

Heart of the Lakes A.B.A.T.E Meeting Notes  
August 19, 2011  
7:30PM

**Meeting Place:** Edgar & LeAnn Burke's home in Ottertail

**People in Attendance:** Justin Grotjohn (President, Chapter Rep.), Todd Murphy (Vice President), Lacy Schmidt (Secretary), Crystal Lesko (Treasurer), Dan "Mort" Mortenson (Sgt. @ Arms), LeAnn Burke, Cindy Murphy, Rob Thiel, Kristen Barthel, Dan Jager, Donald Pope, Anna Robinson, Joe Grotjohn, Julie Grotjohn, Joshua Burke, Jeff Rowan, Anthony B rune, and guest Amy Grotjohn.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Secretary's Report:** Last month it didn't work out to hold our monthly meeting since most of the chapter officers had a funeral to attend the evening we were supposed to meet and it just didn't work out to reschedule so the last time we all met was at the Ronald McDonald ride in New York Mills on June 9<sup>th</sup>. That meeting was a little short as it was the weekend of the ride so I will just cover a little about what went on at that meeting to refresh everyone's memory. Frank Ehrnst was with us to talk about the dial-a-ride program. The dial-a-ride coasters we had mentioned at a previous meeting turned out not to actually be dial-a-ride product. The coasters were product handed off to the program and were not meant to upset anyone by the content they contained. We are currently looking for pick up volunteers in our area. If interested in volunteering please feel free to contact Edgar, Justin, or Frank. We would like to get a dial-a-ride trailer for use in our area. It would be easier to fund if we could ask for support from the bars that have agreed to use the program. An open trailer is preferred when going out on a pick up call. Dial-a-ride also carries insurance for coverage if something happens during a pick up that is not covered by your insurance. The dial-a-ride insurance would pick up the excess cost that your insurance does not. Dial-a-ride currently has 8 open trailers and 4 enclosed trailers. Any donations made to the dial-a-ride program for trailers can be written off on taxes (it is a 503c organization). They can also reimburse mileage for 15 cents a mile if requested. **Rob makes a motion to accept the secretary's report, Anthony seconds the motion, the motion was passed unanimously.**

**Treasurer's Report:** We currently have a cash balance of \$2009.52, and a petty cash balance of \$50.00. We also currently have \$456.97 in our chapter's gambling account. We have had 3 new/renewed memberships.

**Joe makes a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Rob seconds the motion, the motion was passed unanimously.**

**Dial-a-ride Committee:** Joe has several bars lined up for the program including Riverside bar in Hawley, Lake Park municipal liquor store in Lake Park, The Road House, Cormorant Pub in Cormorant, and Zorbaz on Pelican Lake. Whiskey River Bar near Ottertail was also going to talk to their alcohol vendors about getting donations for a dial-a-ride trailer. Lake Park Municipal was also looking to ask vendors for donations for

a trailer. It was also mentioned to Joe that Billy's Bar in Vergas has a large biker clientele and may be interested on some of the information about dial-a-ride we have to offer.

**Buddy Bear Committee:** Wolf Lake and Carsonville (Ponsford) have both contacted us back and are interested in receiving buddy bears. Wolf Lake will have their whole squad gathered for training on September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 which would be a perfect time for drop off for them. Carsonville said anytime in the first week of September would work for them. White Earth has never contacted us back to say if they were interested or not. **A motion was made by Mort to all meet at 4 corners near Detroit Lakes on September 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm to deliver buddy bears to Wolf Lake and Carsonville that evening, Dan Seconded the motion, the motion was passed unanimously.** We were also notified that there are still buddy bears available if we would like to purchase some more for delivery.

**Northwest District Director's Report:** There will be a vote at the October BOD meeting to see who is for and against the enhanced penalty bill. Rhiannon from state products has some old products she is looking to give to chapters as door prizes and such to get rid of them and help out with fundraisers. A.B.A.T.E. of Mn is currently looking for new location possibilities for state rally. Volunteers are still needed for several locations at rally. It was especially brought to each chapter's attention that they are in need of waste warriors. If anyone is willing to help even for a little bit just get in contact with your chapter president before or when you arrive there. As a last note from Edgar Honda is coming out with "safe" model of cycle, the cycle includes seatbelts and a blastoff seat.

**Old Business:** The rally tickets we got for our chapter's sponsorship to rally go to Rob and Edgar & LeAnn for the items they brought for this year's silent auction for our chapter fundraiser. Remember Heart of the Lakes chapter is signed up for a security shift at rally Friday from noon to four. Rally raffle tickets are still on sale right now for \$5.00. Remember these raffle tickets need to be turned in by August 24<sup>th</sup> for credit for the chapter.

**New Business:** Chapter website dues are here again. Website dues are \$117.35 annually and Joe has already paid the dues for the website to renew it out of his personal funds. **Edgar makes a motion to re-pay Joe for the dues for renewing our chapter website, Rob seconds the motion, the motion was passed unanimously.** We also need to start thinking about our chapter's annual pool and dart fundraiser. We need to start thinking of where we would like to have it this year. We have moved around for the past few years and we need to decide as a group where we think will be the most profitable for our chapter. I have included the numbers from the past three years to compare after our split with the state.

2009- Playtime in Ottertail \$521.63

2010- Sand Bar in Detroit Lakes \$899.69

2011- New York Mills VFW \$880.37

**Announcements:** Annual Heart of the Lakes Fall Down party will be held September 16-18 and camping space is available. Also remember State Rally will be going on down in Litchfield Labor day weekend.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

September 16<sup>th</sup> @ fall down 7:30 pm

October 21<sup>st</sup> @ Joe & Julie Grotjohn's home in Hawley 7:30pm

November 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm Place to be determined

**Joe makes a motion to adjourn, Dan seconds the motion, motion was passed unanimously.**

Meeting Adjourned 8:30pm