

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota- Metro Chapter
Coon Rapids V.F.W.
December 12th, 2023

Attendance:

President: Vice President: Marcia Capra

Treasurer: Joe (jj) Jones Secretary: Alyssa Schommer

Chapter Rep.: Ron Lischeid

MST SGT @ Arms: Brian (Benny) LaDoux Sergeant @ Arms: Greg Schommer, Sean Hughes

Members: Putz, Jameson Lemke, Shannon Bros, Rob Benjamin, Camilla Benjamin, Bill Nelson

Total in Attendance: 12 Guests: 1- Quintin Nelson (East Central Chapter)

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

Secretary Report: We as a chapter took 5 minutes to review last month's meeting minutes, Date for November meeting minutes needs to be changed from October 10th to November 14th. Motion to accept minutes made by Benny/Putz, All in Favor, motion passed.

Treasurer Report: We as a chapter need to make sure we are out there getting more memberships, Product sales are doing better. Motion to accept report made by Jameson/Putz, All in favor, motion passed.

Chapter Rep. Report: Jay Bock reported 1 more fatality in December making the death total 68 fatalities on 2023. January 2024 B.O.D. Meeting will be held in Rogers Minnesota. It will be at the Holiday Inn Express January 19th-20th 2024. Dial-A-Ride will be holding a class at ABATE U. Motion to accept Chapter Rep. Report made by Sean/Putz. All in favor, motion passed.

Legislative News: Biker Day at the Capitol will be held on March 13th, 2023. Please make sure you preregister online for a spot.

Northeast District Director Report: Chad Marchand (Not Present)

State Rally: Since there was an issue last year with the bike show, JJ has went to the State Rally Committee to assign 3 judges each for both the tattoo and the bike show. The Memorial Ride is looking for 9 road guards to help with the ride. We are looking for tattoo and air brushing vendors for the 2024 State Rally.

Products: JJ might be stepping down from this position, please keep an ear out for anyone that would be willing to take this position.

Social Media/Facebook: Doc's current report: 712 members on Mn Metro Chapter group page, Mn Metro FB page: 1,296 followers.

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

Grapevine: Ron does a wonderful job each month with sending in our Grapevine. Need to make sure meeting dates and times are sent in also.

Old business: Winter Bash Event made a committee to start gathering info together on this. Committee members are: Jameson, Shannon, Patricia, Rob, and Ron. Thinking about St. Patrick's Day. Motion was made by Jameson/Camilla to hold this event on Saturday March 16th. All in Favor, Motion passed. Donnie Smith Bike Show will March 23 & 24, 2024. Motion was made by Ron/Greg to change or spot to a larger space and to share this space with 3 other groups. All in Favor, Motion passed.

New business: Motion was made by Greg/Benny to purchase 75 Buddy Bears for 2024. We will start working on our 3 locations for donating these bears. Motion made by Ron/Putz to donate money for Biker Day at the Capital. All in favor, motion passed.

Events:

Metro Chapter Winter Bash - Saturday March 16, 2024

MetroMorial- Sunday May 26, 2024

Announcements:

Motion to adjourn meeting made at 8:01pm, made by Rob/Putz All in favor.