

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota- Metro Chapter
V.F.W. Coon Rapids
Tuesday August 9th, 2022

Attendance:

President: Nick Capra

Vice President: Marcia

Capra Treasurer: Joe Jones (JJ)

Secretary: Alyssa Schommer

Chapter Rep.: Ron Lischeid

Sergeant @ Arms: Brian LaDoux, Greg Schommer

Members: Michelle Scannell, Joe Krauss, Renee Burns, Ken Ehrreich, Rob Cordell, Rachael Cordell, Steve Davis, Kelly Mettayer

Total in Attendance: 14 Guests: 0

We opened the meeting at 7:10pm with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Benny.

Guest speaker from the VFW. They are looking to help out with cross membership from the VFW, CVMA, and metro chapter. They are holding a pig roast on August 20th, 2022. Looking for volunteers for this event.

Secretary Report: We as a chapter took 5 minutes to review last month's meeting minutes, Motion to accept minutes made by Renee/Greg, All in Favor, motion passed.

Treasurer Report: JJ informed the chapter that after purchasing the 75 buddy bears, that the chapter still has funds in the gambling account. JJ is going to get in touch with the state treasurer for the rules and regulations about spending money out of the gambling account. Taco night at Casa Rio was a decent turn out on August 8th. Motion to accept report made by Renee/Greg. All in favor, motion passed.

Chapter Rep. Report: A current crash report was handed out to the chapter but was not talked about. B.O.D. was held July 16th, 2022. 23 chapters were present, River riders chapter has been dissolved. A new budget and gambling report was handed out at the BOD. Primary voting was held August 9th, 2022. resources for reaching out to the primary candidates is unknown but will be posted when the information becomes available. ABATE is tracking a bill about a flat tax on older motorcycles, making it equal to purchasing an older car. MN MRF Rep Jay Hickok is stepping down from his position. PAC has not had enough donations made to them this year, chapter suggested of donating to PAC. Next BOD meeting will be held in Little Falls in October 2022. State is hopeful to have new manuals for the chapter available at

the Oct. meeting. ABATE U will be in a different location next year in April, moved to Wilmar MN. Please reach out to Stephanie Christensen for more information or questions. Our master liability insurance will be going up in price. State proposed we raise our membership costs to \$30/\$50. Metro chapter suggested \$25/\$40. Motion to accept Chapter Rep. Report made by Renee/Benny. All in favor, motion passed.

Dial-A-Ride: Pick-ups for this year so far is at 86. That means 86 people made it home safely with their motorcycles. Awesome work so far. 2021-year total was 167 rides home. Dial-A-Ride will be hosting a free will donation fun run ride Sept 17th, 2022. New t-shirt available for 2022 year.

Legislative News: Covered this month by Ron in the chapter rep. Report. Voting District info still available at www.sos.state.mn.us.

Northeast District Director Report: Kent was unavailable at this month's meeting.

State Rally: JJ and Lori are in charge of the bike show; looking for available people from the chapter just in case the bike show gets busier this year due to everything being included in the tickets at the front gate. Volunteers also will be needed for other spots as well. 3-4 hours shifts will get you a volunteer patch for your vest. JJ will sign your volunteer paper for helping the out.

Social Media/Facebook: Doc's current report: 610 members on Mn Metro Chapter group page, Mn Metro FB page: 1107 likes, 1159 followers.

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

Grapevine: Ron is putting Metro report this month. Road Noise is still looking for Members, Veterans, Bikes, and Businesses of the month.

Old business: Benny's new ride is set for August 20th. Mileage challenge check in, send text or picture to Nick Capra to see how the chapter is currently doing in this event. Next breakfast is set for September 18th, 2022 at Route 47 in Fridley MN from 8AM-12PM. Next taco night is set for October 17th, 2022 at Casa Rio in Anoka MN from 4PM-8PM.

New business: Joey's ride has a child that is making baggies of wipes for motorcycles. They are selling them for \$1 each. Ron motioned to take \$40 out of the gambling account for this. JJ will get information about donating to another non-profit organization.

Events:

Recurring Weekly/ Monthly

Bike Night, Mad Jacks Brooklyn Pk., Weekly, Wed. at 5pm Free Hot Dogs & Chips to Riders

2 Wheel Wednesdays at the SRO Bar, Oak Grove @ 6-10pm Food & Drink Specials Bike Night, Cowboy Jacks, Otsego, 1st Tue. Monthly @ 5-10pm

Bike Night, Route 65 P&G, Fridley, 1st Thur. Monthly @ 5pm w/ Free

Food Bike Night, Cowboy Jacks, Plymouth, 1st Thur. Monthly @ 5pm

Bike Night, Cycle Gear, Maple Grove, 2nd Tue. Monthly @ 5-7pm w/ Food, Music & Giveaways

Bike Night, American Legion, Forest Lake, 2nd Wed. Monthly @ 5-10pm

Bike Night, Route 47 P&G, Fridley, 2nd Thur. Monthly @ 5pm w/ Free Food

Upcoming Scheduled Events [State, Regional & 2 Hr. or Less Ride Time]

MN CMA State Rally, Aug. 18-21 @ Lake Geneva Christian Center, Alexandria MN

Metro Hope Ministries Ride for Recovery, Aug. 20th @ 9am, in St. Paul Park

ABATE Central Biker Bash, Aug. 25-28 @ Halfway Jay Property in Royalton MN

12th Annual "Crazy John" Markwald Bike Show, Aug. 28th @ Route 65 P&G in East Bethel

ABATE of MN State Rally, Sept. 2-5, at Meeker County Fairgrounds in Litchfield

St. Croix Valley Riders Chili Feed, Sept. 9-10 at Gas lite Tavern in Elsworth WI

Riding in the Light MC Rally [Circuit Riders], Sept. 10 @ 1pm in St. Paul Park

Fall Flood Run, Sept. 17th, All Day Event in Maiden Rock WI

Dial-A-Ride Fall Colors Run, Sept. 17th @ 10am at Ryders Saloon in Henriette MN

Blacksmith Car Show, Sept. 18th @ Blacksmith in Hugo MN

Las Valientes Pig Roast, Sept. 24th @ 3pm at th LVMC Clubhouse in St. Paul

Announcements:

Motion to adjourn meeting made at 8:16pm, made by Joe/Greg. All in favor. Motion passed.