

A.B.A.T.E of Minnesota - Metro Chapter
Coon Rapids V.F.W.
November 12, 2024

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

Members: Camilla Benjamin, Putz, Marcia Borchardt, Ken Ehrlich, Thorlene Ehrlich, Randy Swenson, Ron Lischeid. Total members in attendance: 14

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

Secretary Report: Shannon read last months minutes at the meeting. Chapter took a few minutes to discuss. Motion to accept secretary report Marcia B/Randy. All in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Motion to accept Treasurer's Report Putz/Camilla. All in favor, motion passed.

Chapter Rep Report: Biker Day at the capital is set for January 30. Those wishing to attend must be registered by January 15th. If you register and are unable to go let the organizers know in advance. The time in between meetings will be a great opportunity to tour the capital. All biker day apparel pre order needs to be in by November 15th. Write to ride program needs more participation. Only 1 person earned their patch last year. Young Riders is planning on setting up at dirtbike tracks to help draw kids interest in the program. Young Riders is applying to be a 501c3 as this would allow chapters to donate from their gambling funds. Motion to accept chapter rep report,. All in favor, motion passed.

Guest Presentation: A special guest presentation was brought to chapter by Ron Lischeid. Ron would like to start a new chapter with Metro's support to start a Dakota County Chapter. This County is home to the third largest number of registered riders in the state. This new chapter would also bring Dial-A-Ride services to this county. There are currently 97 expired memberships that are over a year old that reside in this county. Ron has offered to pay for the mailings and postage to reach out to these members to see if they would like to join again, or become members of Dakota County if Metro is too far away. Dakota county can apply for chapter recognition as long as they have 50 paid members and BOD approval. A motion was made to let Ron contact expired members. Motion made 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. The band is booked. The chapter is looking for items for a silent auction. The planning committee will be led by Jameson. Anyone who would like to participate in the planning committee should reach out to him.

– Donnie Smith Bike Show. The booth fee to reserve our spot is due no later than February 1st. The chapter discussed renting 2 booth spots to maximize space and visibility. The chapter voted to reserve 2 booths. Motion made by Ron/Marcia C. All in favor, motion passed.

--Member Training & Activities Committee: Accident scene management training a possibility for the spring. Gauging chapter interest in participating. The chapter is discussing looking into CPR training in February.

State Rally Report: The chapter was asked to vote on whether or not to remove tug of war from the bike games due to severe health issues the previous rallies. The chapter voted to remove tug of war from the games.

Legislative Business: Lane splitting to go into 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:

–Buddy Bears. The chapter approved the cost of buying 75 buddy bears as we have done in previous years. Some of the buddy bear funds would come from the gambling account while the rest from the general account due to the rising cost of bears. Motion made Ron/Putz. All in favor, motion passed.

– Biker day at the capital the chapter voted to donate \$250 as they have in previous years. This would help cover the cost of busses in addition to printing materials. The possibility of offering a lunch option is being discussed. Motion made, Putz/Ron. All in favor, motion passed.

–This years mileage challenge has concluded. Putz came in first place, followed by Rob and Bill. Awesome job and participation this year.

– Chapter incentive challenge. Rob would like the challenge sheets turned in by the January meeting. The chapter has voted for first second and third place winners. The prizes will consist of chapter merch up to a certain value based on finishing place. Motion made, Marcia/Putz. All in favor, motion passed.

– The chapter has voted against having a banquet with guest speakers at the BOD.

Events:

- Breakfast at Route 47, TBD
- Taco Night at Casa Rio Monday December 9, 2024
- Biker Day, January 30th, 2025
- St Pattys Party, March 15th, 2025

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:35pm. Motion made by Marcia/Putz. All in favor, motion passed