

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota- Metro Chapter  
Coon Rapids V.F.W.  
January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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: Sean Hughes

Members: Jameson Lemke, Shannon Bros, Rob Benjamin, Camilla Benjamin, Randy Swenson

Total in Attendance: 12 Guests: 0

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

Secretary Report: We as a chapter took 5 minutes to review last month's meeting minutes. Need to take Marcia's name of last month's minutes. Motion to accept minutes with this edit 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. We as chapter agreed to donate \$150 to Biker Day at the Capitol. No expenses this month. Motion to accept report made by Rob/Jameson, All in favor, motion passed.

Chapter Rep. Report: BOD coming up on the 20<sup>th</sup> of January in Rogers, MN. JJ will be attending the State Rally Meeting on Friday for Marcia. 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 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Please make sure you preregister online by February 23<sup>rd</sup> for a spot.

Northeast District Director Report: Chad Marchand (Not Present)

State Rally: Posters are available to hang up. 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 add 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: 716 members on Mn Metro Chapter group page, Mn Metro FB page: 1,296 followers.

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

Grapevine: Ron does a wonderful job each month sending in our grapevine. Need to make sure meeting dates and times are sent in also.

Old business: Motion made by Jameson/Sean to rename Winter Bash to St. Patrick's Day Warm-up, All in Favor, Motion passed. Committee members are: Jameson, Shannon, Patricia, Rob, and Ron. Thinking about St. Patrick's Day. Rob is trying to secure a location for our event. Nick will be starting a Facebook conversation for the committee to get more details in place. Donnie Smith Bike Show will March 23 & 24, 2024. We found out that Donnie Smith is relocating us to a different spot than agreed upon last month, Chapter was okay with this decision. Nick will take care of payment for Donnie Smith. MetroMorial Event has the Band locked in for 2024. This year the event will be on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Will get started on planning this event.

New business: Motion was made by Greg/Benny to purchase 75 Buddy Bears for 2024. We will start working on our 3 locations for donating these bears. Motion made by Camilla/Jameson to use chapter's gambling money for Buddy Bear purchase first and then to have the chapter cover the rest out of our regular account. All in favor, motion passed. There was a listed handed to the secretary for expired members. We as a Chapter have 82 single/68 Couple memberships. We will be doing post cards and phone calls to see if those members would like to re-sign up to join Metro Chapter Abate. Motion made by Sean/Camilla to have the chapter cover the cost of the postage, ink, and paper for reaching out to members and monthly meeting minute print-outs, All in Favor, Motion passed. Nick will be printing postage labels, return address labels and the most current member contact lists for these activities.

January Officer Nominations: President- Nick Capra, Vice President- Greg Schommer, 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 15<sup>th</sup> 2024} Route 47 Pub and Grub, Fridley MN.

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

Breakfast Buffet {Sunday January 21<sup>st</sup> 2024} Route 47 Pub and Grub, Fridley MN

#### Announcements:

Event Flyers are made available at our meetings, on the front table. Most event and activity information is also available on the State & Chapter Websites, on FaceBook and in the Road Noise

Motion to adjourn meeting made at 8:31pm, made by Sean/Shannon. All in favor. Motion Passed