

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota – Metro Chapter
VFW, Coon Rapids
Tuesday, March 8th, 2022

Officers in Attendance:

President: Nick Capra
Treasurer: Joe (JJ) Jones
Chapter Rep.: Ron Lischeid

Vice President: Marcia Capra
Secretary: Open Position

Master SGT. At ARMS: Brian LaDoux

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Members Present: 9

Guests:

We opened at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance Led by Brian

Secretary Report: Reviewed the minutes: motion to accept, with 1 correction made by Michelle/Putz, All in Favor

Treasurer Report: No Report for this month, gave last month's motion made to accept Michelle/Alyssa All in favor

Chapter Rep Report – Ron reviewed all the reports and budgets with us from the BOD. Get involved and stay involved. Join the MRF if you have not done so. Help distribute flyers and sell tickets. Motion made to accept the Chapter Rep Report, Michelle/Alyssa, All in Favor

Reports Available at Meeting – Contact Chapter Rep with Questions

Legislative News – Open Discussion: The big thing is under insured and uninsured on the table, to get it on to committee not to be mandated. WRITE YOUR LEGISLATOR TO VOTE NO. Curtail Profiling of Motorcyclists, Reduce the sales Tax Imposed on older Motorcycles. We passed our own Proclamation that May is Motorcycle Awareness Month. If you want a T Shirt for ABATE U order in advance. There is a big election in 2022 all Representatives are being voted in or out. Get involved vote for people that are motorcycle friendly.

NE District Director – Biker Day at the Capitol 2/16/22 was an excellent day with many speakers. Thank you all for stepping up to be Officers. The next State Rally Meeting is March 26th at St. James at 3pm

State Rally – New price on tickets, but we need Sponsors for the Rally, if you know any business who will Sponsor us let us know.

Dial-A-Ride – No Report, but ongoing, Ron needs help getting out the literature and coasters.

WEB Page: Nick has the WEB Page updated. Nick has the catalog on the WEB page for handy ordering.

GrapeVine: Joe got a great article into the Road Noise this month.

Products, Memberships and Retention: No sales or calls

Social Media-Email - Doc.: Facebook / 1,050 Page Likes, 1,099 Followers, Metro Group Page has 575 Members

Events/ Announcements:

Second Brigade MC Chili Feed March 5th.

Route 47 Breakfast Fundraiser is March 13th.

Rolling Prairie Annual Chili Feed, Saint James MN March 26th

Donnie Smith Bike Show, March 26th & 27th.

Northeast A.B.A.T.E Bunwarmer March 26th.

Heartland S.T.E.A.M April 1st-2nd

Operation Zero Suicides Veterans FR Event, April 2nd @ 6pm at Route 47

Accident Scene Management Training, April 2nd @ 8-4pm at HD Blaine

Bond Slaves MC Spring Party, April 9th @ 6pm in Spring Lake Park

Metro Chapter-ABATE Taco Night, April 11th @ 4pm at Casa Rio in Anoka

Los Valientes MC Spring Taco Feed, April 30th @ 3pm in Lexington MN

Owatonna Bike Blessing, May 1st @ 10-Noon at Fair Grounds in Owatonna

Buffalo Bike Blessing, May 15th @ 9:30am at Buffalo Free Church

Freedom First Riders Bike Show May 21-22nd

BBQ & Bullets [CMA], May 21st @ Noon at Hudson Rd. Gun & Archery Club

Joey's Ride [ABATE FR], May 21st @ 9am at Newman's Bar in N. St. Paul

Freedom First Riders Bike Show, May 21st & 22nd in Alexandria [CMA Booth Also]

Bikers on the Beltway, May 16-17th in DC

Maranatha Bike Blessing, June 5th @ 11:30am at Maranatha Church in Forest Lk.

Old Business: 1. Help Ron with flyers. 2. Full Calendar Update after Donnie Smith. 3. MetroMorial Day - Need to Lock in more Vendors & Bike Show Details. We have Assholes Garage, Sisters Bandannas and Fast Eddy so far. Pre-Sell tickets and put up flyers.

New Business:

Misc. Motions: 1] Michelle made a motion we do \$300.00 for Chapter Challenge for ABATE U Greg seconded, All in Favor 2] Michelle made a motion we accept the State Budget, Greg seconded, All in Favor

Nick suggested we have a committee to find more Vendors [Marcia, Alyssa and JJ] will work on this and "the whole is the sum of it's parts" idea Ron brought up [Ron, Marcia, Alyssa and JJ].

New Chapter Officer Elections: President – Nick Capra, Vice President – Marcia Capra, Treasurer – Joe [JJ] Jones, Secretary – Alyssa Schommer, Chapter Rep – Ron Lischeid, Sgt's at Arms – Brian [Benny] LaDoux and Greg Schommer

Ideas – Things to Remember Re: Member Retention, attracting New Members and Fundraising:
New Members & Retention: **a.** Nick and Michelle had begun contacting expired Members, Brian will help with this in the future. **b.** We are going to work on having more booths to get more members. **c.** RV and boat weekends are a great place to set up a membership booth. **d.** Benny is planning a ride each month, in the spring lets support him. **2.** We've had great ideas to raise money: **a.** Michelle had suggested doing volunteer work to get involved and pay it forward and get new members because we will be seen. Volunteering at Hay Days in North Branch is one opportunity. What a great idea. **a.** Kwik Trips have 2 promotions for Non-Profit organizations to raise awareness for ABATE & Dial-A-Ride, we are looking into this. * Let's continue to bring our ideas to each meeting.* Thank you everyone for all you do, we really appreciate it!

Next meeting at Park Tavern in St. Louis Park on April 12th

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 p.m.: Motions: Alyssa/ Greg, All in Favor