

Heart of the Lakes A.B.A.T.E. Meeting Notes
June 9, 2011
7:30pm

Meeting Place: New York Mills VFW

People in Attendance: Justin Grotjohn (President, Chapter Representative), Edgar Burke (Northwest District Director), Lacy Schmidt (Secretary), Crystal Lesko (Treasurer), Dan "Mort" Mortenson (Sgt. @ Arms), Gary Kertscher (Sgt. @ Arms), LeAnn Burke, Jim Olson, Tammy Rowan, Jeff Rowan, Joe Grotjohn, Julie Grotjohn, Anthony Brune, Dan Jager, Donald Pope, Ken Szatnmary, Connie Szatnmary, Kristin Barthel, Ashley Jepson, Rob Thiel, Mike Bonaime. Guests: Amy Grotjohn, Frank Ehrnst.

Pledge of Allegiance

Secretary's Report: Last meeting it was still being discussed on where and when to distribute buddy bears. We Have 19 buddy bears to distribute all together. If anyone has any further information on drop off please contact Edgar as he is heading up that committee. Last meeting we also talked a little bit about the hog roast we will be doing at tonight's meeting. **Rob made a motion for Edgar to use up to \$100.00 for supplies needed to make the hog roast happen, Anthony seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.** Anthony had also drawn up a couple ideas for a chapter patch last time we all met. Some feedback was given to him as far as what people would like to see on a patch and after consideration he is going to make a few revisions and let people choose which one everyone likes better or get some more ideas from the chapter. We also had dial-a-ride information and supplies to distribute to local bars that are supporters of the program. Justin also has the tickets for the bike they will be raffling off at state rally. If anyone is interested in a ticket see Justin. Just a reminder that handicapped plates are now available for motorcycles. The July BOD meeting will be held the 16th in Kimball. The October BOD meeting will be held in Thief River Falls more information will follow when it is decided.

Crystal makes a motion to accept the Secretary's report, Rob seconds the motion, the motion was passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: We currently have a cash balance of \$1,939.52 and a petty cash balance of \$50.00. We also currently have \$143.09 in our gambling account. Over the last month we also had one new/renewed membership.

LeAnn Makes a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, Mort seconded the motion, the motion was passed unanimously.

Tonight's meeting is going to be a little fast and short as we are having our meeting at the New York Mills VFW and they are getting ready for the Ronald McDonald house ride they will be hosting this weekend.

Dial-a-ride Information: Tonight we have guest speaker Frank Ehrnst here with us to talk a little bit about the dial-a-ride program. The dial-a-ride coasters we talked about last

meeting were not actually dial-a-ride product. It was product that was handed off to the program and were not meant to upset anybody by the content. We are currently looking for pick up volunteers in our area. If interested contact Justin, Edgar or Frank. They would like to get a pick up trailer for our area. It would be easier to make happen if we could get donations from supporters of the program and users of the program. It is preferred that it is an open trailer when making a pick up. Dial-a-ride also carries insurance for coverage if something happens that is not covered by your insurance it would pick up the excess. Dial-a-ride currently has 8 open trailers and 4 enclosed trailers. Any donations made to the dial-a-ride program can be written off on taxes (it is a 503c organization). They can also reimburse mileage at \$.15 a mile.

Upcoming Meetings:

July 8th @ Donald Popes home 7:30pm

August 19th @ Edgar and LeAnn's Home 7:30

Crystal makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, Anthony seconded the motion, and the motion was passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 7:55pm