

A.B.A.T.E of Minnesota - Metro Chapter
Coon Rapids V.F.W.
October 14th, 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: Rob Benjamin, Tammi Robison, Marcia Capra

Members: Putz, Chris Green, Denise Green, Jayada Green, Grandpa Garry Green, Sylvester Nagle, Carol Edison, Ron Lischeid. Total members in attendance: 15.

Guests: Terry Heller, Austin Field, Aron Lemke, Mathew Lemke, April Murch (Lake Chapter), Jim Kosse (Lake Chapter), Beth Juracek (BACA). Total guests in attendance: 7

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

Secretary Report: The chapter looked over the minutes from last month's meeting. A correction was noted in the secretary's report from September to remove bike night as the season has ended. Amendment to be made. Motion to accept secretary report with amendments, made by Putz, seconded by Tammi. All in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer Report: The last taco night has come and gone. New Metro buffet to start in November. The venue is working to advertise the buffet. JJ will be reaching out to correct and finalize their flyers. Motion to accept Treasurer's Report made by Grandpa, seconded by Chris. All in favor, motion passed.

Chapter Rep Report: The rider coach program has 110 coaches but they want up to 130. If anyone is interested for 2026 they are to reach out to Jon Fernholz to get set up. Training courses for coaches will be held in May and August. Harmony is very close to getting a 501c3 designation for the Young Riders Program. Young Riders is looking for monetary donations and volunteers. The chapter was asked if they would like to make a sponsorship donation to Young Riders. A motion was made to do a one year \$400 sponsorship donation to Young Riders. Motion made by Rob, seconded by Denise. All in favor, motion passed. JJ will reach out to the State Treasurer to transfer funds. Motion to accept the Chapter Rep report made by Rob, seconded by Tammi. All in favor, motion passed.

MRF report: Meeting of the minds 2026 will be in Milwaukee. You can elect to attend 4 classes over the weekend. MRF will be announcing a chapter challenge in January and they are planning a ride to Milwaukee.

April Murch surprised our chapter by showing up as part of their membership challenge.

Jameson Lemke, Shannon Bros, and Brian Ladoux all signed up new members and earned their membership patches. The end of this quarter of challenges will be at the October BOD. Now that we are signing up new members we need to focus on how to retain them. We are being challenged to make membership fun and engaging. Heartland Steam and Bikerday registration is now open on the ABATE webpage.

Chapter Committee Reports:

Membership Committees, events and updates

--Membership Activity & Event Committees

--Marcia has gotten some membership renewals.

--Member Training & Activities Committee: No current update.

State Rally Report: No report until after the October BOD.

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

New Business:

– We still have 50 buddy bears to give out. We need to find 2 more places to donate to.

– The chapter website is out of date and will be updated

– Shannon is already accepting silent auction donations for our St Patty's Party. The date is set for March 14th, 2026 at Route 47. Tickets will be \$20 presale and \$25 at the door. The event will run from 6-10pm. We are looking for volunteers and donations to the bake sale and silent auction.

– Donnie Smith booth has 2 new canopies purchased and more table cloths coming in. The date will be March 28th and 29th. We have gotten contact information to reserve our booth.

– We have found a venue that works to host a burger social but due to timing this event will be tabled until sometime in Spring of 2026

–The first Metro Chapter Meet and Eat will be held at Welch's Big 10 on November 3rd from 4-8pm.

–Metro is partnering with East Central for the Halloween parade on Saturday October 25th. We have 16 bikes and are looking for costumed walkers. All bikes must be staged by 10am. The ABATE king and queen will be riding on the float.

Upcoming Events

– Next Meeting Coon Rapids VFW Tuesday, November 11th, 2025 from 7-8pm

--Breakfast at Route 47 Sunday November 16th, 2025 from 8am-noon

--Metro Meet and Eat at Welchs Big 10 Monday November 3rd, from 4-8pm

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:13pm. Motion made by Rob, seconded by Tammi. All in

favor, motion passed