

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota – Metro Chapter
VFW Coon Rapids
Tuesday, October 12th, 2021

Officers in Attendance:

President: Nick Capra
Treasurer: Joe Jones
Chapter Rep.: Ron Lischeid

Vice President: Marcia Capra
Secretary: Open Position

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Members Present: 10 + 1 Zoom Guests:
We opened at 1906 with the Pledge of Allegiance Led by JJ

Secretary Report: Minutes Reviewed by Group Motions to Approve: with 1 correction JJ/ Benny, All in Favor

Treasurer Report: Joe Jones Motions to Approve: Putz/ Michelle, All in Favor
Reviewed Full Report at Meeting - Contact Treasurer if Questions

Chapter Rep Report – Ron: Keep checking Face Book for Flyers, Motorcycle Safety Task Force still needs us to get involved, Next BOD in Rochester, Marcia will go in Ron's place. Meeting of Minds in Atlanta, Reports Available at Meeting – Contact Chapter Rep with Questions

Legislative News – Open Discussion: There is a big election in 2022 all Representatives are being voted in or out. Go to your Caucus and get involved vote for people that are motorcycle friendly.

NE District Director – Kent: New Manuals at Oct. BOD, they aren't quite ready, yet they are working on them. Chapter Growth (Ideas – What Other Chapters are doing) Kent attended all the monthly meetings 10 of them and did not have time for any District meeting. Kent is having his knee replaced on 11/1/21 so he will not be attending meetings in person for a while. The Northeast Chapter donated their gambling money \$335.00 to Dial A Ride. We decided to use our gambling money to buy Buddy Bears.

State Rally – We need Sponsors for the Rally if you know any business who will Sponsor

Dial-A-Ride - Ron: 2 calls this month Joe has an interesting story about his 0130 pick up under a bridge, the second pick up someone else did. Ron is meeting with Senator Hoffman about getting help with our trailer insurance because of the service we provide.

Products, Membership, and Retention – Joe (JJ): No calls for Products. Some discussion / clarification about new T-Shirts (Will add to product book) JJ wants us to all think of creative ways we can sell all the T-shirts we have. Putz is checking on donating our older T shirts, that aren't selling to the Veterans. We thought we could use them in a Raffle, Plinko and Door prizes.

WEB Page: Nick will take over the WEB Page, we want to thank Uncle Bill for all the years and hours he has put into the WEB Page. Nick is working on getting the catalog onto the WEB page for handy ordering. JJ made the motion to continue the WEB Page at \$249.00 per year Michelle second it all AIF.

Social Media-Email - Doc.: Facebook / 1,021 Page Likes, 1,064 Followers, Metro Group Page has 552 Members

Events: **1.** Casa Rio Taco Night, December 13th (birthday cake will be there). **2.** Route 47 Breakfast Fundraiser, November 21st **3.** Swap Meet Blaine Soccer Sports, November 14th **4.** Biker Day At The Capitol, February 16th **5.** OTMC Winter Party, February 26th

New Business: **1.** General discussion about Member Retention and attracting New Members. **2.** Nick and Michelle are contacting expired Members Brian will help. We had great ideas to raise money and get people engaged. Michelle suggested doing volunteer work to get involved and maybe get new members because we will be seen. Hay Days in North Branch is 1 opportunity. What a great idea. We are going to work on having more booths to get more members. RV and boat weekends are a great place to set up a booth. Let's all bring our ideas to our November 9th meeting. New ideas for fund raising? Trunk and Treat? We will try this next year. **3.** Benny is planning a ride each month, lets support him. Only Nick and I responded to the ride so Benny did not have one. Let's try next year unless we have some warm days. The calendar sales are doing well let's all sell them to make money for our chapter. Thank you for all you do, we really appreciate it. **4.** Biker Day at the Capitol February 16th register early and get all your friends also.

Old Business-Updates: **1.** We are discussing the Winter Bash/ Not The Winter Bash. **2.** The Mileage Challenge was won by Mark congratulations. We all put on a lot of miles.

Meeting Closed at 8:30 p.m.: Motions: JJ/Putz, All in Favor