

Metro Chapter A.B.A.T.E

Coon Rapids VFW Post 9625

Tuesday July 13, 2021

Officers in Attendance:

President	Nick Capra	Secretary	[Open Position]
Vice President	Marcia Capra	Chapter Rep	Ron Lischeid
Treasurer	Joe Jones	Mstr. Sgt. At Arms	Brian LaDoux
		Sgt. At Arms	Marcia Capra
			Joe (JJ) Jones

Opened meeting at 7 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance Led by Brian

We prayed for Benny

Member	5 (not including officers)	Guests	1	2
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Secretary Report: Reading of minutes waived. Motion to waive: Steve second by Dave (Putz) – All in favor, Motion Passed

Treasurer Report: JJ. Financials are great. Motion to accept the report as given by Putz second by Michelle – All in favor, Motion Passed.

Chapter Rep Report: None. Ron Lischeid said there is nothing new to report. Look at all the flyers and get involved at the different events. The Motorcycle Safety Task Force is taking applications for membership thru July. Get involved.

Legislative News: It was passed that May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. Highway Bill 2021 check points, HF1232/SF Motorcycle Endorsement fees, this passed, \$4.00 directly into the Safety Fund. This will bring in \$420,000.00 for signs and Safety awareness on the Transportation Bill. There are 42 pieces of legislation to work through we should all get involved with this.

State Rally: We need to sign up for shifts and come up with T-shirt designs. Sell tickets, if you need tickets see Nick, and get involved with planning. We need our name on the Banner. We Need volunteers to sign up. We need Sponsors.
Nick has Passports for sale also.

Calendar status report: We have sold a total of 104 Calendars to date, given out – Gifted 36 (Chapters throughout the State, Route 47, Casa Rio, Park Tavern and Vendors at NTWB). The Chapter owns 65 calendars yet to sell and there are an additional 45 in inventory with Ron. Chapter profit to date \$300 with 110 calendars yet to sell (Owned + Inventory with Ron). Maybe this year we can get a price break and not have to buy so many, and we plan to get an earlier start to get ahead of the Christmas Season.

Dial-A-Ride: Ron Lischeid/ Joe K – There were 35 killed in crashes, 63 pick-ups. Ron needs help distributing flyers, cards, and coasters.

Products/Membership/Retention: JJ showed us the new shirt designs. Benny made a motion to pay for these \$129.88, second by Michelle- all in favor, motion passed. We decided it would be nice to have one of each style for display. Jane made a motion we not to exceed \$100.00 on

these, second by Ron, all in favor motion passed. Pricing: \$9.44 tank top, \$9.94 razor back, \$9.74 V-neck, \$13.74 long sleeve, \$9.24 reg T shirt, you can order hoodies. Any order will take 2 weeks to receive.

Web Page: Uncle Bill is still working hard on upgrading the Web Page to have the products on there and get more pictures of our events for him. Is anyone interested in taking over him?

Grapevine: Joe K – Joe was on vacation and did not get it in on time.

Old Business: The fee for The Donnie Smith Show was paid to the State which is who paid the fee.

New address is PO Box 142 Mapleton, MN 56065 for the State

Social Media: Doc – Facebook has 1,023 likes and 1,063 followers. Our public group page has 524 members.

Upcoming Events:

- Get your Passport Run Stop for the Riding Season
- Our next monthly meeting at the VFW Coon Rapids August 10th
- The Upper Kettle River Shake Down ABATE Jack Pine Riders July 9th-11th
- Breakfast Fund Raiser at Route 47 July 18th
- Taco night August 16th
- 25th Annual Harley Davidson Heaven Memorial Ride August 21st
- ABATE Of Minnesota State Rally September 1st-5th
- State Rally Memorial Ride for the Fallen September 4th
- Meeting of The Minds September 23rd-26th

New Business:

- Get your advanced tickets for the State Rally from Nick
- Taco Night is going up to \$12.99 bigger and better, and \$2.50 for each plate to us.
- Road Noise Business of the month Casa Rio and Route 47
- Upper Kettle River Show Down Made \$750.00
- Tyler Kisner House of Representative is Motorcycle FRIENDLY> Remember this when you vote.
- Steve won the motorcycle trivia and JJ won the Drawing for Beef Jerky.
- Why don't we have a flyer for the State Rally on the State Web Page or online.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm Putz /made the motion and Steve second it all was in favor.