

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

Attendance:

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

Sgt at Arms: Eric Bout-it, Tammi Robison

Members: Garry "Grandpa" Green, Karen Semmler, Trish Bout-It, Carla S, Putz, Jim Laspisa, Marcia Borchardt, Rob Drometer, Don Drusch, Patricia Griffith, Total members in attendance: 16.

Guests: Tom Pettet, Total guests in attendance: 1.

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.

Amendments to be made for spelling of sergeant and the date of the meeting. Motion to accept secretary with amendments, made by Grandpa, seconded by Putz. All in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer Report: We need to improve memberships. We took in less than the chapter spent this month. Buddy Bears have been ordered. Motion to accept Treasurer's Report made by Grandpa, seconded by Putz. All in favor, motion passed.

Chapter Rep Report: Everyone is encouraged to register for Biker Day. Lots of legislative retirements are coming up. The first write to ride rocker has been earned. This is a great opportunity to reach out to our Representatives. ABATE U is seeing a change as that is where we will choose the ABATE king and queen. Shannon and Jameson accepted a nomination for Metro chapter. The ABATE U raffle tickets are how we fund our gambling account. Let us know if you would like to purchase a ticket. Metro may not have won the membership challenge this quarter, but we did receive a trophy for the most new members. Motion to accept the Chapter Rep report made by Karen, seconded by Marcia. All in favor, motion passed.

Chapter Committee Reports:

Membership Committees, events and updates

--Membership Activity & Event Committees

--Current list of expired members picked up at the January BOD

--Member Training & Activities Committee: Some chapters are hosting all women biker

training courses

State Rally Report: Rally presale tickets are available for the chapters to request. The chapter will discuss how many we would like to request. Rally shirts this year will be a tie dye. All vehicles and campers on site need permits and it is one permit per vehicle needed. Vendors will set up Thursday for those who are coming early.

Legislative Business: Check Roadnoise for updates

New Business:

- Buddy bears have been ordered for pick up at ABATE U
- St Patty's party is coming up quickly. Tickets and flyers have been printed and are available for sale and to pass out. The band this year will be Pandemic Rocks. The event will be held on March 14th, 2026 from 6-10pm at Route 47 in Fridley. The tickets include free tap beer, pop, and a burger basket. Silent auction items are harder to come by this year so we are encouraging all members who are able to donate a basket or funds to build one to please reach out to Shannon or Jameson. Shannon is also looking for anyone who would like to bake or donate ingredients for the bake sale.
- Donnie Smith is March 28th and 29th. We are planning on having state products in attendance. Signage has been picked up.
- Metro will be partnering with Sand Dunes to host an ABATE table at the Dirty Rotten Bikerfest
- Metromorial is in the works for Memorial weekend. Southern Express wants to play our event again. We need recommendations for vendors and volunteers to work the event. More details are coming
- Recap of our first round of chapter nominations and they are as follows
 - President - Jameson Lemke
 - Vice President - Brian "Benny" Ladoux
 - Treasurer - Joe "JJ" Jones
 - Secretary - Shannon Bros
 - Chapter Rep - Shannon Bross
 - Sergeant at Arms - Eric Bout-It, Sylvester Nagle, Aron Lemke, Rob Benjamin.
- Second round of nominations
 - President - no new nominations
 - Vice President - no new nomination
 - Treasurer - no new nominations

Secretary - no new nominations

Chapter Rep - no new nominations

Sergeant at Arms - Tammi Robison

Sylvester Nagle has removed his name from nominations

Upcoming Events

– Next Meeting Coon Rapids VFW Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 7pm

--Breakfast at Route 47 Sunday March 15th, 8am- Noon

--Metro Meet and Eat at Welch's Big 10 Monday March 2nd, from 4-8pm

– St. Patty's Warmup Route 47 Saturday March 14th, 2026, from 6-10pm

– Donnie Smith Bike Show March 28th and 29th, 2026

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:12pm. Motion made by Eric, seconded by Grandpa. All in favor, motion passed