

**A.B.A.T.E. of MN**  
**LAKE CHAPTER MEETING**

**Location:** Becky's house, Buffalo

**Date:** July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007

**Time:** 2pm

**Officers Attending:**

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

**Total number of members attending:** 28

**Guests attending:** 1

**Call to order / Pledge of Allegiance** – Led by at Lee at 2:09pm.

**President Remarks** – Mike – Thanks everyone for coming out and thanks to Becky for holding the meeting at her house.

**Vice President Remarks** – Dawn – None.

**Welcome new guests and members** – Mike – Welcome to Tyler

**OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

**Treasurer's Report** – Rosa –

	Treasurer's Report August 2007	
<b>Beginning Balance:</b>		<b>\$867.77</b>
<b>Income:</b>		
Memberships -	\$161.00	
Products -	\$42.00	
Split w/State	\$55.00	
Donations -	<u>\$100.00</u>	
<b>Total Income:</b>	\$358.00	<b>+ \$358.00</b>
		<b>\$1,225.77</b>
<b>Expense:</b>		
Postage for Road Noise -	<u>\$2.00</u>	
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	\$2.00	<b>- \$2.00</b>
<b>Ending Balance:</b>		<b>\$1,223.77</b>
<b>Funds:</b>		
Petty Cash -	\$42.20	
MRF Fund -	\$388.00	
Toys for Tots -	\$18.00	
Food Shelf -	\$31.20	
Chapter Gambling -	\$445.70	
Buddy Bear -	\$0.00	
Addition error adjustment June 2007	<u>-\$0.02</u>	
<b>Total Funds:</b>	\$925.08	<b>+ \$925.08</b>
<b>Grand Total:</b>		<b>\$2,148.85</b>

*Motion to accept the Treasurer's report as read* – Charm, 2nd by Mary B. *Hands – Motion passed.*

**State Rep Report – Dawn** – The ABATE U committee would like each chapter to come to the Oct BOD with 5 things that you would like to see at the next ABATE U. We have a new Education Committee Chairperson. Rolling Prairie and Buffalo Ridge are the only chapters really involved with the Share the Road program. The Share the Road program may become mandatory in Drivers Education classes so we will need volunteers to help out if this happens. Al would like to have a contact person from each chapter for Membership and Retention. Rally raffle tickets have to be turned into Kim by Aug. 18th. Please hand out any Dial-A-Ride boxes that you have. If you do an intervention please report it to the DAR before November so they can report it for budget purposes. Remember United Way donations can go directly to DAR. We have a new chapter named Freedom First Riders located near the Alexandria area.

**Membership & Retention Report – Mary** – Mary is still looking for other people to help out. Maybe they can meet 30 minutes or so before the chapter meeting to brainstorm to get more people to the meetings. Mary will be Al's contact for Membership & Retention.

**Motorcycle Riders Foundation Report – Todd** – The Lucas custom motorcycle contest is coming to an end and then he explained how to enter. Todd read an article about how Insurance companies could deny you coverage and spoke about how the MRF is working to get this Insurance loophole closed. Please contact your Representatives about this issue to get them to sign on as co-sponsors. Darin forwarded the information to the American Quarter Horse Association and they are interested in joining forces. Todd spoke about how that there are many communities that starting to crackdown on the noise issue. The MRF is trying to Motorcycle issues local so the Federal Government can't blackmail States into things as they have in the past. The MRF's Meeting of the Minds is Sept 20th-23rd in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. For anybody going to Sturgis you can attend the Motorcycle Rights Organization social gathering in Whitewood, South Dakota on Thursday August 9th at noon. Darin / Todd spoke about a bill that was introduced and quickly defeated that would have stopped Federal money that is currently being allocated to Motorcycle Safety Programs by 2010.

**Government Relations / MN MC Safety Advisory Committee Report – Mike** – There weren't enough members in attendance to hold an official meeting. Not all the ballots were in but Mitch maybe elected to MMSAC.

**Public Relations Report – Mitch** – Mitch passed around the article from the Monticello paper that featured our Washout She had signup sheets for the Bowling event that will be held Oct 21st, noon to 2pm at McPete's in Big Lake. She talked about the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. *Motion to donate \$100.00 out of gambling funds to the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation - Mitch, 2nd by Julie. Discussion – There is more money in the account because of the BOD meeting and that amount will be reflected in next month's Treasurers report. Hands – Motion passed.*

**Products Report – Jim** – I have women's shirts available. Jim mentioned the Dan Smith memorial run. *Charm – Motion to buy 25 Dan Smith Memorial patches, 2nd by Mitch. Discussion followed. Hands – Motion passed.* Becky asked if anyone sent an updated list to State Memorial Run committee, Dawn will follow up on this. Dawn mentioned State Products that are being discounted.

**Buddy Bears Report – Noma** – On Tuesday July 31st at 6:30pm there will be someone at the Wright County Human Services building to take our Buddy Bear donation and take pictures. Randy will contact Noma with a time and place to receive our Buddy Bear donation and then she will send out that information.

