwest District Director Report – Val** – ABATE runs in cycles. ABATE numbers maybe up but volunteerism is down. She spoke about how we have tried surveys and other things to get people active in the chapters and that without the core group of people that she has seen for the last 5 - 6 years Lake Chapter wouldn't exist and that we should give ourselves a pat on the back and a round of applause. **Mike Shinn** – some of the feedback that he has received is that ABATE U is on the same weekend as the Flood Run, the 1st biggest run of the season. Noma – The 2008 ABATE U will be held on April 11th – 13th.

*Motion to accept all committee reports – Keith, 2nd by Charm. Hands – motion passed.*

**Membership & Retention drawing – Mary / Karen - Karen** – There will be 2 drawings next month.

## OLD BUSINESS

1. Volunteers for the Rally – Potluck and Shifts – Dawn sent the State Rally work shift schedule around. Keith said wood is on the way. Reed will be running the State Rally fire.
2. Group Photo at the Rally – final time? – Dawn will make posters announcing the time and place of the Lake Chapter group photo. The Turkey / Corn feed is noon on Saturday.
3. Comp tickets for the Rally – We still have comp tickets available. Do we have any ideas of people who are in “need” that we can give the tickets to? **Mack** – We have friends in politics maybe we can give the tickets to them.
4. Nominations for Steve Award – the flag is here – **Dawn** – remember it is coming up. Keith K. will make the case for the flag. We need ideas for quotes to be engraved on the case.
5. **Chris** – thanked everyone who showed up for the Delano Parade. We should continue to do this. South Central / DAR made a statement by being there.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Poster for Rally about group photo – Dawn will make these.
2. Poster for Toys for Tots Bartending - Charm had these available.
3. **Dawn** – Where is our Lake Chapter stuff? Mitch / Mike will look around and bring our memorabilia to the next meeting so we can hang it up at Woody’s.
4. **Gabby** – Spoke about how Freedom Farms is similar to Camp Friendship but they use animal s. Gabby suggested we make a motion to donate money to them. *Fred made a motion to donate \$100.00 from Gambling funds, 2nd by Chris. Hands – motion passed.*
5. **Todd** – Spoke about the need to support other chapter’s events and said there is a group ride to the Sand Dunes Chapter Rodeo in Orrock after the meeting.
6. **Dawn** – Spoke about how she would like to see people take ownership of the events they enjoy doing and maybe take over the organizing of these events so we can take the load off of the chapter officers. Example: Mitch organizes the Bowling event every year. We can address this at the next meeting, this is just something to think about.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

August 25 – 3pm Sand Dunes Rodeo, KJ's Refuge, Orrock  
August 26 – 11am Tent set-up and Repair, Meeker County Fairgrounds  
August 31 - September 3 – State Rally, Meeker County Fairgrounds in Litchfield  
September 29 – 10am Highway Pickup, St. Boni. Meet @ SW Corner of HWY 7 & Co Rd 92  
September 29 – 11am – 5pm Toys for Tots Amateur Bartending @ Bootleggers, Mayer  
September 21, 22, 23 – Meeting of the Minds, Cedar Rapids IA  
October 6 – Noon Fall Colors Run, Woody’s, Rockford  
October 13 – 4pm Woody's, Rockford (Nominations for Steve Award due to Mike)  
October 21 – Noon Bowling for Big Brothers & Sisters McPete’s in Big Lake  
November 10 – 4pm Woody's, Rockford  
December 1 – 4pm Woody's, Rockford

**Motion to Adjourn** – Laura, 2nd by Dave. Hands – Motion passed.

**Meeting Adjourned at 3:14pm.**

**8/25/07 Lake Chapter Meeting Motions:**

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