

Heart of the Lakes A.B.A.T.E. Meeting Notes
February 11, 2011
7:00PM

Meeting Place: New York Mills VFW

People in attendance: Justin Grotjohn (President, Chapter Rep.), Lacy Schmidt (Secretary), Crystal Lesko (Treasurer), Todd Murphy (Vice President), Edgar Burke (Northwest District Director), LeAnn Burke (Sgt. @ Arms), Cindy Murphy (Sgt. @ Arms), Rob Thiel, Joe Grotjohn, Julie Grotjohn, Steve Tryggeseth, Tammy Rowan, Jeff Rowan, Steve "Red" Douma, Noel Harrenstein, Donald Hope, Anthony Brune, Dan Jager, Gary Kertscher.

Pledge of Allegiance

Secretary's Report: Last meeting it was brought up that each chapter of ABATE has been given a flyer and one complimentary ticket to our annual pool and dart tournament. Remember that Minnesota is hosting the annual MRF fundraiser Heartland Steam March 25-27 in Shakopee. They are still looking for several volunteers for several different areas of the event. As usual state rally will be held Labor Day weekend again this year. Tickets for state rally are \$25.00 until the weekend of ABATE U. It has also been brought to each chapter's attention that the flags that line the fence at state rally are in need of replacing. It is being asked that each chapter cover 50% of the cost for the flag replacement. The cost of the replacement is unknown right now. Remember that rooms for ABATE U are very limited this year if you have not reserved your room yet please do so now or you may have to go elsewhere for a room. Rally sponsorships are due again. A Chrome sponsorship is \$250.00 and includes three free weekend passes. **Rob Thiel Made a motion to place our chapter for a chrome sponsorship for state rally, Dan Jager seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.** Remember we will be doing nominations this meeting for chapter officers. There has still been some confusion about meeting times since we have changes them from 7:30 to 7:00. People are getting confused with the times. After some group discussion it has been brought up that a 7:30 meeting time works better for some of our working members of our chapter. **A Motion was made by Todd Murphy to change meeting time back to 7:30pm, Dan Jager seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.**

Rob Thiel made a motion to accept the secretary's report, Joe Grotjohn seconded the motion, the motion was carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: We currently have a cash balance of \$1,539.05. We also have a petty cash balance of \$50.00. We also had 2 new/renewed memberships for the month. **Joe Grotjohn makes a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Edgar Burke seconded the motion, the motion was carried unanimously.**

Northwest District Directors Report: We have received some donations for our annual pool and dart event. Good work on getting those donations and keep up the good work. Buddy Bears are now being made by a different vendor. House file 68 has been passed on

the floor and now it goes to the next level to get passed. If you know of any businesses that would like to be a sponsor for state rally Edgar and Justin have the proper paperwork for anyone interested. Advanced tickets for state rally are on sale starting February 1st. The state products position is still available if anyone is interested in that position. It has been mentioned that the chapter secretaries have been doing a fantastic job, Keep up the good work. Chapter member Bill Sazma has passed away. We can have patches made for Bill through the state products. Murphy is going to gather some information on that for next meeting and we can decide what we want to do then.

Presidents Report: Justin still has tickets for the bike raffle at ABATE U. Tickets that have been signed out to chapter members need to be turned back in at next month's meeting. Pool and dart tournament is March 19th at the New York Mills VFW silent auction items and door prizes are still needed. Nominations were also done and need to be mailed in to the state directly after the meeting.

Upcoming Meetings:

March 11, 2011@NYM VFW 7:00pm

March 19th annual pool and dart tournament @NYM VFW

April 15, 2011@ Todd and Cindy Murphy's home in DL 7:30pm

May 13, 2011@ Zorbaz in DL 7:30pm

Todd Murphy makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, Joe Grotjohn seconds the motion, the motion was carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 7:40pm