

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota – Metro Chapter  
VFW, Coon Rapids  
Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Officers in Attendance:

President:	Nick Capra	Vice President:	Marcia Capra
Treasurer:	Not Present	Secretary:	Open Position
Chapter Rep.:	Not Present		

Master SGT. At ARMS: Brian LaDoux

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Members Present: 7                      Guests:

We opened at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance Led by Brian

Secretary Report: Motion to wave the reading made: Alyssa/Greg, All in Favor

Treasurer Report: No Report

Chapter Rep Report – No Report, Chapter Rep Unable to Make Meeting

Reports Available at Meeting – Contact Chapter Rep with Questions

Legislative News – Open Discussion: The big thing is under insured and uninsured on the table, to get it on to committee not to be mandated. WRITE YOUR LEGISLATOR TO VOTE NO. There is a big election in 2022 all Representatives are being voted in or out. Get involved vote for people that are motorcycle friendly.

NE District Director – Biker Day at the Capitol 2/16/22

State Rally – No Report, but we need Sponsors for the Rally, if you know any business who will Sponsor us let us know.

Dial-A-Ride – No Report, but ongoing, Ron needs help getting out the literature and coasters.

WEB Page: Nick has the WEB Page updated. Nick has the catalog on the WEB page for handy ordering.

GrapeVine: Joe got an article into the Road Noise this month.

Social Media-Email - Doc.: Facebook / 1,037 Page Likes, 1,087 Followers, Metro Group Page has 569 Members

Events: **1.** Route 47 Breakfast Fundraiser is being discussed, not date set. **2.** Passport Run coming up with new Ride Season. **3.** Heart On, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> **4.** Biker Day at the Capitol, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> **5.** OTMC Winter Party, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> **6.** Taco Night April 11<sup>th</sup> at Casa Rio. **7.** Second Brigade MC Chili Feed March 5<sup>th</sup>. **8.** Rolling Prairie 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Feed March 26<sup>th</sup>. **9.** Donnie Smith Bike Show, March 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>. **10.** Northeast A.B.A.T.E Bunwarmer March 26<sup>th</sup>. **11.** Heartland S.T.E.A.M April 1-2nd. **12.** Freedom First Riders Bike Show May 21-22nd. **9.** Joey's Ride May 21<sup>st</sup>. Lots of event flyers to look at.

Old Business: Donnie Smith is paid for. Dial A Ride booth to be next to us. Nick has the Tunnel Passes, JJ has a copy.

New Business:

New Chapter Officer Nominations

Current Nominees:

President: Nick  
Vice President: Marcia  
Treasurer: JJ  
Secretary: Open  
Chapter Rep: Ron  
Sgt. At Arms: Benny

Add/ New Nominations at Meeting:

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Alyssa  
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Greg

Ideas – Things to Remember Re: Member Retention, attracting New Members and Fundraising:

**1.** New Members & Retention: **a.** Nick and Michelle had begun contacting expired Members, Brian will help with this in the future. **b.** We are going to work on having more booths to get more members. **c.** RV and boat weekends are a great place to set up a membership booth. **d.** Benny is planning a ride each month, in the spring lets support him. **2.** We've had great ideas to raise money: **a.** Michelle had suggested doing volunteer work to get involved and pay it forward and get new members because we will be seen. Volunteering at Hay Days in North Branch is one opportunity. What a great idea. **a.** Kwik Trips have 2 promotions for Non-Profit organizations to raise awareness for ABATE & Dial-A-Ride, we are looking into this. \* Let's continue to bring our ideas to each meeting.\* Thank you everyone for all you do, we really appreciate it!

Products, Membership, and Retention – JJ has not gotten any calls or new requests for products.

Next meeting at the VFW Coon Rapids on March 8<sup>th</sup> where elections will be held, write in candidates are still an option at that time.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:07 p.m.: Motions: Alyssa/ Benny, All in Favor