

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota- Metro Chapter  
Coon Rapids V.F.W.  
May 9<sup>th</sup> 2023

Attendance:

President: Nick Capra

Vice President:

Treasurer: Joe Jones (JJ)

Secretary: Alyssa Schommer (Ally)

Chapter Rep:

Mst Sgt @ Arms: Brian (Benny) LaDoux

Sgt @ Arms: Jim French (Frenchy), Greg Schommer, Sean Hughes

Members: Putz, Jake Jacobs, Renee Burns, Brenda Mackey, Rob Benjamin, Camilla Benjamin

Total in Attendance: 13 Guests: 1, Jacob Schulz (joined at the end of the meeting)

We opened the meeting at 7:02pm with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Frenchy

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: Taco Night is slowly getting more popular. Products sold decently up at ABATE U in April. Motion to accept report made by Renee/Putz. All in favor, motion passed.

Chapter Rep. Report: Ron was not present at the meeting, Nick mentioned a few things in his place. Budget passed at ABATE U. There was a discussion about raising the kick back amount to the chapters for memberships. This discussion was tabled until next year after we see how raising the price goes this year. New tri-folds and tear-offs available but not enough for each member in the chapter. Motion to accept Chapter Rep. Report made by Renee/Frenchy. All in favor, motion passed.

Dial-A-Ride: No Available info at this time. 2022 will go down as the most the deadliest year in 40+ years.

Legislative News: Refer to the roadnoise.

Northeast District Director: Not Present

State Rally: Band line up is selected, event planning is well underway. Some updates at ABATE

U. Will give a more comprehensive report at our June Meeting.

Social Media/Facebook: Metro Chapter ABATE FB Page [Last 28 Days]: Followers: 1,229, Reach: 1,168, Engagement: 273, New Page Likes: 8, New Followers: 14, Reactions: 127, Comments: Shares: 1, Photo Views: 10, Link Clicks: 27 – Metro Chapter Group Page: Members: 632, Visitors: 36

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

Grapevine: Ron will be turning it in this month

Old business: MetroMorial is right around the corner, ticket sales are very important. Kids committee will be meeting up at some point to go shopping for trikes. State Rally calendars sales recap was available for all members to see the progress.

New business: Mileage Challenge is underway, please send a picture to Nick Capra to be put on the list. This will go from our May meeting to our October meeting. Buddy Bears are now important to get out since riding season had officially started. We have 75 bears to give out again this year. Chapter suggested we do the following locations: Memory Care, Ronald McDonald, and possibly Allina EMT.

Events:

**Recurring Weekly/ Monthly**

Taco Night @ Casa Rio in Anoka 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday Monthly, Next one is Moved to June 5<sup>th</sup> For a Birthday Taco Night 4pm-8pm  
Breakfast Buffet @ Route 47 in Fridley Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup> 8am-12pm

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

Metromorial May 28<sup>th</sup> in Fridley at Route 47 12pm-6pm  
Themadones Rib Fest June 3<sup>rd</sup> 3pm (2654 Emerson Ave MPLS, MN 55408)

Announcements: None

Motion to adjourn meeting made at 7:40pm, made by Greg/Putz All in favor.