

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

June 13th, 2023

Coon Rapids VFW

Attendance:

President: Nick Capra

Vice President: Marcia Capra

Treasurer:

Secretary: Alyssa Schommer

Chapter Rep.: Ron Lischeid

MST SGT @ Arms: Brian (Benny) LaDoux     Sergeant @ Arms: Greg Schommer,

Members: Putz, Rob Benjamin, Camilla Benjamin

Total in Attendance: 9 Guests: 0

We opened the meeting at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Greg

Secretary Report: We as a chapter took 5 minutes to review last month's meeting minutes. Jane Doyle mentioned a correction to our last months minutes, a vote was taken at the BOD meeting to kick back to the chapters from the price increase of memberships, and the majority voted motion down. Everyone thought it best to give it a year before voting on it again. Motion to accept minutes made by Putz/Rob, All in Favor, motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Putz took this position this month for JJ. Membership are still increasing for our chapter. Motion to accept report made by Greg/Camilla, All in favor, motion passed.

Chapter Rep. Report: Jane Doyle printed and signed a proclamation for May of 2023 for motorcycle awareness month. For the education report, they are focusing on a program for young riders. This is a scholarship program to pay for the cost of attending rider training courses. Our gambling report for the chapter was available for the chapter to see. Tri-county Abate chapter is sponsoring a statewide Chapter Membership challenge to run from may1st through December 31<sup>st</sup> 2023. this challenge is to see how many new members we can get. There will be 2 prizes awarded to the chapters. State Historian is looking into gathering as much information as possible. Next BOD Meeting is July 14th-15th 2023 at The Caboose in Tracy,mn. Camping available to first come first serve,or there is a motel across the street. Motion to accept Chapter Rep. Report made by Greg/Putz . All in favor, motion passed.

Dial-A-Ride: So far we have had 17 crashes with 18 fatalities. New materials are being

distributed to each Chapter Rep. To give to the Chapters. Chapters are to keep track of where the materials go so that we don't miss or overlap on locations, this way we can successfully get the word out. This information can be sent to [Bill Ernst at wjernst84@gmail.com](mailto:BillErnst84@gmail.com).

Legislative News: These following bills have been introduced as of 4/10/2023: SF 2132 Motorcycle ground light, AF 2573 Motorcycle sales tax, HF 2365 Motorcycle sales tax, SF 1598 Digital Fair Repair Act.

Northeast District Director Report: Not Present.

State Rally: JJ and Lori are in charge of the bike show; looking for available people from the chapter just in case the bike show gets busier this year due to everything being included in the tickets at the front gate. Volunteers also will be needed for other spots as well. 3-4 hours shifts will get you a volunteer patch for your vest. Drawing to be held at the end of the meeting for 2 tickets to the State Rally. Pre-sale tickets are now available for purchase, \$40 pre-sale, \$50 at the door. New event this year, Royalty Pageant. I will have more information next month.

Social Media/Facebook: Doc's current report: 656 members on Mn Metro Chapter group page, Mn Metro FB page: 1 new like, 1,235 followers.

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

Grapevine: Ron sent it in with 5 photos from Metromorial.

Old business: Buddy bears, Chapter has decided our 3 locations, Benny is in charge of Memory care, Ally is in charge of Ronald McDonald house, Rob will help reach out to Alina EMT.

New business: Motion was made by Putz/Greg to pay the \$100 for our MRF Membership. All in favor, Motion passed. Motion was Made by Marcia/Greg for drawing 2 tickets for the State Rally and Upperkettle Shakedown. All in favor, motion passed State Rally winners are: Rob Benjamin and Putz. Upperkettle Shakedown winner is Putz. Motion made by Benny/Putz to tip the Wait staff \$200 at Route 47 from Metromorial event. All in favor, motion passed

Events:

*Recurring Weekly/ Monthly*

Ride list available on our Metro Page.

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

The National Coalition of Motorcycles 2023 Convention, June 16-18, 2023 in Tempe Arizona

5<sup>th</sup> Annual Fun Run Membership Drive and Campout, June 24, 2023 Litchfield mn

A.B.A.T.E. Summer shenanigans party July 22, 2023 Spring Valley mn

Announcements:

Motion to adjourn meeting made at 8:08pm, made by Benny/Greg, All in favor.