

Heart of the Lakes A.B.A.T.E. Meeting Notes  
November 18, 2011  
7:30pm

**Meeting Place:** New York Mills VFW, New York Mills MN

**People in Attendance:** Edgar Burke (Northwest District Director), Todd Murphy (Vice President), Lacy Schmidt (Secretary), Crystal Lesko (Treasurer), Noel Harrenstein (Sgt. @ Arms), Rob Thiel, Dan Jager, Anthony Brune.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Secretary's Report:** Last time we got together we discussed how good our memberships for the month with 8 new/renewed memberships. Buddy bears were delivered October 1<sup>st</sup>. There was a good turn out for the annual buddy bear run with nine bikes showing up and twelve people to distribute bears. We do currently still have a few buddy bears left. The dial-a-ride committee would like to know where we distributed the information to and how much inventory we have left that we didn't distribute. They are also interested in knowing how many interventions we have had in our area. The vote on the increased penalty law was voted for with a vote of 21 to 3. We are looking for a higher attendance at biker day at the capitol. We are still looking for other chapter support on trying to get a "northern" bus in the works for that event. It was voted that Minnesota state rally will be going to a 2 day rally instead of the traditional 3 day rally due to a decline in attendance. The new dates for rally will be August 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> for 2012. Online registration for biker day at the capitol will begin November 1<sup>st</sup>. **before discussing our annual pool and dart event Justin would like to disclose to everyone that he is dating/living with the manager of the VFW in New York Mills and that in no way has their relationship influenced our vote of where we would like to have our annual pool and dart event.**

Pool and dart will be held March 17, 2012 at the New York Mills VFW. The VFW would like to have advanced tickets to sell at the VFW this year as they did not have nay tickets to the event last year. The RMH ride bike will not be able to be on display at our event this year as they will have the bike at the annual bike show in Fargo. **Rob made a motion to make ticket sales \$5.00 across the board whether it is an advanced ticket or not, Edgar seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.** This coming year we will be looking for a new Northwest District Director as Edgar has decided not to accept the position for another term. **Rob made a motion to accept the request to reimburse Justin's gas expense to the October BOD meeting in the amount of \$29.01, Joe seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. \*\*Rob makes a motion to accept the secretary's report, Dan seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.**

**Treasurer's Report:**

Currently we have a cash balance of \$1820.17 and a Petty cash balance of \$50.00. We also currently have \$488.67 in the chapter gambling account. We also had 2 new/renewed memberships for the month.

**Edgar makes a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Rob seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.**

**Old Business:** There has been no more news on the "northern" bus for biker day at the capitol. Edgar is still awaiting responses from other chapters for their support on the subject.

**New Business:** We need to try to find a flag for the VFW in NYM. Every time we have a meeting at the VFW we have a hard time trying to find a flag to even have the pledge of allegiance at the beginning of our chapter meeting and being a VFW they should have one on hand. Rob has stepped up and is going to have a word with Justin about getting with the VFW management about a flag. On a different note Rob would like to plan a chapter appreciation night. He would like it to be wild game feed/pot luck. He would like that to be something fun for the chapter to get together and do in the winter outside of chapter meetings. Murphy has offered to have the chapter appreciation event at his house January 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:13pm. Mort has brought it to Murphy's attention that since his work schedule has changed he would like to see if maybe we could accommodate his schedule on a couple upcoming meetings.

**Northwest District Director's Report:** Remember biker day is February 8<sup>th</sup>. The January BOD meeting will be on the 21<sup>st</sup> in Sauk Rapids.

**Pool and Dart Event:** If we want to advertise for our annual pool and dart event the deadline is December 1<sup>st</sup> for the road noise. **Rob makes a motion to run a ¼ sheet ad in the January and February road noise at a cost of \$49.00 with the 30% discount for it being a chapter event, Edgar seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.** We need to check and see if Kevin is willing to run the pool portion of the event again and also see if Mort is willing to run darts for us again this year. Lacy and Crystal have volunteered to work the door again this event. We need to check the Coors Light box and see if we have wristbands or if we need to get some before the event. We would like to go a different route with our trophy's this year as the trophy's we usually order from the trophy house have gotten so expensive. Anthony has volunteered to etch trophies in mirrors to give away for first and second place for both pool and dart which is a total of 4 trophies. Edgar has also volunteered to make frames for the etched trophies. It was suggested to maybe place the "cheaper" silent auction items in the middle area of the auction to be closed out earlier than the more expensive items that could be left open to bid longer if placed on the outer walls. Edgar has volunteered to collect silent auction items from chapter members if it is a problem to keep the items themselves. This year we would like to cut it down to 2 roasters of chili instead of 3 since last year the 3<sup>rd</sup> roaster was barely touched. Justin did a "new" design for the event poster. Both posters are nice and each poster would bring in a different crowd for the event. One would bring in more pool and dart players as that is what is featured bigger on the poster. The other poster emphasizes the A.B.A.T.E. of Mn logo and would draw more of the biker crowd. Last but not least it was suggested to do a contest of hanging event flyers. After much discussion it was decided it would be better to table the conversation for the next meeting as time was running low for discussion.

**Upcoming Meeting Dates:**

December 9<sup>th</sup> @ Zorbaz in Detroit Lakes 7:30pm

January 13<sup>th</sup> @ Edgar and LeAnn's home near Ottertail 7:30pm

February 10<sup>th</sup> @ NYM VFW 7:30pm

**Rob makes a motion to adjourn, Edgar seconds the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned 8:35pm