

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota- Metro Chapter
V.F.W. Coon Rapids
Tuesday, September 13th, 2022

Attendance:

President: Nick Capra Vice President: Marcia Capra

Treasurer: Joe Jones (JJ) Secretary: Alyssa Schommer

Chapter Rep.: Ron Lischeid

Sergeant @ Arms: Greg Schommer, Brian Ledoux (Benny)

Members: Jane Doyle, Rachel Cordell, Rob Cordell, Ken Ehrreich, Thorlene Ehrreich, Gary Feyen, Putz, Stephan Brown

Guests: Ellie Brown

Total in Attendance: 15 Guests: 1

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, Talked about having to amend last months minutes. Motion to accept minutes made by Putz/Greg, All in Favor, motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Casa Rio had a decent turnout for taco night last month. Please keep sharing these chapter events to increase our attendance. Motion to accept report made by Ron/Benny All in favor, motion passed.

Chapter Rep. Report: Nothing new right now. October BOD will bring new information. Membership fee increase was discussed and explain in better detail by Jane Doyle. Increase will go into effect January 1st if passed in October. Chapter will discuss this further at our Oct. Meeting to see if we feel differently with more information. Ron will vote on our behalf according to the group consensus [vote] at that time. Motion to accept Chapter Rep. Report made by Greg/Putz. All in favor, motion passed.

Dial-A-Ride: Pick-ups for this year so far is at 120. That means 120 people made it home safely with their motorcycles. Awesome work so far. 2021-year total was 167 rides home. Dial-A-Ride will be hosting a free will donation fun run ride Sept 17th, 2022. New t-shirt available for 2022 year.

Legislative News: Elections are coming up, Voters guide will be available in the October Roadnoise. Voting District info still available at www.sos.state.mn.us.

Northeast District Director Report: Kent was online, 5 more deaths not covered in crash report. Rally attendance was down this year, 680 people came through the front gate.

State Rally: Good turnout for the tattoo contest and the bike show. We will be looking at a better way to organize the bikes and categories to help out with the judges being able to vote better.

Social Media/Facebook: Doc's current report: 612 members on Mn Metro Chapter group page, Mn Metro FB page: 1112 likes, 1165 followers. 1400 views for Nick's sneak peak on FB from state rally pictures.

Web Page: New chapter product will soon be available; keeping everything up to date.

Grapevine: No grapevine this month

Old business: Mileage challenge; October is the end of the challenge so be sure to get your mileage into Nick by the October chapter meeting. Joey's ride; JJ brought a sample with but was unable to show do to it being left in his vehicle, will discuss this topic next month. Picture of the 501c3 paper can be taken and sent into the state gambling to show donation information. Sand Dunes fall ride in the 24th starting at Ditto's Bar.

New business: Dark Knight engraving is willing to make chapter products to add to the chapter. Nick, JJ and Ally will meet with this vendor to discuss options. A Motion was made by Putz to keep our chapter meetings at the Coon Rapids VFW every month, Thorlene seconded. We had discussion about turnout which has definitely been better at the VFW in recent months. The purpose of meeting in a more central location periodically was to try to connect with members outside the northern area and to boost overall turnout at a time when very few were attending our meetings. Many of our members are from the Southern Metro and other areas where they will not connect with us in our Northern location, but as long as we are getting good turnout for meetings, it makes sense stick to one location for now. Vote was taken by hand count: 7 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstained. Motion passed. Meeting of the minds: Nation wide educational weekend being held in Iowa, Ron was hoping to have a member from the chapter attend this event.

Events:

Recurring Weekly/ Monthly

Bike Night, Mad Jacks Brooklyn Pk., Weekly, Wed. at 5pm Free Hot Dogs & Chips to Riders

2 Wheel Wednesdays at the SRO Bar, Oak Grove @ 6-10pm Food & Drink Specials Bike Night, Cowboy Jacks, Otsego, 1st Tue. Monthly @ 5-10pm

Bike Night, Route 65 P&G, Fridley, 1st Thur. Monthly @ 5pm w/ Free

Food Bike Night, Cowboy Jacks, Plymouth, 1st Thur. Monthly @ 5pm

Bike Night, Cycle Gear, Maple Grove, 2nd Tue. Monthly @ 5-7pm w/ Food, Music & Giveaways

Bike Night, American Legion, Forest Lake, 2nd Wed. Monthly @ 5-10pm

Bike Night, Route 47 P&G, Fridley, 2nd Thur. Monthly @ 5pm w/ Free Food

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

Fall Flood Run Outreach, Sept. 17th @ All Day Event, in Maiden Rock WI

Fallen Firefighters Ride, Sept. 24th, more details to follow

Sand Dunes fall ride, Sept 24th @ Ditto's Bar in St. Michael

Announcements: N/A

Motion to adjourn meeting made at 8:16pm, made by Benny/Putz All in favor.