

## **Metro Chapter A.B.A.T.E**

Coon Rapids VFW Post 9625

Tuesday July 9<sup>th</sup> 2019

### Officers in Attendance:

President	Nick C	Secretary	Tiffany G
Vice President	Marcia C	Mstr. Sgt. At Arms	Michelle S
Treasurer		Sgt. At Arms	Joe (JJ) Jones
Chapter Rep.	Open		Robert (Evil) G
			Dave (Putz) S

Opened meeting at 7 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance

Member	16	Guests	0
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Secretary Report: Reading of minutes waived

Motion to waive: Joe (JJ)/Dave (Putz) – motion passed

Treasurer Report: Excused

Chapter Rep Report: None.

BOD Chapter Discussion/Pre-BOD Votes: None

Legislative News (Local and from Bikers in the Beltway): MN: Hands Free Bill is still moving forward. This will become effective in August 2019. D.C. (Bikers on the Beltway), discussed: Updating definition of a Motorcycle to exclude "Slingshot" type vehicles. Improved Ethanol labeling at gas stations. Profiling bill, need more sponsors with some co-sponsors picked up. Adding new Legislators to the MRF as members. There is talk about a push on Motorcycle fees to generate more funds.

A.B.A.T.E U: August Road Noise will have the details for the first committee meeting. Dates and fees are listed in the July Road Noise.

State Rally: Marcia – All contracts have been signed. Participants are allowed to use Golf Carts if they are handicapped. The spots are limited to 6 for handicapped parking during the rally. So far there are 70 events/bike games for lots of entertainment. Funds are currently at \$6710 and the T-shirt design is in the works. Rally rules have been written up to prevent any confusion and the tickets have been corrected.

Dial-A-Ride: Joe K – Nothing new to report.

Products/Membership/Retention: 5 new members signed up at the Patriot Ride and another 3 new members signed up at the Pig's Eye Rally.

Web Page: Uncle Bill is looking for pictures to add to the web page. Please send photos to him.

Grapevine: Joe K – Going well.

Social Media: Doc – Facebook has 882 likes and 872 followers. Currently we have 155 email accounts in the distribution list. Suggestions are welcomed to encourage more people to sign up for email alerts.

Upcoming Events:

Upper Kettle Shakedown 12-14<sup>th</sup> in Finalyson MN  
B.O.D. Meeting July 19-20 in Butterfield MN at Voss Park  
M.O.M. Sept 19-22 Bloomington MN Crown Plaza Hotel.  
Metro Chapter Meeting August 13th at Uncle Bill & Diane's house. Please contact the Chapter President for exact location.  
Breakfast July 14<sup>th</sup> Route 47 Pub and Grub Fridley MN  
August 19<sup>th</sup> Taco Night Casa Rio Tex-Mex Restaurant in Anoka MN  
Passport Run July 27<sup>th</sup> Butterfield MN. This is a 3-5 hour ride.

Old Business:

M.O.M. is Sept 19-22 and is in need of volunteers. The MRF from DC will be here as well so please try to attend. This event will have classes, guest speakers and an auction.

25 Buddy Bears were delivered to the Fridley Fire Department.

Our August meeting will be a combination of a regular meeting and a going away party. For the exact location please contact the Chapter President.

New Business:

There is a printing expense coming up for State Rally packets. More information to come in the August meeting.

The Road Noise is looking for a new Road Noise Coordinator.

Please write down any upcoming events in the calendar that is at the front table during meeting. This will help keep things organized.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm Uncle Bill/ Joe (JJ)