

A.B.A.T.E of Minnesota - Metro Chapter
Coon Rapids V.F.W.
October 8, 2024

Attendance:

President: Nick Capra Vice President: Jameson Lemke

Treasurer: Not Present Secretary: Shannon Bros

Chapter Rep: Rob Benjamin

Sgt at Arms: Shannon Bros, Brian Ladoux, Marcia Capra

Members: Marcia Borchardt, Samantha Godfrey, Putz, Andrew Godfrey, Bill Schreier, Diane Schreier. Total in attendance: 12 Members

We opened the meeting at 7pm with the pledge of allegiance led by Shannon.

Special guest presentation: Planning for the benefit is going great. Raffle tickets for the fishing opener resort stay will be available for purchase right up to the drawing. The route is being planned and run through to make sure no surprise construction pops up. There will be a photographer (Nick Capra) set up to take pictures of the run. Registration begins at 9am at Route 47 and the ride will be finishing at Route 47 at around 4pm. There is a bake sale and silent auction at the end of the run.

Secretary Report: We as a chapter went over the minutes from the last meeting. Corrections to number of members in attendance fixed. Motion to accept secretaries report Putz/Andrew. All in favor motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer not present at this meeting. Chapter patches have been ordered and rally calendars are available to purchase. Motion to accept treasurers report Putz/Benny. All in favor, motion passed.

Chapter Rep Report: New chapter incentive sheets to be introduced to new members with a possible prize reward for participation. Biker Day has been set for January 30th, 2025. The wording for the bylaw to allow 18-21 year olds to hold officer positions should be finalized soon. Hoping to vote on this bylaw at the January BOD. Motion to accept chapter rep report, Marcia/Putz. All in favor, motion passed.

Chapter Committee Reports:

Membership Committees, events and updates

--Membership Activity & Event Committees

--Fall Events Committee. The fall run has been moved to spring to allow more time to set up a route. The Grande Day parade is happening in Anoka on Saturday, October 26th. Metro will

be partnering with East Central and Sand Dunes to participate in the parade. Metro members will be riding motorcycles and be followed by the Dial-A-Ride trailer turned into float. More bikes and walkers needed to participate.

--Member Retention. Members have been making their presence known at other chapters and organizations events. New connections and relationships for future collaborations to come from this hopefully.

--Member Training & Activities Committee: Accident scene management training will be hosted by CMA on October 19th. Three metro members (Nick Capra, Marcia Capra, Marcia Borchardt) have all signed up to participate. The chapter voted to help cover the cost 50/50 for those signed up, up to 5 participants. --Dial My Calls. Service has lapsed. Chapter has not voted on restoring or other options.

State Rally Report: Nothing new to report as of yet.

Legislative Business: Lane splitting to go in effect in July 2025. Ground lighting will be allowable on motorcycles as long as there is no flash, they are not visible, and they are aimed at the ground and no more than 6 feet out.

New Business:

- Planning to go in effect soon for the St Pattys event.
- The chapter has voted to test out offering free vendor booths at future events. In order to get a booth the vendor would have to be informational only, not profit based. If they use the free vendor spot they would need to purchase tickets to event. This could be a good tool to pull other chapters and organizations to events. Motion to accept booth proposal Marcia/Marcia. All in favor, motion passed.

Events:

- Breakfast at Route 47, TBD
- Casa Rio Monday November 4
- Grande Day Parade, October 26
- Benefit ride for George October 12
- St Pattys Party, TBD
- Accident Scene Management October 19th

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:10pm. Motion made by Putz/Bill. All in favor, motion passed