

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota – Metro Chapter
Park Tavern, St Louis Park
Tuesday, January 11th, 2021

Officers in Attendance:

President: Nick Capra

Vice President: Marcia Capra

Treasurer: Joe Jones

Secretary: Open Position

Chapter Rep.: Ron Lischeid

Master SGT. At ARMS:

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Members Present: 5

Guests: 2

We opened at 7:03 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance Led by JJ

Secretary Report: Minutes Reviewed by Group. Motions to Approve with two corrections, which Marcia made: Joe/ Alyssa, All in Favor

Treasurer Report: Joe Jones. Motions to Approve: Alyssa/ Greg, All in Favor y

Reviewed Full Report at Meeting - Contact Treasurer if Questions

Chapter Rep Report – Motorcycle Safety Task Force still needs us to get involved, the next State Rally Meeting January 14th at the BOD, Next BOD in Wilmar January 14th – 15th. BOD Best Western in Wilmar call 320-235-6060

Reports Available at Meeting – Contact Chapter Rep with Questions

Legislative News – Open Discussion: There is a big election in 2022 all Representatives are being voted in or out. We must get the Highway bill passed. Go to your Caucus the 2nd Tuesday of February and get involved vote for people that are motorcycle friendly.

NE District Director – Biker Day at the Capitol 2/16/22 from 9am-11:30 in the Rotonda only, no meeting with representatives. At noon in the meeting room. Buses are on standby if enough people sign up. Please sign up early so we have a head count.

State Rally – We need Sponsors for the Rally, if you know any business who will Sponsor us let us know. We discussed ticket prices that will be discussed and voted on at the B.O.D., Band options too if anyone has suggestions.

Dial-A-Ride – The season is over. Ron is meeting with Senator Hoffman about getting help with our trailer insurance because of the service we provide. We need more board members. Ron needs help getting out the literature and coasters. We had 158 pick-ups and 67 deaths.

WEB Page: Nick is still working hard on the WEB Page; Nick has the catalog on the WEB page for handy ordering.

GrapeVine: Joe got an article into the Road Noise this month.

Social Media-Email - Doc.: Facebook / 1,033 Page Likes, 1,080 Followers, Metro Group Page has 568 Members

Events: **1.** Route 47 Breakfast Fundraiser is being discussed because of staff shortage because of COVID. **2.** River Valley January Thaw January 15th. **3.** Taco Night February 7th **4.** Grounded HOGS Feb 5th **5.** Heart On Feb 12th **6.** CMA Auction February 12th **7.** Biker Day at The Capitol, February 16th. **8.** Youth Motorcycle Event February 18th -20th. **9.** Winter Fever Reliever Feb 19th **10.** OTMC Winter Party, February 26th. Lots of event flyers to look at.

Old Business: Donnie Smith is paid for. Dial A Ride booth to be next to us. Calendars are gone so Nick took the profits and ordered 50 more.

New Business: **1.** We discussed the Not The Winter Bash. We will have it on Sunday 5/29/22, we discussed changing the name, we decided on MetroMemorial Day 2022. We thought we should keep it the same way we did it last year with Vendors. We expected to vote on the Band, but it was already booked by the venue, Hollywood Blvd who they really like. Southern Express was unavailable. We had some good band options including Chain Lightning who are ABATE supporters and play at the Upper Kettle River Shakedown. We want Ron to do the corn and potatoes again. **2.** We ordered our 75 Buddy Bears with our gambling money as approved by the Chapter. **3.** Nominate Dial A Ride at Walmart for Community Safety. **4.** We discussed having a Haven For Hero's Yearly ride. Putz said he would help and may be able to take the lead on this, what a great idea.

Ideas – Things to Remember Re: Member Retention, attracting New Members and Fundraising:

1. New Members & Retention: **a.** Nick and Michelle had begun contacting expired Members, Brian will help with this in the future. **b.** We are going to work on having more booths to get more members. **c.** RV and boat weekends are a great place to set up a membership booth. **d.** Benny is planning a ride each month, in the spring lets support him. **2.** We've had great ideas to raise money: **a.** Michelle had suggested doing volunteer work to get involved and pay it forward and get new members because we will be seen. Volunteering at Hay Days in North Branch is one opportunity. What a great idea. **a.** Kwik Trips have 2 promotions for Non-Profit organizations to raise awareness for ABATE & Dial-A-Ride, we are looking into this. * Let's continue to bring our ideas to each meeting.* Thank you everyone for all you do, we really appreciate it!

Products, Membership, and Retention – JJ has not gotten any calls or new requests for products.

Next meeting at the VFW Coon Rapids on February 8th final nominations and elections will be held.
Please let Nick know which position you would like to serve on.

Nominations so far are:

President Nick Capra

Vice President Marcia Capra

Treasure JJ

Secretary open

State Representative Ron Lischeid

SGT At Arms Benny LaDoux

Meeting Adjourned at 8:36 p.m.: Motions: Joe/ Ron/, All in Favor