

Lake Chapter of A.B.A.T.E.

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By-Laws of Lake Chapter- A.B.A.T.E. of South Dakota (Latest changes adopted February 2013)

A Brotherhood for Awareness, Training, and Education

MEETINGS

1. All meetings shall be conducted according to Roberts Rules of Order, with the exception of their definition of a quorum.
2. Proceeds from various projects and benefits shall be used to support ABATE of South Dakota and South Dakota Informed Motorcyclists Political Action Committee (SD-IMPAC), and in any manner that supports the aims of ABATE, which is awareness, training, and education of motorcyclists. Proceeds may also be donated to charity as deemed by the membership provided that a specific fundraiser be designated and organized for that sole purpose. Fundraisers in which all or a portion of the funds will be donated to SD-IMPAC shall clearly state that fact on all posters or advertisements for that fundraiser.
3. A quorum of officers may allocate funds on a majority vote up to, but not to exceed, Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00).

ELECTIONS

1. Nominations of Chapter Officers shall be taken at the March and April meetings, with elections to be held at the May meeting.
2. Elections of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and State Representative shall be held the first meeting of May. Terms of office shall run for Two (2) years. Terms to begin following closure of the May meeting.
3. In the event of a Chapter Officer not fulfilling his or her obligation of that office, he or she can be asked for his or her resignation at any meeting.
4. All officers of the Chapter must be an active, full, or joint member for at least one (1) year prior to taking their respective office.

EXPENSES AND REIMBURSEMENTS

1. All expenses incurred shall be verified by a receipt showing the total amount and for what purpose and shall be recorded. Reimbursements for A.B.A.T.E. business shall be allowed if the treasury permits and such spending was justified. Each reimbursement must be proved by a bill statement (clear receipt).

VOTING

1. Voting may be done by a show of hands, secret ballot, or by proxy. Write-in votes are allowed on issues that are known to be voted upon with thirty (30) days notice prior to vote.
2. Each member over the age of eighteen (18) shall have one vote.
3. Chapter President shall vote only in the case of a tie.
4. A quorum shall consist of members present at any meeting when prior notice has been given (i.e. newsletter or prior meeting).
5. Each motorcycle club membership shall have one (1) vote. One vote only per club unless members of said club have a full membership of their own.

MEMBERSHIPS

1. Membership shall be open to all persons, regardless of race, creed, color or sex, that are interested in motorcycling legislation or are interested in the aims and purposes of Lake A.B.A.T.E.. There shall not be restrictions as to members owning any brand, make, or size of motorcycle, or owning a motorcycle at all.
2. Each Chapter shall recognize current membership cards from each other Chapter and the

State Office as being that of A.B.A.T.E. of South Dakota and are the benefits thereof.

3. Motorcycle clubs may join Lake A.B.A.T.E. as a club. This entitles the club members to membership cards (with the club name on it) and one monthly newsletter sent to the club address.
4. Full membership shall entitle a member to a monthly newsletter, all regularly sent correspondence, and a membership card.
5. Joint members shall be allowed all benefits allowed that of a full member. Joint membership is intended for additional family members of those who are already a full member.

MEMBERSHIP EXPELLING

1. Any member who intentionally disrupts an A.B.A.T.E. event shall have the incident discussed and voted on at an officers meeting. Such officers meeting shall be that of elected and appointed officers of Lake A.B.A.T.E. If unassociation is decided, their name shall be posted (i.e. in the newsletter) with the reason given and their name shall be withdrawn from the membership list.
2. General membership and or officers meetings may be held at any time there is deemed enough members present in one place to warrant it.
3. Special meetings may be called by the Chapter President if the urgency demands it. Such meeting may be held via conference phone call.

