

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota- Metro Chapter  
January 10<sup>th</sup> 2023 Coon Rapids V.F.W.

Attendance:

President: Nick Capra

Vice President: Marcia Capra

Treasurer: Joe Jones (JJ)

Secretary: Alyssa Schommer

Chapter Rep.: Ron Lischeid

Sergeant @ Arms: Greg Schommer, Brian LaDoux (benny)

Members: Putz, Jim French (Frenchy), Sean Hughes, LeAnn Mentele, Dale Jacobs, Joe (Dirt) Krauss, Jay Pedersen. Guests: 2 Rob Benjamin, Camilla Benjamin (both joined Jan 10<sup>th</sup> as new members) Total in Attendance: 16

We opened the meeting at 7:01pm with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Benny. Guests from legion riders came to check out Metro Chapter Abate.

Secretary Report: We as a chapter took 5 minutes to review last month's meeting minutes, Motion to accept minutes made by putz/Frenchy, All in Favor, motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Spending this month was bigger than normal. Motion to accept report made by Benny/Putz, All in favor, motion passed.

Chapter Rep. Report: BOD meeting will be held in Mankato MN on January 21<sup>st</sup> 2023. New calanders were sent out to all the chapters. January 15<sup>th</sup> is the last day to register online for Biker Day at the capitol. River Valley January thaw event also will be held on January 21<sup>st</sup> 2023. Free tickets were given to Ally and Greg to go for Metro chapter. Motion to accept Chapter Rep. Report made by Greg/Putz. All in favor, motion passed.

Dial-A-Ride: We are unsure of new material that will be available to handout to chapters.

Legislative News: Refer to the Road Noise. Biker Day at the Capitol is on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. online registration deadline is Jan 15<sup>th</sup>,2023.

Northeast District Director Report: Kent was present online, BOD in January starts elections for our state offices, 1 possible District Director might be stepping down.

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.

Social Media/Facebook: Doc's current report: 620 [+2] members on Mn Metro Chapter group page, Mn Metro FB page: 1.1k [No Change] likes, 1.1k [No Change] followers.

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

Grapevine: Ron will be submitting our chapter grapevine after the meeting.  
Products: still have t-shirts available for purchase. Also have can coozies available. Products from Dark Knight Engraving will be available to purchase at the Donnie Smith show in March 2023.

Old business: Dark Knight engraving will be meeting with our Chapter later this week about getting our new chapter products made up. Donnie Smith, looking for volunteers to help set up our booth and also looking for help at the booth in March. Membership reward program has started, looking for strength in numbers from our chapter. Top 3 prizes will be decided later this year. Reminder that membership dues will be increasing on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

New business: Chapter Nominations: President: Nick Capra, Vice President: Marcia Capra, Treasurer: JJ, Chapter Rep: Ron, Secretary: Ally, Sargent @ Arms: Benny, Greg, Sean, Frenchy.

#### Announcements-Reminders-Events:

January Thaw, River Valley Chapter, January 21<sup>st</sup> [Mankato Eagles Club 7pm-Close]

Metro Chapter Breakfast January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 [Route 47 8am-12pm]

Biker Day at the Capitol, February 1<sup>st</sup>

Heart On, East Central Chapter, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 [St. Francis American Legion 1-5pm]

Winter Party, Themadones, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 [Detroit Laks MN @ VFW Post 1676]

BPM MC, Groundhog Party February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 [Route 47 7pm -Close]

Grounded Hog Party, Lake Chapter: February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 [Rockford TWP Hall 6pm-Close]

Metro Chapter Taco Night, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 [Casa Rio 4-8pm]

Northeast Swap Meet, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 [Merzyn Hall Columbia Heights 10am-2pm]

Ol' Timers Winter Party February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 [Brookhall Event Center 7pm-Close]

Donnie Smith Bike Show, March 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 [Membership Table @ River Centre, St. Paul]

Metro Chapter, MetroMorial, Sunday May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 [Chapter Fundraiser @ Rt. 47 Noon-6pm]

Motion to adjourn meeting made at 8:07pm, made by Greg/Joe All in favor.