

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

V.F.W. Coon Rapids

Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> 2022

Attendance:

President: Nick Capra

Vice President: Marcia

Capra Treasurer: Joe Jones (JJ)

Secretary: Alyssa Schommer

Chapter Rep.: Not present

Sergeant @ Arms: Greg Schommer , Brian (Benny) Ladoux

Members: Putz, Jane Doyle, Thorlene Ehrriech, Ken Ehrriech, Diane Schreier, Uncle Bill, Stephen L. Brown.

Total in Attendance: 14 Guests: Elaine Brown

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

Secretary Report: We as a chapter took 5 minutes to review last month's meeting minutes, Motion to accept minutes made by Putz/Greg, All in Favor, motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Putz still needs to get information to JJ for 1<sup>st</sup> place in the mileage challenge. Calendar sales: the chapter still has 16 left for sale at \$15 each. The new calendars should be available by thanksgiving this year. Motion to accept report made by Greg/Benny, All in favor, motion passed.

Chapter Rep. Report: Ron was not present at the meeting. Ron sent a bullet page for Greg to read off to the chapter. The proposed annual dues increase passed almost unanimously, this will go into effect on 4/1/2023 to match with our fiscal year. Members can pay for multiple years at the current cost if they want. Jane pointed out that this will limit Abate's ability to increase budgets in areas where they need to. Biker day at the capitol is Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> 2023, registration deadline for this is Jan 15<sup>th</sup> 2023. Heartland Steam will be in Bismarck, ND April 21-22 2023. Theme is Protecting your Assets. Abate U will be April 14-16 2023 in Alexandria MN. Metro gambling account is dedicated to Joey's ride as soon as we receive the 501c3 info. Sharon (mama Bear) is retiring from the buddy bear responsibility but still sourcing suppliers for this year. Passport Run is over and all money and books should be turned in by now. Road Noise continues to need Biker/Businesses/Member/Veteran of the month. Board voted to purchase a couple new computers and software. More details and handouts will be available at the December meeting. Motion to accept Chapter Rep. Report made by Putz/Diane. All in favor, motion passed.

Dial-A-Ride: No current updates.

Legislative News: Please read page 10 in the Road Noise.

Northeast District Director Report: Kent was not present, No report.

State Rally: Next meeting is in Litchfield MN.

Social Media/Facebook: Doc's current report: 617 members on Mn Metro Chapter group page, Mn Metro FB page: 1,119 likes, 1,158 followers.

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

Grapevine: Ron will be submitting this month's report.

Old business: JJ cannot reach the advocate for Joey's Ride. Our new vendor Dark Night Engraving has new chapter items for purchase, hopefully we will have these items at the Donnie Smith show next year. Always looking for volunteers to help set up our booth at the Donnie Smith show. Will not be continuing the monthly dinner at the sunset bar and grill. Will be possibly doing an every month taco night at Casa Rio in Anoka MN, Going to do a 6 month verbal contract while we explore other options.

New business: Ally suggested a 6 month winter challenge for the chapter to get more members. Abate U raffle tickets are now available for purchase. Abate is looking to do a young riders program, more information is available on page 9 of the Road Noise.

Events:

*Recurring Weekly/ Monthly*

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

Announcements:

-Next Breakfast Buffet at Route 47 Pub & Grub, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> 8am-Noon

Motion to adjourn meeting made at 7:59pm, made by Putz/Benny, All in favor.