

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota- Metro Chapter
Coon Rapids VFW
August 8th 2023

Attendance:

President:

Vice President:

Treasurer: Joe (JJ) Jones

Secretary: Alyssa Schommer

Chapter Rep.: Ron Lischeid

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

Members: Jay Bock, Rob Benjamin

Total in Attendance: 9 Guests: 2: Jameson Lemke, Shannon Bros (Both joined after meeting)

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 Ron/Frenchy, All in Favor, motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Our fundraiser in May did better than expected and memberships are still getting better. Motion to accept report made by Benny/Greg, All in favor, motion passed.

Chapter Rep. Report: Ron didn't have much other than please read the August roadnoise. Motion to accept Chapter Rep. Report made by Greg/Frenchy. All in favor, motion passed.

Northeast District Director Report: Not present

State Rally: JJ and Lori are in charge of the bike show; 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. Ally volunteered to make and print off Bike and Tattoo Contest sheets for the State Rally. Ron motioned that every Metro Chapter member that shows up to the State Rally will be given a free loaded potato and roasted corn. Greg 2nd: Motion passed. Chapter will reimburse Ron if necessary.

Social Media/Facebook: Metro Chapter ABATE facebook page: 1256 followers, 579 reach, 186 engagement, 5 new page likes, 8 new followers, 47 reactions, 16 comments, 0 shares, 1 photo view, 12 link clicks. Audience: 59% men, 41% women. Metro Chapter ABATE group page: 666 members, 27 posts, 22 comments, 74 reactions. Email: Nothing to report.

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

Grapevine: Will be submitted along with a chapter picture that includes Jay Bock as our guest speaker.

Old business: Buddy Bears: Coon Rapids fire station 2 Wednesday August 30th 2023 at 6pm. Meet at the Coon Rapids VFW 5:30

New business: Motion to set Metro chapter's family fun day made by Shaun/Greg, all in favor, motion passed. Family fun Day is set for October 22nd 12pm-4pm. Shaun will supply burgers and dogs, Ron will supply grill if needed, Benny will talk to the VFW Event Coordinator, and the kids committee will get all the activities set up.

Events: Breakfast at Rote 47 will be set for the 3rd week in September, More details to come later.

Announcements: Rote 65 has a ride September 16th, Registration at 10am, KSU at 11:30, this ride will have 4 stops, costs will be \$20 driver/\$30 Passenger; Cars are welcome.

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