

A.B.A.T.E of Minnesota - Metro Chapter

Coon Rapids V.F.W.

May 14th, 2024

Attendance:

President: Nick Capra Vice President: Jameson Lemke

Treasurer: Joe Jones "JJ" Secretary: Alyssa Schommer "Ally"

Chapter Rep: Rob Benjamin

Sgt at Arms: Shannon Bros, Leann Mentele, Sean Hughes, Marcia Capra, Brian "Benny"
Ladoux, Greg Schommer

Members: Ron Lischeid, Putz, Jane Doyle, Randy Swenson, Camilla Benjamin, Corey
Kowalski, Ken Ehrreich, Thorlene Ehrreich

Guests: Carol Poolo, Marcia Borchardt, Jenny Jacques

Total in attendance: 20 members, 3 guests

We opened the meeting at 7pm with the pledge of allegiance led by Shannon

Secretary report: We as a chapter took 5 minutes to review last month's meeting minutes. Corrections to be addressed and updated. Motion to accept minutes Camilla/Randy. All in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Chapter is doing well with membership and products. Casa Rio and Route 47 breakfasts have been successful. Motion to accept treasurer's report Putz/Ally. All in favor, motion passed.

Chapter Rep Report: Rob had new membership challenge cards to pass out at the meeting. California is proposing a bill to introduce intelligent speed limiters to motorcycles from 2027 and onwards that would allow 10mph over the speed limit. Minnesota usually follows California in bills and voting. Possible amendment to the by-laws to be discussed in July and October and presented for proposal in January to vote on on changing to allow members between 18-21 years of age to hold officer positions. We are reaching out to the State Fair coordinators to see about an ABATE

booth.

Chapter Committee Reports:

Membership Committees, events and updates

-Member Activity & Event Committees

--Metromorial Committee. Event is coming along nicely. We have vendors and activities lined up. The committee decided to not hold an auction due to timing from the previous event and smaller volunteer lineup. Would love to get more volunteers in the future to help with events and activities.

--Fall Ride Committee. Rob has teamed up with Randy to plan an excellent fun run. Discussion has been brought up to possible make this a dry run and focus more on riding. It was mentioned that this could be a way to deliver a round of buddy bears depending on the route.

--Fall Festival Committee. Leann has offered to head up the committee. This event will be set for a weekend in October. The committee will be reaching out to the VFW as a possible host for the event. We want to make this years event even bigger than our inaugural. Leann will be reaching out to vendors to establish interest in participating. This event would be open to the public as well as ABATE family members. More discussion to happen in the future and in the committee chat once established.

-Member Retention. Membership retention letters were mailed out. As of the meeting we had a few return to sender and 2 survey responses. We had 2 couples renew as part of this outreach. If anyone is interested in helping with the retention committee talk to Jameson.

--Mileage Challenge. Mileage challenge started on May 14. If anyone would like to participate please send your pictures to Shannon. This years mileage challenge was voted to be extended to November. Current participants: Putz, Shannon, Jameson, Sean, Marcia, Nick, Rob, Gregg, Randy, and Benny. Discussion to change the dates to allow mileage starting January 1st next year due to this years warmer winter. Motion made Gregg/Camilla. All in favor, motion passed

-Dial My Calls. This service will lapse soon. Possible other plans discussed. Subject tabled for next meeting.

--New Business. Sean is ordering a new flag and banner to replace the old one. The

chapter voted to buy both and allow members to order personal flags to help offset the cost. Motion made Jane/Putz. All in favor, motion passed.

Events: Breakfast at Route 47 (times tbd) Casa Rio the second Monday of the month. Metromorial May 26, 2024. Fall Family Festival and Fun Run (tbd)

Motion to adjourn meeting meeting 8:29pm. Motion made by Sean/Putz. All in favor, motion passed