

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota- Metro Chapter
VFW, Coon Rapids
Tuesday June 14th, 2022

Officers in Attendance:

President: Nick Capra Vice President: Marcia Capra
Treasurer: Joe (JJ) Jones Secretary: Alyssa Schommer
Chapter Rep: Ron Lischeid
Sargeant @ Arms: Brian Ladoux (Benny), Greg Schommer

Members: Michelle Scannell, Rachel Cordle, Ron Cordle, Putz, Jane Doyle

Total in Attendance: 12 Guests: 0

We opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Benny.

Secretary Report: We as a chapter took 5 minutes to review last month's meeting minutes, Motion to accept secretary report made by Putz/Greg; All in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer Report: JJ ran through the report and financials from our May MetroMorial event; rough recap from the event: 86 tickets sold at door, we pre-sold 31 with 9 being redeemed. 1 BOD complimentary ticket and 5 vendor complimentary tickets were used at the door. Motion to accept treasurer report made by Greg/Michelle; All in favor, motion passed.

Chapter Rep. Report: Ron read the current Motorcycle Riding season Preliminary statistics; current death toll to date through June 2nd is 12, we are 3 deaths behind this time last year. Chapter is concerned with the ability to keep riding on a permit, with riders being able to renew permit each year, avoiding getting full endorsement. Motion to accept Chapter Rep. Report made by Greg/Michelle, All in favor, motion passed.

Dial-A-Ride; JJ had brought to the chapter that Route 47, which is where we help our MetroMorial had no knowledge about the dial-a-ride program. Chapter will make a better effort to talk about Dial-A-Ride.

Legislative News: State is re-doing the chapter districts of our representatives; new info can be found at WWW.SOS.STATE.MN.US. Nothing more to report.

NE District Director: Unable to attend, no report.

State Rally: Chapter discussed Rally sponsorship, We will do a Silver Sponsorship for 2022. 2 tickets from our Sponsorship will go to JJ and Lori for the work they do every year at the rally, the other 2 will be given away through a drawing at our next meeting in St. Louis Park July 12, 2022 at Park Tavern. Chapter also has pre-sale tickets available, we have sold 2 so far. Still open for more vendors. Please reach out.

Dial-A-Ride: 58 picks so far, awesome work for getting people home safely.

Social Media/ Facebook/ Email: Doc's current report: 595 members on MN Metro Chapter group page, Mn Metro FB page: 1095 like, and 1147 followers.

WEB Page: Nothing to report, remains updated.

Grapevine: Not discussed.

Old Business:

Buddy Bears: Benny's delivery to Coon Rapids fire is set for June 22nd @ 5:30pm meeting at the Coon Rapids VFW; arrive at drop off by 6:00pm. Michelle getting date locked in for Autumn Glen Senior Living on June 21st, meeting at Coon Rapids VFW @ 5:30pm, arrive at drop off by 6:00pm. Ronald McDonald L tabled for next month due to lack of response through email, Alyssa is working to get this scheduled.

New Business: Start Planning

Chapter Campout: Greg and Allyssa will be getting more info our shortly.

Recurring Weekly/ Monthly:

Bike Night, Mad Jacks Brooklyn Pk., Weekly, Wed. at 5pm Free Hot Dogs & Chips to Riders

2 Wheel Wednesdays at the SRO Bar, Oak Grove @ 6-10pm Food & Drink Specials

Bike Night, Cowboy Jacks, Otsego, 1st Tue. Monthly @ 5-10pm

Bike Night, Route 65 P&G, Fridley, 1st Thur. Monthly @ 5pm w/ Free Food

Bike Night, Cowboy Jacks, Plymouth, 1st Thur. Monthly @ 5pm

Bike Night, Cycle Gear, Maple Grove, 2nd Tue. Monthly @ 5-7pm w/ Food, Music & Giveaways

Bike Night, American Legion, Forest Lake, 2nd Wed. Monthly @ 5-10pm

Bike Night, Route 47 P&G, Fridley, 2nd Thur. Monthly @ 5pm w/ Free Food

Coon Rapids Cruise, Coon Rapids Blvd., Weekly on Saturday evenings.

Rides & Events:

Alzheimer's Ride, June 18th, Prescott WI, more details to follow

4th Annual Fun Run [South Central], June 18th @ 10:30am, in Litchfield

Summer Thunder [East Central], June 25th @ 11am Rain or Shine, in St. Francis

A.B.A.T.E. Freedom Rally, June 30-July 2nd, Algona, Iowa

IGYSix Benefit Ride, July 9th @ 10am [Reg.] from the Forest Lake VFW

Cruisin' for St. Jude, July 16th @ 9am [Reg.] from Riversbend B&G in St. Francis

Fallen Police Officer's Ride, July 17th, Maplewood PD, more details to follow

Fallen Firefighters Ride, Sept. 24th, more details to follow

Anything to add?

Ideas: New Memberships retention and fundraising: ***WE WANT TO HEAR THEM!!! Help is always welcome!***

Next meeting at Park Tavern is St. Louis Park @7pm, food and rally drawing.

Motion to adjourn made by Greg/Putz, All in favor, motion accept at 8:11pm.