

A.B.A.T.E of Minnesota - Metro Chapter

Coon Rapids V.F.W.

June 11th, 2024

Attendance:

President: Nick Capra Vice President: Jameson Lemke

Treasurer: Not present Secretary: Alyssa Schommer "Ally"

Chapter Rep: Rob Benjamin

Sgt at Arms: Shannon Bros, Sean Hughes, Marcia Capra, Brian "Benny" Ladoux, Greg Schommer

Members: Camila Benjamin, Putz, Randy Swenson

Guests: None

Total in attendance: 12 Members in attendance.

We opened the meeting at 7pm with the pledge of allegiance led by Shannon

Secretary report: We as a chapter took 5 minutes to review last month's meeting minutes. Corrections to be addressed and updated. Motion to accept minutes Putz/Sean. All in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer Report: No official treasurer report this month, however the chapter is doing well with events and memberships. Taco Night still continues to be successful. Metromorial was financially successful. Buddy bears are already paid and counted for.

Chapter Rep Report: The lane filtering law is set to go into effect July 1st, 2025. This will hopefully give drivers and other riders time to be ready for this change. This new law will allow 25mph or 15mph over the speed of other drivers. A change may be coming to revise the definition of a motorcycle. With this change a motorcycle must be straddled and able to be ridden at speeds over 30 mph. This would mean that certain vehicles, such as the slingshot, would no longer be considered motorcycles. The chapter a whole by vote of hands to send our vote for allowing 18-21 year olds to run for any position they may get nominated for. Rob will taking our chapter vote to the next BOD. Motion to accept rep report Greg/Camila. All in favor, motion passed.

Chapter Committee Reports:

Membership Committees, events and updates

-Member Activity & Event Committees

--Metromorial Committee. Event went extremely well. The childrens games went very well. One thing to discuss for next year is boundaries for the kids due to them getting close a couple bikes. Southern Express loved doing this event and would like us to book them for next year. Future discussion about using them for next years event. The event brought in \$780 that will be split with the State, and \$236 in donations [Law Tigers \$200, plus \$36 in cash] for a total profit of \$626 at this year's event. Putz suggested we get Route 47 featured in the Road Noise as a business of the month, Nick will see that it's done. Per usual Route 47 was super accommodating to work with. Rob submitted an amendment to the Grapevine for our best of paint winner from the bike show.

--Fall Ride Committee. Route for fall ride is in the works. Fall Festival tabled for this meeting.

-Member Retention. No report, no change.

--Member Training & Activities Committee. The Action Scene Management Trainer suggested we set up a fall class in September or October. Do we go with a cost of \$100 per student with a non refundable deposit. Discussion to post a poll to gauge member interest in the class.

-Dial My Calls. This service will lapse soon. Possible other plans discussed. Subject tabled for next meeting.

--State Rally Report: The chapter chose to donate \$500 as a chapter for sponsorship at the rally. Motion to accept donation Greg/Putz. All in favor, motion passed.

--New Business: The chapter has a strong focus of giving the buddy bears to children for this year. The new Station 3 fire station has requested a buddy bear delivery. Date was set for June 25th, at 6PM. We are reaching out to other locations to see if they are interested as well. A thank you was received from a young rider who was granted a Young Riders scholarship. Motion to accept Gregg/Camila. All in favor, motion passed.

Events: Breakfast at Route 47 (times tbd) Casa Rio the second Monday of the month. Fall Family Event and Ride (date tbd)

Motion to adjourn meeting meeting 8:23pm. Motion made by Greg/Sean. All in favor, motion passed