

# River Riders Chapter

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*Meeting Minutes*

April 10, 2011

Forest Lake VFW, Forest Lake MN

**Call to order 12:10 pm**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Welcome visitors and new members**

**Roll Call:**

**President:** Dave Bolduc (present)

**Vice President:** Bob McChesney (absent)

**Treasurer:** Rita Martin (present)

**Secretary:** Shelly Hansen (present)

**Chapter Rep:** Rick Mallinger (present)

**Sergeant at Arms:** Steve Bolduc, Roger Ball, John Kinsey, Michael Bolduc (present); Jim Palmer and Scott Lecy (absent)

Meeting was attended by a total of 20 members and visitors.

## **Officer Reports**

**Secretary:** A motion to waive the reading of the minutes was made by Linda Ball and seconded by Brad Hansen. Motion to waive passed. There was no discussion on the minutes. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Linda Ball and seconded by Brad Hansen. Minutes approved, motion passed.

**President:** Dave discussed ABATE U. Several River Riders were in attendance. The classes Dave attended were very good and he'd recommend anyone who has interest to try to go next year.

**Vice President:** No Vice President report this month.

**Treasurer:** Rita shared the breakdown of chapter funds. We currently have \$1083.05 for Buddy Bears, \$1166.32 in the treasury and \$50 in petty cash for a total of \$2299.37. Linda Ball motioned to accept the treasury report. Motion was seconded by John Allan. Motion to accept the treasury report approved. Motion passed.

**Chapter Rep:** Rick

- Approximately 700 raffle tickets were sold for the ABATE U bike raffle. Our chapter did end up selling all five of our tickets. It is questionable whether any money will come back to the chapter for the ticket sales.

- Upcoming BOD meetings will take place on 7/16 in Kimball – there will be camping, food and fun. All are welcome to attend. There will be a meeting in October in Crookston and one in January in St. Cloud.
- Buddy Bear update – the cost is \$6.75 per bear. 1000 were ordered by ABATE this year.
- Chapter Historian – Cathy Schwalich is the state historian and she provided Rick with a disc of River Rider’s history. Rick would like to see someone volunteer to take on this duty and attempt to fill in the missing pieces of our chapter history. Shelly Hansen has volunteered to take that on until a permanent volunteer is found.
- Freedom Rally – ABATE of Iowa’s annual party. Taking place 6/30-7/3. If someone is interested in volunteering for a four hour shift at the front gate, they will receive free admittance for 2012.
- Minnesota State Rally – Labor Day weekend in Litchfield. Early ticket prices are still in effect, although they are now \$30 as opposed to the \$25 that was available before hand.

**Government:** Charlie was not in attendance thus no government report at this meeting.

#### **New Business**

1. Website renewal is not due until May thus any discussion will be tabled until then. Our renewal fee will be less than last year based upon some changes we will be making.
2. Pig races – at last meeting Jerry Dixon wanted to know if the chapter was interested in attending the Pig Races in Leader, MN again this summer. There was an overwhelming agreement that this should be planned again this year. Jerry will do the organizing – we need to provide him with a weekend and a head count. After discussion we decided to try for the weekends of 8/20 or 8/27. Rita will share these dates with Jerry.
3. Fees for our chapter charter are due – this is not an optional expense. The cost is \$25. Rita will work with Toni McChesney to make sure this payment gets made.
4. It is time again for us to pay for insurance through ABATE. This is an optional fee, but totals only \$100. Prior to this insurance being available we were required to spend quite a bit more for insurance for each event we had. John Allan made a motion to approve payment of the \$100 fee. Linda Ball seconded the motion. The chapter has approved to make this payment.

#### **Unfinished Business**

1. Wash Out – proposed to take place on 5/8 at the Forest Lake rest area from 9-12:00. Motion to accept made by John Allan and seconded by Bob Belland. We will wash windows, hand out coffee, donuts, etc. Toni has a large coffee pot that she will bring. Dave will supply the donuts.

#### **Committee Reports**

1. **Buddy Bears:** Nothing going on with this right now. Dave is looking for someone to take this over as he is wearing many hats within the chapter at this point in time. Pepper said that she will consider. Dave suggested that perhaps multiple people could work on this together.

2. **Fundraiser Committee:** There will be a fundraiser meeting immediately following the chapter meeting. Brad has come up with an exciting proposal that should work well for us and should alleviate all of the concerns that have been expressed by others as we have tried to put something together.
3. **Products:** Products are available and Toni can order whatever anyone might want. Rick mentioned that Mitch would like an e-mail monthly summarizing what sold each month.

#### **Request for Chapter funds**

1. None

#### **Announcements**

- East Central Chapter is having an event on 6/11 at Jumpin' Jacks. They will have beer and a bike show. We have one ticket for this event if anyone is interested.
- Central Chapter is having a Buddy Bear Bash on 6/4 at the Full Throttle Saloon. Cost is \$25/ticket.
- Jack Pine Riders is having a membership drive and dart ride on 6/18.
- Let's do what we can to support our fellow chapters.
- Brat stand – Dave hasn't heard back from Cub yet. He put in for the same weekends as last year which were 8/20 and 8/27. We are hopeful that we get drawn again to do this. Last year we raised money for Buddy Bears but if we get in this year we will use it to bolster our general fund.

#### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn made by Dave Zaun, seconded by Linda Ball. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 12:50pm.