

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota- Metro Chapter
Coon Rapids V.F.W.
February 13th, 2024

Attendance:

President: Nick Capra

Vice President: Marcia Capra

Treasurer: Joe (jj) Jones

Secretary: Alyssa Schommer

Chapter Rep.: Ron Lischeid

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

Members: Jameson Lemke, Shannon Bros, Rob Benjamin, Camilla Benjamin, Randy Swenson, Putz, Jay Pederson, Thunderbird Trigger, Joe Dirt

Total in Attendance: 16 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, couple of spelling errors on January's minutes need to be fixed. Motion to accept minutes made by Sean/Jameson, All in Favor, motion passed.

Treasurer Report: We as a chapter need to make sure we are out there getting more memberships, Product sales are doing better. Motion to accept report made by Rob/Jameson, All in favor, motion passed.

Chapter Rep. Report: Chapter has the ABATE U Chapter Challenge coming up. Motion was made by Putz/Ron to do \$250 for the Chapter Challenge, Motion passed. Products' yearly inventory is due. Next BOD Meeting, The State Committee will be passing out next year's proposed budget. We still have tickets available for purchase for ABATE U Raffle, get the word out to the public. Motion to accept Chapter Rep. Report made by Sean/Jameson. All in favor, motion passed.

Legislative News: Biker Day at the Capitol will be held on March 13th, 2023. Please make sure you pre register online for a spot. The Road Noise was a little late getting to members in Feb. read page 9 this month for Legislative update.

Northeast District Director Report: Chad Marchand (On phone) State is giving NEDD \$600 to split among the chapters to help host a Riders Course. Our chapter will discuss if we are able to host a class.

State Rally: Posters are available to hang up. The State Rally Committee is looking for a State Rally Treasurer. An electrician will be needed this year to help out at the State Rally, if you know anyone interested, please contact the State Rally Committee.

Products: Calendars- We have placed a full page ad in the Road Noise, it is located on page 35. We are looking for someone that is interested in taking over the products part for our chapter, let Nick Capra know if you can fill that position.

Social Media/Facebook: Doc's current report: 718 members on Mn Metro Chapter group page, Mn Metro FB page: 1,303 followers.

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

Grapevine: Metro has an ad in the March edition for the St. Patrick's Warm-up Party. Ron does a wonderful job each month with sending in our grapevine. Need to make sure meeting dates and times are sent in also.

Old business: St. Patrick's Day Warm-up, Committee members are: Jameson, Shannon, Patricia, Rob, and Ron. Nick has a Facebook conversation for the committee to get more details in place. Donnie Smith Bike Show will be March 23 & 24, 2024. MetroMorial Event is coming up in just under 3 Months, Will get started on planning this event. Should start setting up a committee for this event.

New business: ABATE at State level now has 2644 Memberships. Our Chapter has 82 couples and 68 singles. Numbers are dropping throughout the state, we need to start recruiting.

February Officer Nominations: President- Nick Capra, Vice President- Greg Schommer, Jameson Lemke, Treasurer- Joe Jones (JJ), Secretary- Alyssa Schommer (Ally), Chapter Rep.- Rob Benjamin, SGT @ Arms- Jameson Lemke, Sean Hughes, Shannon Bros, Marcia Capra, Brian LaDoux (Benny)

Events:

St. Patrick's Day Warm-up {Friday March 15th 2024} Route 47 Pub and Grub, Fridley MN.

MetroMorial- {Sunday May 26th, 2024} Route 47 Pub and Grub, Fridley MN

Breakfast Buffet: Route 47 Pub and Grub, Fridley MN, TBD

Announcements:

Motion to adjourn meeting made at 8:10pm, made by Greg/Benny. All in favor. Motion Passed