

Heart of the Lakes A.B.A.T.E. Meeting Notes  
April 15, 2011  
7:30PM

**Meeting Place:** Todd & Cindy Murphy's home in Detroit Lakes

**People in Attendance:** Justin Grotjohn (President, Chapter Rep.), Todd Murphy (Vice President), Edgar Burke (Northwest District Director), Lacy Schmidt (Secretary), Crystal Lesko (Treasurer), Dan "Mort" Mortenson (Sgt. @ Arms), Gary Kertscher (Sgt. @ Arms), Noel Harrenstein (Sgt. @ Arms), Kristen Barthel, Cindy Murphy, LeAnn Burke, Donald Hope, Lowell Grubb, Justin Grubb, Julie Grotjohn, Joe Grotjohn, Rob Thiel, Tony Brune, Dan Jager, Jason Jager.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Secretary's Report:** Last Meeting was the final rush on our annual pool and dart tournament. There were some motions made as far as pool and dart went that were as follows. **Justin made a motion to have everyone at the New York Mills VFW by 10:30am for set up for the event, Rob seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. Mort made a motion to repay rob out of chapter funds for the trophies that would be handed out for pool and dart winners, Edgar seconded the motion, the motion was passed unanimously. Edgar made a motion that the chapter will pay entry in to our event for Kevin and Mort for running pool and dart, Rob seconded the motion, the motion was passed unanimously. A motion was made by Edgar to donate our annual \$100.00 donation for ABATE U, mort seconded the motion, the motion was passed unanimously.** It was also brought up that the chapter would like to have a patch made for Bill Sazma who passed away earlier this year. As our chapter's products person Murphy was going to do some pricing so we can make a decision as a group at a later date. It was also brought up so everyone was aware there was a letter written by the Ottertail Sheriff and was sent to the highway patrol, police department, and sheriff association about stopping bikers for "safety stops". Last but definitely not least chapter elections were made last month. Congratulations to new and returning officers on a good year ahead. The new officer list is as follows. Justin Grotjohn (President, Chapter Representative), Todd Murphy (Vice President), Lacy Schmidt (Secretary), Crystal Lesko (Treasurer), Dan "Mort" Mortenson (Sgt. @ Arms), Noel Harrenstein (Sgt. @ Arms), Gary Kertscher (Sgt. @ Arms). **Rob made a motion that name tags for officers be paid by the chapter if they choose they need one (some already have one), LeAnn seconded the motion, and the motion was passed unanimously.**  
**A motion was made by rob to accept the secretary's report, Joe seconded the motion, and the motion was passed unanimously.**

**Treasurer's Report:** we currently have a cash balance of \$1327.58 and a petty cash balance of \$50.00. We also currently have \$143.09 in our gambling account. We had 1 new/renewed membership in the last month. We had an awesome fundraiser this year. We sold \$155.00 in chapter products at our pool and dart event. Our silent auction

brought in \$768.00. Ticket sales for the event were \$1359.00. Our chapter will have a gain of \$880.37 after our split with the state from our pool and dart fundraiser. It has also been brought up that the VFW also had a phenomenal night in sales due to our fundraiser and we may still be getting a chapter donation from them for the amount of sales they did that night.

**Mort makes a motion to accept the treasurer's report, LeAnn Seconded the motion, the motion was passed unanimously.**

**Old Business:** A big thank you goes out to all who helped make our annual pool and dart event a huge success. We had approximately 120 people in the door the night of our event. There have been some suggestions for next year as to how we can make it even better. One idea was to give some advanced tickets to the bar to sell. We also need to work on the door reducing in price once the band starts. Last but not least we are looking for a way to limit pool table space later in the night so we have more room for seating later in the night.

**Rob Makes a motion to give out prizes for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place people who brought in the most money on the silent auction items the same as we did last year, Joe seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.**

1<sup>st</sup> place prize is one rally ticket and a single membership to ABABTE of MN (Edgar/LeAnn Burke)

2<sup>nd</sup> place prize is one ticket to state rally (Rob Thiel)

3<sup>rd</sup> place prize is one single membership to ABATE of MN

**New Business:** Our chapter has been signed up for four security spots for state rally on Friday afternoon from noon to four. If you have not yet gotten your advanced ticket for rally they are still available at abatemn.org. It is also that time of year again that we need to figure out who is in need of buddy bears. We currently have 19 of them on hand to distribute. Edgar said he would chair a committee and Dan and Gary said they would help him decide who is in need of buddy bears and when and where to distribute them. When sending in membership forms make sure when we are using credit card for the membership that the expiration date of the card being used is included so the state can run it through. It is also the time of year we need to start disbursing the dial-a-ride information to local bars. Sunlight bar on Richwood road is a big user of the program. Joe said he would head a committee for the dial-a-ride program. He has asked if you are at a local bar and notice there is no dial-a-ride information there that you please contact him and let him know and he will go discuss the program with the bar and see if they are interested. Joe Grotjohn can be reached at [jgrotjohn@gmail.com](mailto:jgrotjohn@gmail.com). It has been brought up that attendance of other states is getting big in other states annual rallies. Algona Iowa has their annual rally 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend every year. It has been brought to our attention that anyone interested in working a 4 hour shift at their rally will receive a free ticket for the rally the following year. The dates for ABATE U next year have been chosen. ABATE U will be held April 27-29 2012. May is motorcycle awareness month. We will be having our annual Heart of the Lakes wash out event Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> at the Frazee Rest Stop from noon to four. **Dan makes a motion to have the wash out event on the 7<sup>th</sup> of may at the Frazee rest stop from noon to four, Edgar seconds the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.**

**Northwest District Directors report:** Edgar received an envelope of information from the ABATE historian while down at ABATE U. She has given us so much information about past chapter officers and events it is just neat to look through some of the past stuff and see what has happened since the start of the chapter and ABATE in general for that matter. It has been brought to Edgar's attention that the waste warriors are looking for help at state rally. This will be chapter member Jeff Rowan's last year with the Ronald McDonald ride that is held annually at the New York Mills VFW. They are having a hog roast Thursday June 9<sup>th</sup> in his honor at the campground behind the VFW. **Edgar makes a motion to change the June meeting to the 9<sup>th</sup> so everyone is there for the support of Jeff and his Last Year with the RMH Ride @NYM VFW, Todd Murphy seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.**

**Upcoming Meetings:**

May 13<sup>th</sup> @ Detroit Lakes Zorbaz 7:30pm

June 9<sup>th</sup> @ Edgars camper at NYM VFW campground 7:30pm

July 8<sup>th</sup> @ Donald Hopes place 7:30pm

**LeAnn makes a motion to adjourn meeting, Rob seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned 8:45pm