

A.B.A.T.E. Oahe Chapter Meeting
March 14, 2026

The meeting started with Jayson Klinger leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Eight Officers were in attendance. There were seventeen members in attendance total.

Lori Butler provided the treasurer's report. Jessica made a motion to accept it. Angie seconded it. Motion carried.

Draft minutes are posted to the website. The members were asked if they had read them. Brad made a motion to accept them as written. Jessica seconded. Motion carried.

Fun Run Discussion

The group was asked to bring suggestions and prices for bands to next month's meeting. Nystrom's cleaned out all the trees except the evergreens, so, shade will be limited.

For the Fun Run, Bonnie is providing Buffalo Chip tickets for first prize. We have a fire pit for second place. And a cooler was recommended for third place.

The t-shirt design selected for the fun run is an "Old School" design with our logo on the front and the fun run name and year on the back. There are 3 t-shirt options: with pocket, w/o pocket, and tank top. Hoodies were recommended also. For colors, the guys want grey and black and the ladies want teal and black. The ladies would like tanks with razor backs. Jessica will finish up the design so they can be ordered in May.

What should we do for the walking poker run, food, drinks or both? It was decided that the stops should decide what to serve, and the participants can vote on the best one. Abe suggested charging participants \$10 with a 50% payout. All were in favor.

Brad made a motion to charge participants \$5 to enter the bike show. All were in favor.

The members were asked if they wish to renew the chapter sustaining MRF membership. All members do.

Angie provided the membership report. We picked up a couple new members at the last meeting. Three people renewed; no one has expired. There was an issue with payment for the reminder service we purchased. There is a \$10 per month charge that is taken out of credit that we have. We will need to watch the credits and add more money if we continue to use this service. Angie advised the members that when using the checking account information, payments take about a week longer to go through. Jess made a motion to reimburse Angie \$50 for putting credit on the service. Brad seconded it. Motion carried. Brad made a motion to accept the membership report. Lonnie seconded it. Motion carried.

Should we have the Awareness Run on the same weekend as the state meeting, or do we need to change the date? It was decided we will keep it the same this year (May 16). It was also decided the run should be very similar to what we did last year. Morris's will ask Derek and Julie if we can end it at Fun Time Rentals, later this evening.

The State Report was provided by Lori Butler. She informed the members that the products manager position is still open. 2028 will be Abate SD's 50th anniversary. The March Board of Directors meeting is Sat. March 21st, and so is STEAM. Lori asked if anyone could attend the Board of Director's in her absence. Nobody is available; she has been excused.

Meeting of Minds will be in Rapid City, SD in 2027.

Meeting of the Minds with MRF is in Milwaukee, WI this year and starts on Sept. 24-27, 2026.

Heartland STEAM is next weekend (March 21 & 22) in Alexandria, MN

Jamie submitted a design for Joe Kelly's patch. Several members recommended a standard patch for Joe and others moving forward. The members were reminded that patches are provided for present and former officers and outstanding members. Brandon will order 25 Joe Kelly patches from Dirk.

New Business

The members were asked if they are interested in providing security at Oahe Days on June 19-21, 2026. Security is needed for the beer garden & band (10), and the carnival (3-5). We will be asking for volunteers to assist Sick Breed with providing security at the next meeting.

The members were advised that we need to start watching our spending and that receipts aren't always turned in when the debit card is used. Abe made a motion to cancel the debit card. Brad seconded the motion. Motion carried. If you purchase something on your own and need reimbursement, submit your receipt for a refund.

The next meeting will be at Lonnie and Sarah's on April 11 at 6:30 pm.

Clint asked if there is interest in incorporating a short run for any who doesn't want to go on a long drive during the Fun Run. Members agreed. Everyone can play their hands at the end. This idea was well received and will be revisited at the next meeting.

Craig Andre won the 50/50 drawing. John Koch won the SOL drawing but was not present.

Jessica made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brad seconded it. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

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Secretary