

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota- Metro Chapter

V.F.W. Coon Rapids

Dec. 13th, 2022

Attendance:

President: Nick Capra

Vice President: Marcia

Capra Treasurer: Joe Jones (JJ)

Secretary: Not Present

Chapter Rep.: Ron Lischeid

Sergeant @ Arms: Brian (Benny) LaDoux

Members: None Present

Total in Attendance: 5, Guests: None

We opened the meeting at 7:10pm 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/ Benny, All in Favor, motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Motion to accept JJ's Report made by Benny/ Ron, All in favor, motion passed.

Chapter Rep. Report: Ron reminded the group about the Chapter Challenge for Biker Day and brought the form. Ron made a motion that we give \$250, Benny seconded, All were in favor motion passed. Completed the form, JJ will send it into the State. Ron also brought the forms for ordering Buddy Bears, Ron made a motion that we purchase 75 [same as last year], that we allocate the balance of our Gambling Funds [\$82.17] and that the balance will be paid from our General Funds, Benny Seconded, All were in favor, motion passed. Completed the forms, will add the Minutes to document and JJ will send them into the State. Ron presented and talked about the updated-year end crash data presentation including historical numbers since ABATE started tracking it. Motion to accept Chapter Rep. Report made by Benny/Ron. All in favor, motion passed.

Dial-A-Ride: No current updates.

Legislative News: No current updates.

Northeast District Director Report: Kent was not present, No report.

State Rally: Marcia and JJ attended the last Rally Meeting, Marcia gave the report: For the next Rally, the committee is working to; Get more signs and Flyers out in the community, do better signs for vendors, use wavy-inflatable signs to mark areas where activities are [Bike Show/ Games, Tattoo Contest etc.] going on, spread out porti-potty's for better access, eliminate free vendor clause, fewer food vendors, will talk to restaurant owners to see if more will put up "Welcome ABATE" signs, have a more positive attitude and do better job on overall marketing, line up 1 local band Friday, 2 national bands on Saturday, and 1 local on Sunday. More Sponsors and Raffle Ticket Sales will help a lot. Also, the 35th anniversary T-Short will feature 1st year design!

Social Media/Facebook: Doc's current report: 618 members on Mn Metro Chapter group page, Mn Metro FB page: 1K likes, 1K followers. It's harder to get accurate data from FB right now as they are doing updates of some kind. Updated member list would be helpful.

Web Page: WEB Hosting fee automatically renewed, we paid this and WIX/ Website Annual fees. Otherwise, nothing new to report; keeping everything up to date.

Grapevine: Ron has been submitting articles, and submitted one for January, it looks great.

Old Business/ Updates: JJ cannot reach the advocate for Joey's Ride, table this, but we may be able to help later. Our new vendor Dark Night Engraving has new chapter items for purchase, hopefully we will have these items at the Donnie Smith show next year. Always looking for volunteers to help set up our booth [application sent, fee paid] at the Donnie Smith Show, March 24-26, 2023, mark your calendars. Will be starting a "Monthly" Taco Night at Casa Rio in Anoka MN, 2nd Monday starting in January, doing a 6-month verbal contract while we explore other options. We have mailed 23 Complimentary Calendars out to all Chapters, have sold 19, and have sold 3 Flash Drives, a good start.

New Business: Membership Drive—Challenge is underway to: Renew and get new members, and to bring guests to meetings and other activities. It will run until April 1st, 2023, 1st and 2nd place winners will get prizes including a Decanter Set [1st], Metro Chapter Product Certificates and MetroMorial Tickets. Ally and Thorlene are trying to make calls to Expired Members [2022 Expirations only] ... they will earn points for doing it and toward the Challenge for anyone they are able to get to renew. Others are welcome to participate. Chapter Officer Elections start next month, think about how you might be able to serve.

Events:

Recurring Weekly/ Monthly

Monthly Taco Night at Casa Rio Tex-Mex, starting on the 2nd Monday in January.

Upcoming Scheduled Events [State, Regional & 2 Hr., or Less Ride Time]

Biker Day at the Capitol, Feb. 1st, 2023. *Register by Jan. 15th*

Announcements:

*Membership Challenge through April 1st, 2023, it's on! Contact Nick for details.

*Chapter Officer Elections start in January [Nominations Jan., Elections Feb.]

*MetroMorial Committee Need Volunteers [Vendor Search Starting–Greg & Ally are Leads]

Motion to adjourn meeting made at 8:20pm, made by Benny/ Ron, All in favor.