

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota – Metro Chapter Kraus-Hartig VFW 8100 Pleasantview Drive Minneapolis, MN 55432-2212



Tuesday, October 13th

Officers in Attendance:

President: Greg Kistler Vice President: Nichole Christopherson

Treasurer: Jeanne Kistler Secretary: David Kane Chapter Representative: Charles Fletcher SSgt(s). @ Arms: Joe Jones Joe Krauss

Linda Flykt

Members Present: 23 Guests: 0 Called to order: 7:00 pm

Secretary's Report: David Kane

Minutes from the September 8th meeting were proofread and approved by Dave Schmoll.

Motion to approve the Minutes by Charlie Hammer seconded by Sarah Fletcher.

Treasurer's Report: Jeanne Kistler

General Fund Balance: \$3,464.28 Income: \$195.00 Expenses: \$17.00 Ending Balance: \$3,642.28

Accident Relief Fund: \$508.53 Petty Cash: \$52.00

Grand Total: \$4,202.81

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Charles Fletcher seconded by Linda Flykt.

Chapter Representative Report: Charles Fletcher

Nothing new to report.

Motion to approve the Chapter Representative's Report by Ron Lischeid seconded by Linda Flykt.

Northeast District Director's Report: Jean Afrooz

Next meeting will be at Eddie's Resort in Onamia. We have permission from State to use Gambling Funds to help Kevin Todd's family.

Motion to approve the Northeast District Director's Report by Charlie Hammer seconded by Linda Flykt.

Committee Reports:

<u>Legislative News</u>: More discussions about a clearer definition of Auto-Cycles.

Members are encouraged to write Representatives to oppose EPA's attempts to raise to E-15. Links to online AMA form and printable letter are posted on our Facebook page.

<u>State Rally</u>: Darrell Jensen to hand off Rally Chair to Keith Efron for 2016. Final 2015 figures should be available after the October B.O.D. Meeting. Initial reports show this was a more successful year than 2014.

<u>A.B.A.T.E. U</u>: Next meeting October 21st. 2016 theme based on medical safety. Slider to present Diabetic Rider course. PAC fundraiser on April 16th. Committee needs old metal tricycles for a planned activity at A.B.A.T.E. U.

<u>Dial-A-Ride</u>: Materials order submitted for 2016 riding season. Trailer with crashed motorcycle available for events. \$1,040 donated at State Rally.

<u>Coalition</u>: 24th Annual Hell's Angels Halloween party.

<u>Products, Membership and Retention</u>: Matt Collins will bring information about new products to the November meeting.

<u>Web Page</u>: Updated pictures from the Buddy Bear Runs. Billing questions will be addressed at a separate meeting, when alternatives to our current web site provider are discussed.

<u>Grapevine</u>: Jay Pedersen signed off as the writer, and handed the duties off to David Kane.

<u>Facebook</u>: Jean Afrooz said that an event posted by Doc was part of the reason for the huge success of our fundraiser.

September Facebook Metrics

Total Page Likes	549	Peak Post Reach	1.203	Peak Total Reach	1.212
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Phone Tree: Nothing new to report.

Email: Email reminder sent out the day of the meeting. New addresses added to the mailing list.

<u>Events</u>: Winter Bash flyers printed. Motion to reimburse Linda Flykt for printing made by Charlie Hammer seconded by Bill Schmidt. Tickets to be printed and hand numbered. Motion to reduce ticket prices to \$10.00, after 10:00 pm the night of the event, by Dave Schmoll seconded by Jean Afrooz. Charles Fletcher moved for a Motion to spend \$91.00 for advertising the event in Road Noise. Motion made by Jeanne Kistler seconded by Nichols Dahmen.

Motion to accept the Committee Reports made by Charlie Hammer seconded by Joe Jones.

Old Business:

Tabled: Reimbursement of Motorcycle Safety courses.

Thank you from the President for all that came to our Taco Night fundraiser. We did very well.

Dave Schmoll reported there were at least 200 people at the memorial service after the Pay Our Last Respects to Kevin Todd Ride.

New Business:

Report on new products.

Special thanks to Jay for all of his work as the Grapevine editor.

Greg Kistler moved for a Motion to pass the hat in lieu of using Gambling Funds to help the Kevin Todd family. Motion to do so by Charlie Hammer seconded by Linda Flykt. \$119 collected.

Announcements:

Winners of the 2015 Mileage Challenge are Jeanne Kistler with 8,788 miles, and Nichols Dahmen with 8,500 miles. Both riders will receive \$100.

Next Casa Rio Taco Night fundraiser is December 14th.

Tri-County A.B.A.T.E. Chapter 2015 Turkey Shoot is November 21st at Neissen's Bar and Grille in Savage.

Motion to conclude the meeting by Jay Pedersen seconded by Joe Krauss. Meeting concluded.