

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

Coon Rapids V.F.W.

July 9th, 2024

Attendance:

President: Not present Vice President: Jameson Lemke

Treasurer: Joe "JJ" Jones Secretary: Not present

Chapter Rep: Rob Benjamin

Sgt at Arms: Shannon Bros

Members: Camila Benjamin, Putz, Randy Swenson, Ron Lischeid, Jane Doyle

Guests: None

Total in attendance: 9 Members in attendance.

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

Secretary report: We as a chapter voted to waive the reading of last months minutes due to not having printed copy. Last months minutes to be gone over at next meeting and amendments and corrections made it necessary. Motion to postpone minutes reading Ron/Camila. All in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer Report: June treasurers report, \$647.53 in expenses including reimbursement for hotels for ABATE U. The account is still in good standing with \$4,824.23 not including upcoming Casa Rio and Route 47 income. Motion to accept June report Putz/Ron. All in favor, motion passed.

For the July report we had \$42 in memberships, \$76 from Casa Rio, and \$236 in free will donations. The chapter had no expenses at the time of the meeting. Breakfast at Route 47 upcoming. Motion to accept treasurers report Ron/Camila. All in favor, motion passed.

Chapter Rep Report: Lane Splitting bill has passed. Set to go into effect in July 2025. Accident scene management class set for October 5th. Looking into the deadline to sign up for the class. Sturgis is coming up. Hoping to get stories and pictures for the grapevine. Postponing future meeting discussed due to Sturgis, but the chapter decided there's enough time for meeting after. Motion to accept Chapter Rep Report Putz/Randy. All in favor, motion passed.

Chapter Committee Reports:

Membership Committees, events and updates

-Member Activity & Event Committees

--Fall Ride Committee. Route for fall ride is in the works. Looking at October 25th for the fall run. End spot possibly at the VFW to join their trunk or treat event. Fall Festival tabled for this meeting due to committee not being present. Future discussion on where to go with the event tabled for next meeting.

-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. Sand Dunes was hosting road guard training July 27th in Pine City. East Central has discussed training as well. Do we want to host our own or join an existing class. Topic open for discussion. Possible cost of \$25 per participant.

-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.

-New Business: Station 3 fire station no longer has need for Buddy Bears so we are still looking for places to donate to. Ronald Mcdonal House and flood displaced families were discussed. Members are reaching out to see if there is a need for the bears in these locations. Chapter flags and banners have arrived. No news on feather flags yet.

The chapter has voted to add Joe (Dirt) Kraus and David (Doc) Kane to the honored member plaque. Motion to add them to the honored member boars, Camila/Putz. The chapter amended the vote to an \$80 max for the engraving and plaque. Amendment Jane/Ron. All in favor, motion passed.

The chapter voted on a Chapter Logo patch to submit to the BOD for approval. The design will be on a 4x4 square patch. After approval we will look into production of these new patches. Motion Camila/Randy. All in favor, motion passed.

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 (times tbd) Casa Rio the second Monday of the month. Fall Ride (date tbd)

Motion to adjourn meeting meeting at 8:11pm. Motion made by Putz/Randy. All in favor, motion passed