**Dial-A-Ride Report – Dawn / Rosa – Dawn** – I have DAR to take with you, also if you do an intervention contact DAR. Dawn spoke about the importance of the DAR service and to pass the word. **Mike** – the DAR service is funded through the Dept of Public Safety and they have to submit a report at year's end so if you make an intervention please report it. **Dawn** – I bought 10 aprons at the last DAR meeting. *Motion to buy the aprons (\$55) from Dawn – Charm, 2nd by Becky. Lee made an amendment to use Gambling Funds for this. Discussion followed. Hands – Motion passed.*

**Special Events Report – Rosa** – Rosa passed out flyers for the Fall Run that is coming up on Oct 6th, leaving from Woody's in Rockford at noon. There will be a 1/2 page ad in the Road Noise. If you have an idea about a route contact me before the September (Aug 25th) meeting, include 1 dry stop during the run. The Highway pickup will be before the Amateur Bartending event that is coming up in late September. We are working on sponsorship packets for the Grounded Hogs party and we are thinking of having 5 vendor tables. Rosa discussed who would be heading up which Committees. Advanced tickets and flyers will be available at the State Rally. For every 10 tickets sold you have 1 chance to win the free room that was donated by the Medina Ballroom to Rosa who in turn donated it to be won. Rosa discussed the costs associated with the Grounded Hogs party. Lee had \$40 that he collected at the Spring Run from people that signed up late, that money will be put into the Food Shelf fund. Noma mentioned that Tri-County expressed interest in cross-promoting future events to increase attendance for both our events. Noma will talk with the Special Events Committee about this idea.

**State Rally Report – Becky** – We can set up our chapter tent on the Aug 26th cleanup day. We are still looking for Rally sponsorships deadline is August 1st. Becky passed around the State Rally T-Shirt design. Kenny discussed his need to get in touch with Keith K. and Popeye to deliver firewood to the Meeker County Fairgrounds. Darin offered wood from his yard.

*Motion to accept all Officers and Committee Reports – Kenny, seconded by Dave A. Hands – motion passed.*

**Chapter Drawing – Mary B.** – Dave A. is the winner of this month's drawing.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1) State Rally recap: tent repair, firewood, potluck, work shifts and Bike Games: **Lee** - I will be in charge of Security at the Rally so please help me out. **Dawn** – Lake Chapter will be in charge of the Bike Games again this year since Sand Dunes chapter has declined. Discussion followed about which games will be held in the arena at the Rally. Todd will be the Bike Games contact.
- 2) Camp Friendship bike show: Tuesday August 14th at 6:30pm. We will meet at Sturges Park in Buffalo at 5:30pm
- 3) Future Meeting locations (Tabled from the Last meeting.): **Lee** – I had a meeting with the people at Woody's they are willing to give us an entire wall for stuff. *Motion to amend the original motion of "holding the chapter meetings at Woody's for the winter months (Oct to Mar) " to 1 full year – Lee, Charm accepted this amendment. Discussion followed about the pros / cons of this idea. Hands – Motion passed.* The meetings will be held at Woody's starting with the October 2007 meeting until the October 2008 meeting.
- 4) **Charm** - Thanks to Smoker hosting our last meeting and she has pictures.
- 5) **Noma** – She and Karen are the only people on the ABATE U committee they are looking for more volunteers. The next meeting will held on August 21st at 6:30pm at the Hollywood Ranch House in New Germany.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) Drawing of the names for Meeting of the Minds tickets – Mike Berger and Rosa Kreitlow are the winners.
- 2) Nominations for the Steve Award (voting in November) –**Becky** – Steve would be have been 47 years old today. This award is intended to recognize somebody who is committed to motorcyclist rights it's not a popularity contest, it's about somebody who has dedicated a lot of their time and a lot of efforts and lives the dream and fights for the dream. Becky listed the past award winners. Nominations are to be submitted to Mike by the October meeting. Nominations will be read and voted on at the November meeting. Mike spoke about the nomination and voting procedures. *Motion for up to \$40 reimbursement for the purchase of the flag – Mitch, 2nd by Charm, Hands – Motion passed.* Mike will contact Keith K. who is interested in making the case for the award.
- 3) Drawing for Lake Chapter's complimentary Rally tickets – **Kenny** – submit names of the person(s) you would like to see at the Rally who doesn't normally go. **Becky** – The State Rally Committee has voted that active duty and previously active duty (within a year) military will get into the Rally for free when they show their orders.
- 4) Motorcycle Runs - **Jim** - spoke about a run where the Police pulled over 60+ people because they blocked traffic to go through intersections while on a run. **Mike** spoke about increased enforcement on this issue. Mary spoke about Duluth finally having the authorities escort that run. **Kenny** spoke about runs that have gone through Monticello. **Mary** will contact the authorities about stopping traffic for our Fall Run.
- 5) **Mike** - at sometime he will need to turn the reins over to Dawn because of his Father's health issues. Todd mentioned that Dawn and Mike should think about an interim Vice President for when that happens.
- 6) **Todd** – Spoke about the Gang Task Force planning on conducting a sting on I-90 during Bike Week. Frank Ernst got a hold of this information and now that this information has been distributed the Gang Task Force may or may not still do this.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Aug 7th, Meet at Wy's Casino in Central City, SD, 2pm.
- Aug 14th Camp Friendship's Hot Cars, Bikes & Art night, 6:30pm. Meet @ Sturges Park in Buffalo @ 5:30pm.
- Aug 25th, Lake Chapter meeting, Woody's in Rockford, 2pm.
- Aug 25th, Sand Dunes Rodeo, KJ's Refuge in Orrock, 3pm.
- Aug 26th, Rally cleanup and tent repairs at the Meeker County Fairgrounds in Litchfield.
- Aug 31st- Sept 3rd, State Rally at the Meeker County Fairgrounds in Litchfield.
- Sept (exact date still TBD) Highway Pickup and Amateur Bartending.
- Sept 20-23rd, Meeting of the Minds, Cedar Rapids, IA.
- Oct 6th, Lake Chapter's Fall Colors Run, leaving Woody's @ noon.
- Oct 21<sup>st</sup>, Bowling for Big Brothers / Big Sisters, McPete's, Noon to 2pm.

**Motion to adjourn** – Jim, 2nd by Mary. Hands - Motion passed.

**Meeting adjourned** at 3:52pm.

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

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