

A.B.A.T.E of Minnesota - Metro Chapter
Coon Rapids V.F.W.
April 10th, 2026
Metro Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

President: Jameson Lemke Vice President: Brian Ladoux
Treasurer: Not Present Secretary: Shannon Bros
Chapter Rep: Shannon Bros

Sgt at Arms: Aron Lemke, Rob Benjamin, Patricia Green

Members: Denise Green, Chris Green, Jay Green, Putz, Chick. Total members in attendance: 11.

Guests: No guests in attendance.

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

Secretary Report: The chapter looked over the minutes from last month's meeting. Adding Karen Semmler to the list of members present. Removing Jim Laspisa and Putz from being listed twice. Date of April meeting edited to April 14th. Motion to accept secretary report with amendments, made by Rob, seconded by Chris. All in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer Report: JJ was not present. The chapter received multiple free will donations. The St Patty's party was a successful fundraiser after the state split. Motion to accept Treasurer's Report made by Rob, seconded by Putz. All in favor, motion passed.

Chapter Rep Report: ABATE U is being hosted at the Holiday Inn in Alexandria. Members are encouraged to attend and go to the classes. The chapter was asked if there was anything they wanted brought up to the board. Motion to accept the Chapter Rep report made by Aron, seconded by Rob. All in favor, motion passed.

Chapter Committee Reports:

Membership Committees, events and updates

--Membership Activity & Event Committees

--Member Training & Activities Committee: The chapter is visiting the idea of hosting a beginner rider course.

State Rally Report: Nothing new to announce until after ABATE U. Doug and Ingrid have stepped down.

Legislative Business: Check Roadnoise for updates

New Business:

– Buddy bears have been ordered for pick up at ABATE U. We need to find places to donate

bears. The Chapter is receiving 75 more Buddy bears.

– St Patty's party was successful in spite of the blizzard. Walk in attendance was down. A new band was secured after our original had to back out.

– Donnie Smith was a success. The new booth was met with great reviews. We are exploring ways to make the space brighter.

– Metromorial is confirmed at Route 47 on May 24th from noon to 6pm. Southern Express is confirmed as the band. Ron will be bringing his corn and baked potatoes. We are still looking for vendors and help with the bake sale.

– We are revisiting the idea of hosting a burger social cookout. We have found a park and have members willing to grill. Date to be decided.

– Metro is planning on hosting bike nights in June at Welch's Big 10 on our Meet and Eat nights.

--MRF report - go online to the MRF website and fill out the call to actions. Any response from representatives can be forwarded to earn write to ride.

– The chapter discussed the idea of adding Nick and Marcia Capra to the Metro Recognition board. Putz made a motion to have a name plate made for each of them. Motion seconded by Benny. All in favor, motion passed. A second motion was made by Rob to spend up to \$50 to get the name plates made. Motion seconded by Denise. All in favor, motion passed.

Upcoming Events

– Next Meeting Coon Rapids VFW Tuesday, May 13, 2026 at 7pm

--Breakfast at Route 47 Sunday May 17th, 8am- Noon

--Metro Meet and Eat at Welch's Big 10 Monday May 4th, from 4-8pm

– Metromorial May 24th from noon-6pm Route 47

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:17pm. Motion made by Jayada, seconded by Chick. All in favor, motion passed