

A.B.A.T.E of Minnesota - Metro Chapter
Coon Rapids V.F.W.
August 13, 2024

Attendance:

President: Nick Capra Vice President: Jameson Lemke

Treasurer: Joe "JJ" Jones Secretary: Not present

Chapter Rep: Rob Benjamin

Sgt at Arms: Shannon Bros, Brian Ladoux, Marcia Capra

Members: Camilla Benjamin, Putz, Randy Swenson, Ron Lischeid, Ken Errheich, Thorlene Errheich, Karen Semmler, Randy Swenson, Jay Pederson, Mark Jacobs Guests: Sylvester Nagel (Sand Dunes), Marcia Borchardt (East Central)

Total in attendance: 17 Members in attendance, 2 Guests

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

Special guest presentation: A benefit for George was presented to the chapter. This would include a benefit run October 12, 2024 starting in Kasota, MN and ending at the Themadones clubhouse. They are looking for support in the forms of participation, silent auction donations, and promoting the event. The proposed run would start between 10-noon. For those unable to make the run, there will be a reduced fee cover for the afterparty. The afterparty is looking at doing a band and potluck. Cost of the event is still TBD.

Secretary Report: We as a chapter went over the minutes from the last 2 meetings. Spelling errors corrected for Camilla and Greg. June minutes read, adjustments made. Motion to accept June minutes, Ron/Camilla. July minutes read and name spelling errors corrected. Motion to accept July minutes, Ron/Camilla. All in favor motion passed.

Treasurer Report: For the August report we had \$48 in memberships and \$120 from Casa Rio. Breakfast at Route 47 upcoming. Taco Night has had a poor showing lately. How do we promote this? Facebook events being created further in advance so more invites can be made. Motion to accept treasurers report Ron/Camila. All in favor, motion passed.

Chapter Rep Report: The legislative team report will be allowing up to 6 people, contacts currently unknown. ABATE U is scheduled for April 25th-27th due to the Easter holiday. Biker Day at the Capitol has been moved up to February 13, not March this coming year. Tesla is rolling out a new update to self driving cars that requires the driver to have their hand on the steering wheel to keep the car moving. Police are looking into the pros vs cons of chasing vehicles or using tracking systems to follow vehicles. Bylaw for Chapter Officer spots will be written up for October 21st. This would allow 18+ to hold officer positions. The Chapter patch was presented at the BOD and was approved with flying colors. Chapter to look into production of new patches. Buddy Bears to report to the program director monthly via email. Motion to accept chapter rep report, Ron/Camilla. All in favor, motion passed.

Chapter Committee Reports:

Membership Committees, events and updates

--Member Activity & Event Committees

--Fall Events Committee. Rob has run the route for the fall ride. Ride start Cambridge, with end at the Coon Rapids VFW to join the trunk or treat. The chapter has decided not to do a large scale event this year and will be joining trunk or treat, bagger style. Chapter deciding on if to offer pumpkins and have grilling available at the event. The chapter is reaching out to Sharon Wright from East Central about collaborating a Dial A Ride/ABATE float for the Anoka Halloween Grande Day Parade.

--Member Retention. Members have been making their presence known at other chapters and organizations events. New connections and relationships for future collaborations to come from this hopefully.

--Member Training & Activities Committee: Accident scene management training October 5th or 19th to be hosted by CMA. This would take place in New Brighton. The cost would be \$100 per person. The chapter voted to co-sponsor the cost of sign up 50/50, up to \$250. This would sponsor 5 people to take the class. Chapter would reimburse after completion of the course. Motion made Ron/Camilla. All in favor, motion passed.

--Dial My Calls. Service has lapsed. Chapter has not voted on restoring or other options.

State Rally Report: The State Rally Board is still in desperate need of volunteers specifically with stage set up and tear down. The memorial ride is looking for road guards for the run. The rally board has put a time frame of no bonfires on Monday morning to assure the fire rings are cooled off before clean up. A quiet zone is being designated for campers with a noise curfew and no loud generators allowed. The committee will be doing a walk through of the grounds on Sunday and it will open to the public no sooner than 3pm on Sunday afternoon. The bike show judges have been chosen by the state and will remain anonymous until judging. There will be 3 photographers present on site. They will be taking photographs for next years calendar.

New Business:

--Chapter received 4 tickets to the State Rally. Names were drawn for 2 tickets. Winning names were Benny and Ken.

--Chad Marchand is stepping down as Northeast District Director. Nominations for the position will be at the January BOD and you must be present to be nominated.

Discussion brought up for the next meeting, do we allow a set number of MCs or organizations to have a free table at events vs paying a vendor fee. The discussion is that they will bring in more people that it would more than cover the fee. Discussion to be had at the next meeting.

Events:

- Breakfast at Route 47, September 22,
- Casa Rio the second Monday of the month.
- Fall Ride (details tbd)

Motion to adjourn meeting meeting at 8:24pm. Motion made by Camilla/Ron. All in favor, motion passed