

A.B.A.T.E of Minnesota - Metro Chapter
Coon Rapids V.F.W.
August 12th, 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, Marcia Capra, Tammi Robison

Members: Grandpa Green, Chris Green, Denise Green, Jayada Green, Putz, Nicholas Gerads. Total members in attendance: 15.

Guests: PJ, Landon Gerads. Total guests in attendance: 2.

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. A correction was noted in the secretary's report from July. Amendment to be made. Motion to accept secretary report with amendments, made by Putz, seconded by Rob. All in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer Report: The State Rally accepted Metro chapters donation Motion to accept Treasurer's Report made by Rob, seconded by Chris. All in favor, motion passed.

Chapter Rep Report: There is a big shake up at the state level. Jane Doyle is stepping down from the position of State Coordinator. Mich will be stepping down as the State Secretary. The Southeast District Director is open to nominations for his position so he may step away as well. Bikerday at the Capital is changing the date and time to meet up. March 26th, 2026 is when it has been scheduled for and the time has been updated to start at 1:00pm. This change could mean that the weather may be rider friendly and the later time may allow more people to make it to the Capitol. There is currently a plan to install up to 42 possible locations of cameras to ticket speeders. The ticket would be mailed to the motorcycle caught speeding. This could pose problems as it seems to be motivated by making money and there is no accuser to face in the courtroom. If anyone gets a ticket in the mail they are asked to reach out to either Frank or Mack. There are special elections being held to fill the seats currently left vacant in the wake of the Hortman tragedy and the burglary charge of another representative. Make your voice heard and vote for those who support motorcycles and our cause. Motion to accept the Chapter Rep report made by Grandpa, seconded by Tammi. All in favor, motion passed.

MRF report to be added to ongoing agendas.

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. Revisiting ideas for next year to generate more excitement. Possibility of adding games or other incentives to show up. Chapter is brainstorming for next season.

--Member Training & Activities Committee: We had 14 people sign up to get certified or re-certified. The training went well. JJ is still waiting for the receipt for the class from Pine Tech.

State Rally Report: The chapter will be voting earlier on sponsorship next year to get our name out there. The yearbook challenge has been discontinued due to lack of participation. All firewood is to be purchased through the rally vendor. No campers are allowed on grounds until after the final walkthrough at 3pm on Sunday the 24th.

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

New Business:

– Buddy Bears are on hand. Still waiting to hear back from places we have reached out to. Members are contacting fire departments. We did our first drop with the Ronald McDonaldhouse.

– The chapter discussed a possible change to the ABATE U raffle. Angie is debating splitting up into 2 nights and having smaller grand prizes or keeping it as is with one large Saturday night raffle. The chapter voted that the Saturday raffle is how they would like to see it run at this point. Question to be asked on if we did two raffles how that would affect the cost of tickets.

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

– Shannon is already accepting silent auction donations for our St Patty's Party

– The chapter was asked to vote on whether or not we wanted a banquet with a speaker at ABATE U. The chapter wants to move forward with the banquet.

– 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 Tuesday, September 9th, 2025

–Bike Night Tuesday September 9th, 2025

--Breakfast at Route 47 Sunday September 21, 2025

--Taco Night at Casa Rio Monday TBD September, 2025

--Burger Social, September 2025 date tbd

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:18pm. Motion made by Rob, seconded by Grandpa. All in favor, motion passed