

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota- Metro Chapter
Coon Rapids VFW
September 12th, 2023

Attendance:

President:

Vice President:

Treasurer: Joe (JJ) Jones

Secretary: Alyssa Schommer

Chapter Rep.: Ron Lischeid

MST SGT @ Arms: Brian (Benny) LaDoux Sergeant @ Arms: Greg Schommer, Jim (Frenchy) French, Sean Hughes

Members: Rob Benjamin, Camilla Benjamin, LeAnn Mentele, Ken Ehrreich, Thorelene Ehrreich, Shannon Bros, Jameson Lemke, Jane Doyle, Jay Pederson, Putz

Total in Attendance: 17 Guests: 0:

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, 2 spelling corrections need to be fixed. Spelling corrections are in treasurer report, event, and announcement sections. Motion to accept minutes made by Benny/Frenchy, All in Favor, motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Taco Night and Breakfasts need a little more attention from our chapter, not only does this help the chapter, but it also gives us a chance to help the community know what we do and how we can get them to help us! Motion to accept report made by Greg/Putz, All in favor, motion passed.

Chapter Rep. Report: Ron was late to the meeting so Ally read an email: Our next B.O.D. meeting is located up in Detroit Lakes mn on October 21st, 2023. Ron mentioned that the fall colors of the trees will be blooming and suggested that we as a chapter should set together a fall ride up there. Motion to accept Chapter Rep. Report made by Putz/Frenchy. All in favor, motion passed.

Northeast District Director Report: Not present

State Rally: JJ and Lori had a great turn-out for the bike and tattoo contests. Thank you to everyone who showed up this year to the State Rally and the volunteers that made this happen. Ron's food offer had a turn-out of 12 people which was great. There was a lack of communication about the trophies and categories of the bike show this year. With that being said, we will make sure that we can avoid this in the future.

Social Media/Facebook: Metro Chapter ABATE Facebook page: 1272 followers, 854 reach, 360 engagement, 16 new page likes, 18 new followers, 104 reactions, 47 comments, 0 shares, 6 photo view, 7 link clicks. Audience: 58.9% men, 41.1% women. Metro Chapter ABATE group page: 682 members, 44 posts, 94 comments, 311 reactions. Email: 1 opt out (former front table)

Web Page: Nothing new to report; keeping everything up to date.

Grapevine: Will be submitted along with 4 Members featured, Look for who those 4 members are.

Old business: Buddy Bears: Oct 1st is the deadline for them to be donated, Marcia is reaching out to Allina EMT. If that doesn't work, Jameson suggested Catholic Charities in Maplewood. October Family fun Day: Poster needs to be made up. Chapter set the price for a burger/Brat W/chips & cookies. Ron's Corn seller has pumpkins for sale, Jane motioned to spend a limited amount for pumpkins to donate to families to carve at home. Sean seconded, 1 opposed, motion passed.

New business: H.R. 1435 "Preserving choice in Vehicle purchases Act" Posted on Metro Chapter page for chapter to read. Falls Color Run; if the chapter is interested to set up a ride to Detroit Lakes B.O.D. Ride to leave Friday Oct. 20th and ride up, attend both pre-board meetings and B.O.D., then ride back and be home by Saturday evening. One of our own members were in an accident on their way back from Sturgis SD. Thankfully his items were packed very well that he has minimal injuries. He came to the chapter for help from our accident relief fund. The chapter discussed how much is in there, how long its been in there, and when the last time we used it. Sean/Rob motioned that if the funds are in there, that we should give the full amount to help, chapter voted and the motion passed.

Events: Taco Night is always the 2nd Monday of each month located at Casa Rio in Anoka MN from 4pm-8-pm.

Announcements: Abate U is in the works already for April of 2024! New and exciting things are happening, keep your ears open for more updates as they come!

Motion to adjourn meeting made at 7:58 pm, made by Greg/Shawn, All in favor.