

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

VFW, Conn Rapids

Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Officers in Attendance:

President: Nick Capra

Vice President: Marcia Capra

Treasurer: Joe (JJ) Jones

Secretary: Alyssa (Ally) Schommer

Chapter Rep: Rom Lischeid

SGT at Arms: Brian (Benny) LaDoux, Greg Schommer

Members: Michelle Scannell, Jane Doyle, Putz

Guests: Rachel Cordle, Rob Cordle

Total present: 12

We opened at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Benny.

Secretary report: reading of the minutes for new attendees by Ally, motion to pass made by Benny/Greg, all in favor.

Treasurer report: JJ gave us updated report for May, 2022. Motion to accept made by Putz/Michelle, all in favor.

Chapter Rep. Report: \*State Treasurer rep- passed 2022 budget; gave updated gambling account balance for the chapter. \* MRF- \*\*Bikers in the Beltway May 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, profiling bill HR 366- only has 3 representatives signed on: Angie Craig, Tom Emmer, and Pete Stauber.\*\* We need to contact the other 5 to get them to sign on. \*\*Renewable fuels: President Biden in Iowa, MN announced that the EPA will temporarily lift the summer restrictions on the sale of gasoline with 15% ethanol. This allows the sale from June 1<sup>st</sup> to September 15<sup>th</sup>. Autonomous vehicles- advocate and monitor any legislation related to motorcycles connected to autonomous vehicles. \*Legislative report: Motorcycle Safety Task Force (MSTF) meets every month at the Hennepin Technical College in Brooklynn Park every month, open for everyone to attend. \*May is motorcycle awareness month: ABATE has our own proclamation. \*We have 5 awareness packets available to have at our membership table for those individuals that have more questions. \*Internet safety: Jane has information available for each chapter to access to help protect our internets sites better. \*State Rally- Tickets prices jumped up \$10 more this year for everyone for weekend and one day passes, campers, and vehicles. Committee believes this will help with making it easier to participate in all weekend events with the exception to the MRF chili cook-off. Motions to accept made by Greg/Benny.

Legislative News: covered in Chapter Rep. Report.

NE District Director: present online; Kent talked about his role in the organization for the benefit of guests and provided some feedback during the meeting.

Dial-A-Ride: Materials handed out by Ron at ABATE U.

Products: JJ has 2 old shirts left to donate, forgot them for ABATE U. Products available online for purchase and Goof can change a few things if style not completely satisfying.

WEB Page: Updates made in April; nothing else new.

Grapevine: Ron/Joe manage this every month. Ron to put on in for this month.

Social Media/ Email: Doc's report- group page has 588 members; Facebook Page has 1,093 likes and 1,144 followers. All increased from last month.

Old Business & Planning Underway:

Metromorial- \*postcards mailed to 100 people that were more likely to attend. \*One Call program- 200 contacts put on a list for reaching out on event and meeting reminders. \*Vendors for metromorial confirmed are Dark Knight Laser & engraving, Sister's bandanas, Fast Eddie, Dar and Goof's, Dee's Leather, CMA Rev-Riders, and Metro Membership table. Talked with 4-5 vendors at DBRF. Possible is A&I Transport; Asshole Garage cannot attend this year. Others? \* Bike show details: 8 categories with plaques for each 1<sup>st</sup> place. Ron motioned for 8 plaques/ Greg seconded. All in Favor. \*Tickets- Get out and presale tickets and hang up flyers. \*Mileage Challenge is on!!!! Get your pictures up on our Facebook Posting.; Looking for ideas for prize or trophy at the end of the season.

Rides: Benny's Ride to DBRF had only 1 attendee; Benny wants to set a ride for Haven for Hero's.

New Business: \*Buddy Bears: Chapter has 75 total. Benny motion for 25 to Coon Rapids Fire/ Police Department, Ron seconded. All in favor. JJ motioned for Ramsey VA Puts opposed; thought bears could be better somewhere else, JJ receded his motion. Michelle motioned for to 25 Blaine Memory Care off HWY 65, Benny seconded. All in Favor. Ally Motioned for 25 to Ronald McDonald House, JJ seconded, All in Favor. Planning for buddy bear delivery will be discussed at June's meeting. \*Passport Run: Books available for sale now, half of proceeds go back to our chapter.

Tabled Items: all tabled again until June's meeting due to time constraint. Fundraising Discussion [Brainstorm], Calendar Sales Update [Update at June Meeting, after MetroMorial], The Whole is the Sum of it's Parts [Idea Presented by Ron]

Announcements & 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Tue. Monthly @ 5-10pm

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

Bike Night, Cowboy Jacks, Plymouth, 1<sup>st</sup> Thur. Monthly @ 5pm

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

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

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

Scheduled Activities & Events:

Buffalo Bike Blessing, May 15th, 9:30 am at Buffalo Free Church

Bikers on the Beltway, May 16-17th, in D.C.

Freedom First Riders Bike Show, May 21st-22nd, Alexandria, MN

BBQ & Bullets [CMA], May 21st, noon at Hudson Rd. Gun & Archery Club

Joey's Ride [ABATE FR], May 21st, 9am at Newman's Bar in N. St. Paul

MetroMorial, May 29th, 12pm, Route 47 in Fridley, MN

Ride 4 Wishes, June 4th, South Saint Paul, more details to follow

Maranatha Bike Blessing, June 5th, 11am at Maranatha Church in Forest Lake

Ride for Heroes, June 11th, 9:30 am at Stoney's in Rockville, MN

Sand Dunes Bike Rodeo, June 12th @ 2-6:00pm at KJ's Refuge in Big Lake

Metro Chapter taco night, June 13th, 4-8pm, Casa Rio in Anoka, MN

Alzheimer's Ride, June 18th, Prescott WI, more details to follow

2022 A.B.A.T.E. Freedom Rally, June 30-July 2nd, Algona, Iowa

IGYSix Benefit Ride, July 9th @ 10am [Reg.] from the Forest Lake VFW

Cruisin' for St. Jude, July 16th @ 9am [Reg.] from River's bend B&G in St. Francis

Fallen Police Officer's Ride, July 17th, Maplewood PD, more details to follow

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

Ideas: New membership Retention and Fundraising- We want to hear them!!! Help is always welcome!!!

Final Comments: None

Meeting adjourned: Greg/JJ all in favor. Motion passed at 8:44pm