

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota- Metro Chapter  
VFW, Coon Rapids MN  
Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2022

Attendance:

President: Nick Capra

Vice President: Marcia

Capra Treasurer: Joe Jones (JJ)

Secretary: Alyssa Schommer

Chapter Rep.: Ron Lischeid

Sergeant @ Arms: Greg Schommer, Brian (Benny) Ladoux

Members: Putz, Ken Ehrreich, Thorlene Ehrreich, Shaun Mentele, LeAnn Mentele

Total in Attendance: 12      Guests: 0

We opened the meeting at 7:01pm 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 minutes made by Putz/Greg, All in Favor, motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Check from Route 47 was late which means it was not on this months report.

Motion to accept report made by Greg/Putz All in favor, motion passed.

Chapter Rep. Report: Chapter membership is down by 22 members since this time last year.

Ron mentioned to reaching out to Central chapter about recognition to chapter members for volunteering. Jim Dahling passed away unexpectedly on October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022. He was a major part of the Dial-A-Ride program. Motion to accept Chapter Rep. Report made by Benny/Putz. All in favor, motion passed.

Dial-A-Ride: Ron was unable to get updated numbers this month for pick-ups. Fall color run had a good turn-out.

Legislative News: Nick told the chapter to read page 7 in the Road Noise. Elections are coming up soon. Voting District info still available at [www.sos.state.mn.us](http://www.sos.state.mn.us).

Northeast District Director Report: Kent was not present.

State Rally: No report.

Social Media/Facebook: Doc's current report: 618 members on Mn Metro Chapter group page, Mn Metro FB page: 1100 likes, 1100 followers.

Web Page: Nothing new to report; keeping everything up to date.

Grapevine: Ron sent in a report for the chapter.

Products: T-shirts available, still need to get new products listed on our website. Ally volunteered to help with product sales. Picked up a new company to add items to our products list. Dark Knight Engraving will be adding these items, chapter agreed to add 3 items together. The goal is to have design process completed and to place an order for some new items by Jan. 1, 2023. This will allow time for any supply chain issues so we can have items available in time for Donny Smith.

Old business: Joey's Ride; the bags are labeled personal potty packs, they are located in North St. Paul. We will try to see if Joey's Ride would be interested to set up a table at Abate "U". JJ will reach out to get that information. Membership fee increase; Chapter has faith in Ron to make sure he voices our opinion at the BOD. Rides with Benny; Not much going on with it being the end of the riding season.

New business: Calendar; Nick took photos at the State Rally in September. He is in the process of getting the new calendars set up for next year. Nick asked the chapter if they should still give out 1 free calendar to every chapter at the BOD: Chapter agreed to this as it helps with sales for them. Thumb drive Possibly available for a slide show to sell also. JJ's new fundraiser for the chapter is a new dinner every month, last Wednesday of the month at Sunset Bar in Spring Lake Park. This event will be buffet style just like our taco nights and breakfast buffet, but have a varied menu from month to month. This will be 4pm-8pm but price of this is still up in the air.

#### Announcements-Reminders

##### Events-Recurring Weekly/ Monthly:

ABATE Metro Chapter Social - Fundraiser, Last Wed. Monthly at the Sunset Grill, 8466 MN-65, Spring Lake Park, 4-8pm.

*Anything to add?*

##### Events-Opportunities Scheduled by Date:

ABATE Metro Chapter Breakfast Buffet - Fundraiser, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> at Route 47 P&G, Fridley, 8-Noon

*Anything to add?*

Announcements: Putz won the chapter mileage challenge.

Motion to adjourn meeting made at 8:26pm, made by Benny/Greg. All in favor.