

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota- Metro Chapter  
Coon Rapids V.F.W. July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Attendance:

President: Putz (filled in)

Vice President:

Treasurer: Joe Jones (JJ)

Secretary: Alyssa Schommer

Chapter Rep.:

MST SGT @ Arms: Brian (Benny) LaDoux

Sergeant @ Arms: Greg Schommer, Frenchy, Sean Hughes

Members: Rob Benjamin, Camilla Benjamin, LeAnn Mentele

Total in Attendance: 10 Guests: 0

We opened the meeting at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Benny

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

Treasurer Report: We need to start getting more people at our taco night Mondays and breakfast Sundays. Motion to accept report made by Greg/Frenchy All in favor, motion passed.

Chapter Rep. Report: Latest motorcycle crash report show we are behind last years pace for both crashes and fatalities. Motorcycle dial-a-ride has a new motorcycle safety administrator – Jay Bock. We also need to encourage our chapter members to attend the State Rally in Litchfield as our camping spot is becoming a ghost town. Motion to accept Chapter Rep. Report made by Greg/Rob. All in favor, motion passed.

Dial-A-Ride: New Motorcycle safety administrator- Jay Bock, replaced Bill Shaffer when he retired. Jay now has good background information about Dial-a-Ride's history, operating procedures and challenges. Coasters and Posters available to spread the word about this awesome program. Please keep us informed where this product is going so that they know where to start picking people up,

Legislative News: Read the roadnoise for your latest legislative news.

Northeast District Director Report: Face book post from Chad Marchand: You gotta fight

for your right to repair- Support H.R. 906! Do you enjoy working on your motorcycle? Do you want guarantee access to the parts, tools and service information needed to modify, service and maintain your bike? If you answered yes to these questions, it's time to contact your member of the House of Representatives and ask them to cosponsor H.R. 906, the "Right to Equitable and Professional Auto Industry Repair Act" or the "Repair Act". The repair act ensures that vehicle owners or repair shops are not denied access to the information, software or tools needed to work on vehicles. The proposed law also establishes rules regarding vehicle data access. This commonsense law will help preserve consumer choice and a fair marketplace.

State Rally: JJ and Lori are in charge of the bike show and tattoo contest; 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. Metro Chapter is signed up to do security Friday @ State Rally 2023. LeAnn is a vendor at the rally and will also possibly be willing to sell Metro Chapter gear this year. State Rally tickets will be going up after the July B.O.D.

Social Media/Facebook: Metro Chapter ABATE facebook page- last 28 days. Followers-1250, reach-625, engagement-148, new page likes-14, new followers-17, reactions-42, comments-14, shares-2, photo views-3, link clicks-6, Audience- Men 58.80% Women 41.20%. Metro Chapter Group Page: members- 666, Visitors-54

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

Grapevine: Rom is in charge of this, he does an amazing job getting this in on time each month.

Old business: Buddy Bears- Should have all this information available for next months meeting.

New business: There was a motion made by Benny/Frenchy: we as a chapter motioned to have a fall family fun night/ get-together. Benny will call the VFW to see if we can take up part of the parking lot. Family Night Committee includes Benny, LeAnn, and Ally. Next Breakfast is at Route 47 in Fridley on July 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8am to 12pm. Next Taco night is at Casa Rio in Anoka on August 14<sup>th</sup> from 4pm to 8pm. Please start trying to get your family and friends to join you.

Motion to adjourn meeting made at 7:45pm, made by Rob/Greg All in favor.