OFFICERS

1. President: Shall coordinate the efforts of Lake A.B.A.T.E.. Shall perform all duties incident to his or her office and such other duties as may be required by law. He or she shall preside at all meetings relative to the Chapter and be an ex-official member of all standing committees.
2. Vice-President: In the absence of the President, shall perform all duties required of the President and act as an ex-official member of all committees. Shall assist the President in whatever ways and means possible. If the President is unable to complete his or her term of office, the Vice-President shall ascend to the office of President.
3. State Representative: Shall perform the duties of trustee. Their business shall be to correlate and coordinate A.B.A.T.E. business at state levels.
4. Treasurer: Shall deposit all funds of the chapter and maintain records of all income and disbursements of such funds. He or she shall keep accurate books and report periodically to the membership the financial condition of the chapter. The treasurer shall perform all duties incidental to the office.

5. Secretary: Shall record and keep all minutes of all chapter meetings. Keep a complete and accurate account of all membership records. Shall perform all duties incidental to the office.
6. Sergeant at Arms: The Sergeant-at-Arms is responsible for ensuring that the Bylaws and Standing Rules of the chapter are not violated. He/she is responsible for policing and keeping order at all chapter events and is responsible for the safety and security of chapter members. He/she may conscript chapter members to aid in keeping order on their own authority. He/she has the responsibility to the chapter to report any unseemly behavior or incident to the Chapter President. The Sergeant at Arms shall be appointed by the Chapter President and shall serve at his/her discretion. In the absence of the Sergeant of Arms, a temporary Sergeant of Arms may also be appointed.
7. Vacancies: In the event that a vacancy occurs in one or more of the chapter offices, including Vice-President, State Representative, Treasurer, or Secretary, the chapter President shall appoint a chapter member or other current chapter officer to fill that position until the next scheduled official election of officers. In the event that the vacancy occurs in the office of chapter President, the Vice-President shall ascend to the position of President and proceed to appoint a new Vice-President.

DUES

1. Full memberships for one year shall be Twenty Five Dollars (\$25.00).
2. Joint memberships for one year shall be Twenty Dollars (\$20.00), with all membership fee going to the state.
3. Club membership for one year shall Twenty Five Dollars (\$25.00) for first twenty five members and One Dollar (\$1.00) per member thereafter.
4. Any and all dues may be changed as deemed necessary by the membership.
5. Distribution of all assets on dissolution of Lake A..B.A.T.E. shall be given to charity selected by the officers of Lake A.B.A.T.E..

AIMS AND PURPOSES

To act as a legislative watchdog on the federal, state, and local levels. To warn our members against adverse motorcycle legislation, to promote favorable motorcycle legislation, foster brotherhood and mutual benefits of its members.

- a. Insurance
- b. Licensing
- c. Modifications
- d. Bans

- e. Restrictions
- f. Emissions
- g. Noise levels
- h. Any legislation or laws affecting the street rider.

To improve road conditions, thus making roads safer for motorcyclists.

- a. Posting of signs warning of potential hazards.
- b. Alerting the D.O.T. of dangerous road conditions.
- c. Having gravel trucks covered.

To help prevent accidents through education.

- a. Promote motorcycle awareness programs for all motorists.
- b. Promote rider education courses for motorcyclists.
- c. To push for insurance cuts through education and less accidents.

To discourage motorcycle thefts.

- a. Through rewards.
- b. Through campaigns.

To promote political involvement of motorcyclists.

- a. By letting members know how government representatives voted on legislation affecting motorcyclists.
- b. By urging members to register and vote.
- c. By encouraging qualified members to run for public office.
- d. By encouraging members to write their representative.

To act as a liaison between motorcyclists and government authorities, police departments, government agencies, insurance companies and other organizations.

To counter, report, and discourage biased news reporting of motorcyclists.

To present and promote a better public image of motorcyclists.

- a. By keeping A.B.A.T.E. sponsored events orderly and peaceful.
- b. By putting on family events such a swap meets and poker runs.
- c. By showing generosity and concern by sponsoring runs for charitable foundations; (i.e. blood runs, toy runs, trash runs, field meets, and parties to raise donations for the welfare of the general public).

By-Laws

Any changes made to these by-laws shall require a majority vote of the members present at two (2) consecutive monthly meetings. By-law changes shall become effective following the adjournment of the second meeting at which the membership approved the changes.