

A.B.A.T.E of Minnesota - Metro Chapter
Coon Rapids V.F.W.
June 10, 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: Eric Bout-It, Brian "Benny" Ladoux, Rob Benjamin

Members: Chris Green, Denise Green, Jayada Green, Patricia Bout-It, Dean Wyman, Parker Pellam Total members in attendance: 13

Guests: Angie Webb-Darwin, Bryan Wilhelm, Callee Sgoboen. Total guests in attendance: 3.

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

Secretary Report: The chapter looked over the minutes from last month's meeting. Motion to accept secretary report with , made by Patricia, seconded by Chris. 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 rescheduled due to Father's Day for June 22nd. The initial report is that our annual Metromorial event made money this year. Motion to accept Treasurer's Report made by Rob, seconded by Patricia. All in favor, motion passed.

Chapter Rep Report: April and Harmony have been visiting chapters and handing out patches to those who sign up guests at their meeting. Young Riders is pushing to get our youth outside doing anything and recording it for the Young Riders passport. There is a new gambling manager, Angie Morberg who just took over this role. Motion to accept the Chapter Rep report made by Eric, seconded by Rob. All in favor, motion passed.

Guest speaker: Sylvester Nagle from Sand Dunes came to talk to the chapter about the sled pull he just purchased. He brought up a proposal that he would like to paint all the ABATE chapter logos on the sled to represent each chapter at any event going forward. Motion made to let Sylvester paint the metro logo on the sled made by Patricia, seconded by Rob. All in favor, motion passed. Sylvester is also looking for help on July 6th to take down a billboard and would appreciate any help.

Rob Benjamin with the MRF brought a special report to the chapter. Talks of what defines a motorcycle. The current wording allows vehicles with a seat and steering wheel to be classified as a motorcycle. The push is to update the wording to 3 wheels max, handlebars not a steering wheel, and a seat you straddle instead of a bucket seat. California had a push to try to make all motorcycles electric, but that is getting some push back.

Chapter Committee Reports:

Membership Committees, events and updates

--Membership Activity & Event Committees

--Committee members names will be public so anyone with questions will know who to ask

– Bike Night: Flyers have been circulated to generate excitement. We had a good turnout this month. Tacos and burgers were specials for the night.

--Member Training & Activities Committee: Eric has calls out for the road guard training. The tentative date is looking to be August 2nd, 2025. Based on who we use for training it looks like we won't need to rent a location to host. The class would hold 12 members and there would be a deposit due at sign up to secure your spot. Once you complete your training that deposit will be reimbursed to you. You must be an ABATE member to receive reimbursement but not to take the class. Before you attend the in person class there is an online training that must be done in advance and completion submitted. A motion was made for the chapter to reimburse up to 12 attendees at \$550 with the possibility of opening a second class based on member interest. Motion made by Rob, seconded by Denise. All in favor, motion passed.

State Rally Report: Our chapter has been given the category of "Most likely to be the life of the party" for the yearbook rally challenge. Shannon was voted by the chapter as most likely to be the life of the party. Ingrid is looking for volunteers for all departments for the rally. Harmony will be taking group picture of chapters so we are to let her know if we want one so she can organize it. They are suggesting chapters hold social hours at their campsite and decorate them. All presale tickets must be turned in by the July BOD.

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.

– 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.

– The mileage challenge has started. Anyone who would like to participate can send Shannon a time stamped picture of their current mileage.

– MRF will have a booth at the Taste of Shakopee if anyone wants to stop by

– 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 July 8th, 2025
- Bike Night July 8th, 2025
- Breakfast at Route 47 Sunday July 20th, 2025
- Taco Night at Casa Rio Monday July 7th, 2025
- Burger Social, September 2025 date tbd

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:05pm. Motion made by Eric, seconded by Patricia. All in favor, motion passed