

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota- Metro Chapter  
Tuesday February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Coon Rapids V.F.W.

Attendance:

President: Nick Capra

Vice President: Marcia Capra

Treasurer: Joe Jones (JJ)

Secretary: Alyssa Schommer

Chapter Rep.: Ron Lischeid

Sergeant @ Arms: Greg Schommer, Brian LaDoux

Members: Putz, Jim French, Rob Benjamin, Camilla Benjamin, Thorlene Ehrreich, Ken Ehrreich, Sean Hughes

Total in Attendance: 14 Guests: 0

We opened the meeting at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Jim French

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

Treasurer Report: Taco Night on Monday Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> had a decent turnout. Motion to accept report made by Ron/ Frenchy, All in favor, motion passed. Next Taco night is March 13<sup>th</sup> from 4-8pm at Casa Rio in Anoka

Chapter Rep. Report: Quarterly budget report is available for the chapter to see. Proposed state budget handout was also available for the chapter to see. 15 Metro Chapter members made it out to Biker Day at the capitol. Abate U will allow a free booth this year, but next year there will be a booth fee. Motion to accept Chapter Rep. Report made by Greg/ Frenchy. All in favor, motion passed.

Dial-A-Ride: N/A

Legislative News: A handout from the January BOD meeting was passed around the chapter. It focuses on no change to helmet law, internal combustion engines, ground effect lighting: what would be legal for safety, curtail profiling of motorcyclists in MN, and reduce the sales tax imposed on older bikes. Bikers inside the Beltway is May 15-16 2023.

Northeast District Director Report: Kent was not present.

State Rally: Next State Rally will be on March 18<sup>th</sup> at the Litchfield Eagles Club, starts at 12:00pm.

Social Media/Facebook: Doc's current report: 617 members on Mn Metro Chapter group page, Mn Metro FB page: 1152 likes, 1196 followers.

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

Grapevine: Ron keeps us up to date with that as well, he submitted 3 pics this month.

Old business: Dark Night was present with a few examples for our new products, chapter allocated \$200 towards products. Motioned by Ally/Putz, All in favor, motion passed. Plan on them being available by the Donnie Smith Show in March. Load in for Donnie Smith is scheduled for Thur. Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11am. State Rally Calendar & Flash Drives are selling pretty well. Handed out Sales Recap. MetroMorial – Our Band will be Virgil Caine, Route 47 and most of the details are locked in. Tickets and Flyers will be finalized & printed and some mailed out to Chapters next week. Complimentary tickets will be provided at a Benefit Fundraiser for Jerry Runston in Onamia.

New business: This is the last month for Nominations, Final Slate for our March Election: President- Nick Capra, V.P.- Marcia Capra, Treasurer- Joe Jones, Chapter Rep.- Ron Lischeid, Secretary- Alyssa Schommer, SGT @ Arms- Brian LaDoux, Greg Schommer, Sean Hughes, Jim French

Tabled Items [For Later Discussion]

- Prizes for Membership Rewards Program

- State Rally Sponsorship, March Meeting Decision Item

Announcements-Reminders-Events:

Recurring Weekly/ Monthly:

- Taco Night at Casa Rio, 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday Monthly

Upcoming Scheduled Events [State, Regional & 2 Hr. or Less Ride Time]:

- Ol'Timers Winter Party, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>

- Donnie Smith Bike Show, March 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>

Motion to adjourn meeting made at 8:10pm, made by Greg/ Frenchy. All in favor.