

A.B.A.T.E of Minnesota - Metro Chapter
Coon Rapids V.F.W.
January 14, 2025

Attendance:

President: Nick Capra Vice President: Jameson Lemke

Treasurer: Joe "JJ" Jones Secretary: Shannon Bros

Chapter Rep: Rob Benjamin

Sgt at Arms: Shannon Bros, Marcia Capra, Eric Gates, Brian "Benny" Ladoux

Members: Patricia Gates, Randy Swenson, Camilla Benjamin, Tammi

Robison, Jayson Price Total members in attendance: 13

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

Secretary Report: The chapter looked over the minutes from last months meeting.

Amendment made to fix the last name for Marcia B. Motion to accept secretary report Patricia/Camilla. All in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Taco night had a good turn out this month. Membership sign up is still down. The chapter is open to suggestions for signing up new members. Expenses for this month the chapter renewed our website. Motion to accept Treasurer's Report Benny/Camilla. All in favor, motion passed.

Chapter Rep Report: Wording on the bylaws will be voted on at the BOD this month. The proposal is to allow 18-21 year olds hold officer positions if nominated and voted in by their chapter. The second bylaw would allow 18-21 year olds to be provisional members under the condition that they do not drink underage at ABATE events. If caught doing so, their membership would be terminated until they reached age 21. The chapter has suggested the idea of different color membership cards for underage members to be brought up at the BOD. The chapter also suggested adding an amendment to include recreational marijuana. The chapter made a motion to approve the new bylaw wording. ABATE U will be hosting a banquet with a speaker. The cost will be \$30 and will happen the Saturday night. They are asking anyone who would like to attend to sign up in advance and designate the meal they would like. All raffle tickets must be purchased by the BOD. The chapter will be inquiring on if we can retain tickets to sell at Donnie Smith. Motion to accept chapter rep report, Ron/Camilla. All in favor, motion passed.

Chapter Committee Reports:

Membership Committees, events and updates

--Membership Activity & Event Committees

– St Patty's Day Party. The date has been set for Saturday, March 15th from 6 to 10pm. Maiden Minneapolis is no longer the band for the event due to scheduling conflict. The new band booked is Rogue Royal. Tickets are being printed and will be available to purchase by

the January BOD. Officers will have tickets in hand. The chapter is looking for silent auction donations and members willing to donate to the bake sale.

– Donnie Smith Bike Show: The money for our booth will be turned in well ahead of the February 1st deadline.

--Member Training & Activities Committee: The chapter is looking into and discussing joining another chapter to do a road guard certification class.

State Rally Report: Nothing new to report.

Legislative Business: Monthly update in the road noise. Nothing new to report.

New Business:

–Metromorial: Southern Express has been locked in as our band for Metromorial. We are looking for volunteers and vendors to help run the event. As usual this event will be the Sunday of Memorial weekend.

–Web page has been renewed for 3 years along with the domain. Website is back up and running after a glitch caused it to crash for a short time.

– Chapter incentive challenge: Rob is tallying up the chapter challenge sheets and will have results and prizes available at the February meeting.

– Nick Capra is stepping down as president at the next officer elections. Thank you Nick for all the time you put in the chapter and for everything you do!

– The first round of nominations for officer elections has been announced. The nomination for president is Jameson Lemke. The nomination for vice president is Brian Ladoux. The nomination for treasurer is Joe “JJ” Jones. The nomination for secretary is Shannon Bros. The chapter rep position has 2 nominations this round, Rob Benjamin and Patricia Gates. We currently have 2 nominations for Sergeant at Arms, Marcia Capra and Samantha Godfrey. A huge thank you to all who are willing to fill these rolls.

– JJ made a suggestion to the chapter to change the date for future taco nights at Casa Rio in Anoka. The suggestion was to move taco night to the first Monday of the month instead of the second. This would space out monthly events to allow members a chance to make it to more events. This change would also allow us to move our chapter breakfast at Route 47 to a monthly event on the third Saturday of the month versus it currently being every other month. These changes would not take effect until February. Motion to accept the changes in chapter monthly events, Camilla/Eric. All in favor, motion passed.

– Ron made motion to have a table for Metro ABATE at Dirty Rotten Biker Fest on May 3rd. The table fee is \$100 and this could serve as a way to introduce people to ABATE and maybe sign up some new memberships. We are opening dialogue with chapters who have done this event in the past to see about a collaboration. The topic will be tabled until the February meeting to allow time to talk to other chapters. Motion made, Ron/Eric. All in favor, motion passed.

--Breakfast at Route 47, Sunday January 26th, 2025 and February 16th, 2025

--Taco Night at Casa Rio Monday February 3rd, 2025

--Biker Day, January 30th, 2025

--St Pattys Party, March 15th, 2025

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:20pm. Motion made by Eric/Camilla. All in favor, motion passed