

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota- Metro Chapter
Tuesday March 14th, 2023
Coon Rapids V.F.W.

Attendance:

President: Nick Capra

Vice President: Marcia Capra

Treasurer: Joe Jones (JJ)

Secretary: Alyssa Schommer

Chapter Rep.:

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

Members: Putz, Jane Doyle, Rob Benjamin, Sean Hughes, LeAnn Mentele

Total in Attendance: 11 Guests: 0

We opened the meeting at 7:01pm with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Benny

Secretary Report: We as a chapter took 5 minutes to review last month's meeting minutes, some corrections were discussed. Minutes need to be amended accordingly, Motion to accept minutes with corrections made by Putz/Jane, All in Favor, motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Taco Night on Monday March 13th had a decent turnout. Motion to accept report made by Greg/Putz, All in favor, motion passed. Next Taco night is March 13th from 4-8pm at Casa Rio in Anoka, JJ reported on proceeds from the last one.

Chapter Rep. Report: Ron was unable to attend.

Dial-A-Ride: N/A

Legislative News: Please read the Legislative Report in the March Road Noise.

Northeast District Director Report: Kent was not present.

State Rally: Next State Rally will be on March 18th at the Litchfield, Nick plans to attend and will offer a brief report next month. Chapter talked about the State Rally Sponsorship, the chapter all voted to do the same level as last year, a Silver Sponsorship. 2 of our tickets will be given to JJ and Lori for their role in the tattoo and bike show each year. The other 2 will be drawn at the end of a future meeting and will include those who attend.

Social Media/Facebook: Doc's current report: 629 members on Mn Metro Chapter group page, Mn Metro FB page: 1154 likes, 1198 followers.

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

Products: Nick is working on adding the new products of Metro Chapter to be able to purchase online. Also, we will have some new products available for sale at the Donnie Smith bike show. Jane mentioned product tables for chapters @ ABATE "U" on Friday, Chapter agreed to have one, Stephanie will be notified in advance for our presence.

Grapevine: Ron keeps us up to date with this.

Old business: Dark Night was present with a few examples of our new products, the Chapter allocated \$200 towards products. Motion by Ally/Putz, All in favor, motion passed. Plan on them being available by the Donnie Smith Show in March. Load in for Donnie Smith is scheduled for Thur. Mar. 23rd at 11am. State Rally Calendar & Flash Drives are selling pretty well. Handed out Sales Recap at our Feb. meeting, no change since. MetroMorial – Our Band will be Virgil Caine, Route 47 and most of the details are locked in. Tickets and Fliers are now available, each Officer was given 5 Pre-Sale tickets to Sell, this part is important if we are to have a successful event. We talked about how we are trying to make this event a family friendly event. Our volunteers to help out with the children are Ally and LeAnn, they are planning some fun stuff. A motion was made to have separate meal tickets available for Children who are accompanied by a Parent. Motion was to charge \$6 for Children between 5-12, 13 and up will need to purchase a full price ticket and 4 or under will be free. Membership prices for ABATE officially go up April 1st 2023. New tri-folds and tear-offs will be soon available with the new prices.

New business: This is the month for Elections, Election Results: President- Nick Capra, V.P.- Marcia Capra, Treasurer- Joe Jones, Chapter Rep.- Ron Lischeid, Secretary- Alyssa Schommer, SGT @ Arms- Brian LaDoux [Master based on Seniority in Postion], Greg Schommer, Sean Hughes, Jim French. There being only one nominee for each position [State and Chapter], the Chapter agreed to a white ballot–uncontested vote for both Chapter and State. So, no Election Judges – Ballot Certification were needed. ABATE "U", April 14th-16th, Pre-order your t-shirts before March 31st, first aid and Carry permit classes will be available to attend at ABATE "U". \$22 for first aid and \$69 for regular carry course - permit, \$25 extra for added states. Register @ Abatemn.com/Abateu. There will be Jail cells, popcorn, raffles, tri-atholon, fun stuff etc.

Tabled Items [For Later Discussion]

Prizes for Membership Rewards Program

Announcements-Reminders-Events:

Recurring Weekly/ Monthly:

Taco Night at Casa Rio, 2nd Monday Monthly

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

Donnie Smith Bike Show, March 25th & 26th

Motion to adjourn meeting made at 8:03pm, made by Greg/ Puts. All in favor.