

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota- Metro Chapter
Coon Rapids V.F.W.
March 12th, 2024

Attendance:

President: Nick Capra

Vice President: Marcia Capra

Treasurer: Joe Jones (JJ)

Secretary: Alyssa Schommer (Ally)

Chap. Rep.: Ron Lischeid

Members: Jameson Lemke, Shannon Bros, Rob Benjamin, Camilla Benjamin, Randy Swenson, Putz, Jay Pederson, Tom Morrison, Jane Doyle, Leann Mentele

Total in Attendance: 18 Guests: 1: Chad Marchand (NEDD)

We opened the meeting at 7:03pm with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Benny.

Secretary Report: We as a chapter took 5 minutes to review last month's meeting minutes, Corrections on February's minutes need to be addressed. Motion to accept minutes made by Jane/Greg, All in Favor, motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Chapter is doing very well with new memberships and monthly events. Motion to accept report made by Putz/Camilla, All in favor, motion passed.

Chapter Rep. Report: ABATE U BOD is being held in Alexandria, April 19-21 of 2024. We still have tickets available for purchase for ABATE U Raffle, get the word out to the public. They are looking for a mobile tattoo artist and someone who sells & sews patches. Motion to accept Chapter Rep. Report made by Greg/Jameson. All in favor, motion passed.

Legislative News: Please read pages 7-8 in the road noise, and on page 9 in the MRF report. Biker Day is tomorrow March 13th, 2024.

Northeast District Director Report: Chad Marchand: Present: Biker Day and ABATE U needs more participation from our members. Thank you to all who have served as Officers, and those who will be for the coming year. Discussed and clarified Rider Training Course opportunities and money available to Chapters.

State Rally: Posters are available to hang up. Electrician was found for the 2024 Rally.

Molly Hatchet will be this year's headliner band at the rally, playing on Sat. 8/31 starting at 10:00 p.m.

Products: Chapter Challenge coins are available to purchase.

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

Web Page: Will update the Grapevine section. Will make a PDF Flyer for the St. Patrick's Day Warm-up. Minutes have been moved to What's New – the Grapevine Page. Will be adding some links to Rider Safety tips, Training and such to our Home Page.

Grapevine: 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. Patty's Pre warm-up party; Last minute detail meeting with Brad is planned for this Thursday. Food will be Pulled pork, Chips, and Slaw. Donnie Smith Bike Show; Our load in day is Thursday March 21st at 11am. Please see Nick for a tunnel Pass. Discussed the Membership Rewards Program, wrapping up 2023 challenge in particular, Ron plans to help the Chapter wrap this up at our April Meeting.

New business: Motion was made by Greg/Jameson for the Chapter to receive a tablecloth with the young riders logo/ ABATE logo. All in Favor, Motion passed. 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. MetroMorial committee members are as stated: Jameson, Shannon, Marcia, Nick, Rob, Ron.

Elected officers for 2024: President- Nick Capra, Vice President- Jameson Lemke, Treasurer- Joe Jones (JJ), Secretary- Alyssa Schommer (Ally), Chapter Rep.- Rob Benjamin, SGT @ Arms: Sean Hughes, Shannon Bros (MSTR), Marcia Capra, Brian LaDoux (Benny), Greg Schommer, LeAnn Mentele. (Vote time was 10 minutes during the meeting)

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

ABATE-U, April 19-21, Holiday Inn in Alexandria [Details in RN – February Issue, Pg. 8]

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.

Taco Night at Casa Rio, 2nd Monday Monthly

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

Motion to adjourn meeting made at 8:20pm, made by Greg/Camilla. All in favor. Motion Passed