

A.B.A.T.E of Minnesota - Metro Chapter  
Coon Rapids V.F.W.  
July 8, 2025  
Metro Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

President: Jameson Lemke Vice President: Brian "Benny" Ladoux  
Treasurer: Joe "JJ" Jones Secretary: Shannon Bros  
Chapter Rep: Shannon Bros

Sgt at Arms: Brian "Benny" Ladoux, Rob Benjamin, Marcia Capra, Tammi Robison

Members: Grandpa Green, Randy Swenson, Chris Green, Denise Green,  
Jayada Green, Ron Lischeid, Putz, Karen Semmler, Marcia Borchardt, Rob  
Drometer. Total members in attendance: 17.

Guests: Rick Knable, Jane Doyle. Total guests in attendance: 2.

We opened the meeting at 7pm with the pledge of allegiance led by Rob

Secretary Report: The chapter looked over the minutes from last month's meeting. A correction was noted in the secretary's report from June. Amendment to be made. Motion to accept secretary report with amendments, made by Grandpa, seconded by Tammi. All in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Taco Night was down this month. Hoping to get more people to show up in the future. Breakfast has been scheduled for July 20th. Our annual Metromorial event was in the green this year. Metro is climbing the ladder. Motion to accept Treasurer's Report made by Rob, seconded by Chris. All in favor, motion passed.

Chapter Rep Report: Lane filtering is legal as of July 1st. With this law passed we can focus on other legislation issues to bring up. Mainly the anti profiling law. You cannot be denied access in Minnesota to a public place because we are bikers or wear patches. There is a profiling survey online that we recommend everyone take at [MotorcycleProfilingProject.com](https://MotorcycleProfilingProject.com). We are also urging lawmakers to allow us to continue to be able to work on our own bikes however we would like and not be forced to go to the dealer for parts. The Chapter Rep asked if the chapter had anything they wanted brought up at the BOD. Motion to accept the Chapter Rep report made by Marcia, seconded by Putz. All in favor, motion passed.

Rob Benjamin with the MRF brought a special report to the chapter. A motorcycle tax credit has been introduced. It would write off the interest on a motorcycle loan for American made bikes. This still has yet to pass.

Chapter Committee Reports:

Membership Committees, events and updates

--Membership Activity & Event Committees

–No update on outdated memberships

– Bike Night: Flyers have been circulated to generate excitement. We are getting a good amount of bikes.

--Member Training & Activities Committee: The road guard training course is scheduled for August 2nd and St Paul Harley. The chapter decided to waive the refundable sign up fee to generate more interest from members. The class is free for members of ABATE. If you want to participate get your paperwork mailed in.

State Rally Report: All presale tickets must be turned in by the July BOD. A motion was made for Metro chapter to donate \$500 for a State Rally donation. Motion to donate \$500 made by Ron, motion seconded by Putz. All in favor, motion passed. New this year will be a bike wash. The location for the bike show is moving to allow a better flow of traffic.

Legislative Business: Monthly update in the road noise. Nothing new to report.

New Business:

–Metromorial: Less attendees than last year but initial reports are that the chapter made money.

– Buddy Bears are on hand. Still waiting to hear back from places we have reached out to. Members are contacting fire departments. Ronald McDonald house has reached out and accepted bears. Drop off to be scheduled.

– Jack Pine Riders are hosting the July BOD in Finlayson on July 19. Duane Tschida reached out to Metro chapter looking for a donation to help fund the tent and seating for the BOD. A motion was made to donate \$125 to help fund the BOD. Motion made by Ron, seconded by Rob. All in favor, motion passed. JJ will be reaching out to Mitch to transfer the funds due to timing.

– Metro will be reaching out to East Central about the Halloween parade.

– Donnie Smith booth is very outdated. Do we want to order new curtains and pay for an electrical booth next year.

– The chapter is discussing getting feather flags and updated signage to use at events.

– We are starting a new post brunch tradition of a group ride after monthly brunch. The rides will be to various different locations, most that are in the passport book.

– Shannon is planning a burger social event. The date is tentatively set for the 3rd weekend in September. We will be grilling burgers and hot dogs to order in exchange for a free will donation to the chapter. Jameson has offered to supply meat and do the grilling. We are looking for public venues and this will be a family friendly outing with games. More details to come.

Upcoming Events

- Next Meeting August 5th, 2025
- Bike Night August 5th, 2025
- Breakfast at Route 47 Sunday August 17th, 2025
- Taco Night at Casa Rio Monday August 4th, 2025
- Burger Social, September 2025 date tbd

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:25pm. Motion made by Grandpa, seconded by Putz. All in favor, motion passed