

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota—Metro Chapter
Park tavern, St. Louis Park
Tuesday, April 12th, 2022

Officers in Attendance:

President: Nick Capra

Vice President: Marcia Capra

Treasurer: Joe (JJ) Jones

Secretary: Alyssa Schommer

Chapter Rep.: Ron Lischeid

SGT. At Arms: Brian LaDoux, Greg Schommer

Members: Randy Swenson (NEW)

Guests: Luciano John Molitor

Total Members Present: 8

We opened at 7:31 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Greg Schommer.

Secretary Report: reviewed last months; motion to waive the reading of the minutes made by Benny/Greg, All in favor.

Treasurer Report: JJ updated chapter about February, March, And April. Motion to accept made by Ron/Greg, All in favor.

Chapter Rep, Report: No report this month.

Northeast Director, Comments: Kent is thankful for all officers this year.

Legislative News: uninsured/under insured on the table, new member Randy Swenson talked about this topic. Said he had talked to his state rep., state rep shook his head and said his opinion, this bill will have no footing to pass. Boi-fuels- Nick mentioned a reading about this located on page 6 of the road noise, suggested the chapter read further into this topic.

Dial-A-Ride: Materials will be handed out at Abate "U". April 30th, 2022 Is the start of the season for Dial-A-Ride.

Products: Presented by JJ. Chapter has a few t-shirts left for sale. Chapter agreed to donate a couple of t-shirts to the staff at Abate "U".

Web Page: Nick revised Metro chapter web page with new content and a new look. New dates for our Breakfast at Route 47 – May 1st, 2022 from 8am-12pm and our Taco night at Casa Rio- June 13th, 2022 from 4pm-8pm.

Grapevine: grapevine was accepted with photos from the Donnie Smith bike show.

Social Media & Email: New look on Facebook. Gained a couple more members on our metro chapter page! Doc's Report: We have 1,082 who like and 1,133 who follow main Facebook page, Our Metro group page has 584 members.

Old Business: Calanders, we are just above break even on sales, with 30 calendars to to sell. Will have some up at Abate U. MetroMorial; have a full-page ad running in the road noise, it is posted on the state website too. Will also be handing out flyers with complimentary tickets to 24 sitting Chapters at B.O.D. Meeting in Alexandria, MN. Pre-selling tickets, get chapter involved, handed out 10 tickets to each person to sell along with more flyers. Sealed a couple vendors for MetroMorial Event: Dee's Leather, Dar & Goof's, Fast Eddy, Dark night engraving, Sister's Bandana's. Possible vendors, Asshole's Garage, A&I Transport.

New Business: *First Chapter ride led by Benny is on May 7th, riding to the Dirty Rotten Biker Fest, meeting @ Coon Rapids VFW, 10am with Kickstands up at 10:30am. *Chapter Discussed a program called dialmycall.com and their price quote. Automated program to help communicate with existing and future members. Motion made by Ron/ Benny/ to try program for 1 year, with hopes of program being successful. All present were in favor, Putz was unable to attend, but was noted as being opposed. Note: Putz did mention that we should consider paying memberships for new members, a great idea to consider in the future. *Fundraising: future ideas about bike wash and more, Tabled till future meeting for deeper discussion.

Events/ Announcements:

Los Valientes MC Spring Taco Feed, April 30th, 3pm in Lexington, MN
Owatonna Bike Blessing, May 1st, 10-noon at the Fairgrounds in Owatonna, MN
Metro Chapter Breakfast, May 1st, route 47 in Fridley, MN
Dirty Rotten Biker Fest, May 7th, 2pm at SRO in Oak Grove, MN
Sand Dunes Abate Chapter Spring Ride, May 7th, 11am at KJ's Refuge, Orrock, MN
Buffalo Bike Blessing, May 15th, 9:30 am at Buffalo Free Church
Bikers on the Beltway, May 16-17th, in D.C.
Freedom First Riders Bike Show, May 21st-22nd, Alexandria, MN
BBQ & Bullets [CMA], May 21st, noon at Hudson Rd. Gun & Archery Club
Joey's Ride [ABATE FR], May 21st, 9am at Newmans Bar in N. St. Paul
MetroMorial, May 29th, 12pm, Route 47 in fridley, MN
Ride 4 Wishes, June 4th, South Saint Paul, more details to follow
Alzheimer's Ride, June 18th, Prescott WI, more details to follow
Marantha Bike Blessing, June 5th, 11am at Marantha Church in Forest Lake
Ride for Heroes, June 11th, 9:30 am at Stoney's in Rockville, MN
Metro Chapter Taco Night, June 13th, 4-8pm, Casa Rio in Anoka, MN
Sand Dunes Bike Rodeo, June 12th @ 2-6:00pm at KJ's Refuge in Big Lake
2022 A.B.A.T.E. Freedom Rally, June 30-July 2nd, Algona, Iowa
IGYSix Benefit Ride, July 9th @ 10am [Reg.] from the Forest Lake VFW
Cruisin' for St. Jude, July 16th @ 9am [Reg.] from Riversbend B&G in St. Francis
Fallen Police Officer's Ride, July 17th, Maplewood PD, more details to follow
Fallen Firefighters Ride, Sept. 24th, more details to follow

Next Meeting: May 10th, @ 7pm. Coon Rapids VFW, Coon Rapids, MN

Meeting Adjourned at 8:55pm.: Motions: Ally/Greg, All in Favor.